

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement. **Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1st floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome**, **inclusion**, **and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

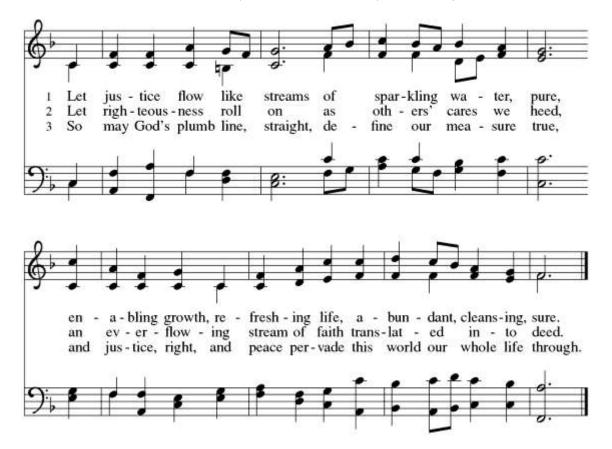
PRELUDE

+GATHERING HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

Red Hymnal 717

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**





+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Disruptive God, with your loving power, you empower the margins to permeate the center with your mission of love and justice for all. In our daily pursuits of greed and comfort, we have lost the way of your love. Give us hearts to embrace the cosmic proclamation that reunites us with our neighbor so that we may have true peace in The Christ. **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

Old Testament, Page 891

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 Ronald A. Nelson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle? Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

- 2 Those who lead a blameless life and do † what is right, who speak the truth † from their heart; Refrain
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.
 - ⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be $\ensuremath{^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}}$ overthrown. Refrain

SECOND READING

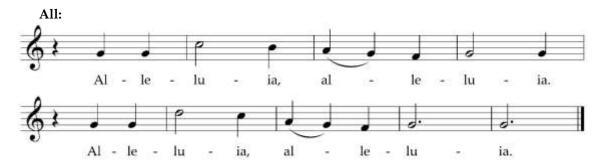
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

New Testament, Page 158

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+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



Cantor: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. (Matthew 5:12)

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament, Page 4

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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+INTERCESSIONS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Creating Spirit, we begin with gratitude for the majesty of your creation, for its variety and diversity, its extravagant beauty and awesome power, and for our place in it as one of your many creatures dependent on your grace for our wellbeing. Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

Restoring Spirit, we remember that your commitment to justice meant conflict for Jesus with both the religious and political authorities of his day. May his call to discipleship motivate us to seek justice in our day for those who have no voice or power, wealth or status, privilege or security, and who find themselves at risk in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and our broken immigration system. Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

Enlivening Spirit, we remember your impulse to kindness in gathering children to your side, in welcoming women who broke with custom and reached out to you, to the unscrupulous tax collector, the deceased and unclean, the criminal and the scoundrel, the doubter and the foolish. Guide us by the same impulse to reach out and embrace with kindness the awkward, the lonely and the unlovable. Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

Nurturing Spirit, we remember your admonition to walk humbly before you, to listen to the experience of others, to receive the wisdom of others, and to value the importance of good questions above the easy answers, especially as we begin another year of service as this congregation. Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

Caring Spirit, we remember your invitation to bring all who we are and all that we have before you. It is in the power of your presence that we dare to lift up these members of your community to where blessing and strength can be found. We pray especially for Mike Miller; Lee Kampinen; Deacon David's mother, Margarita; Pastor Angela; Jack Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Mary Petersen's friends, Anna Marie and Dolores; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Refresh us with the touch of your presence. Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Gracious God," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us in the name of the life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

Reflections from Iona Gloria Ringers arr. Karen Thompson

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Many Will Come
Sung twice

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. You raised up prophets among your people and through them spoke your word of life and truth. In your compassion, Jesus came among us lifting up those who were bowed down, feeding the hungry, and setting free those held captive by society's chains. Through his living, dying, and rising, we, too, are raised and made new. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together.

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

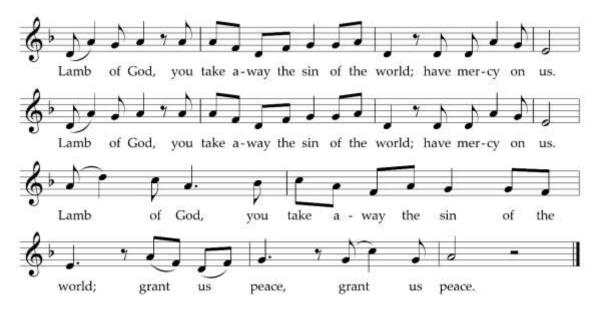
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

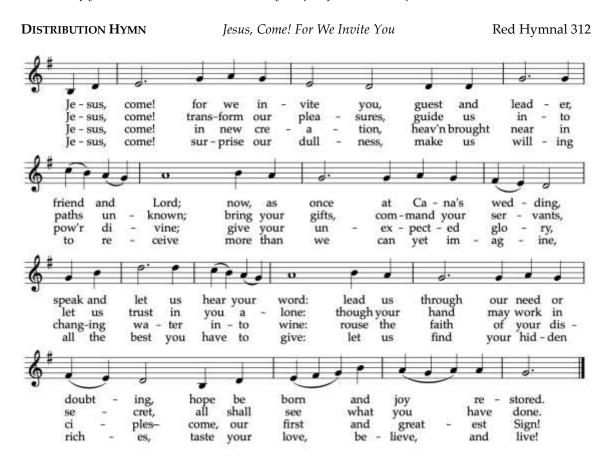
All are welcome at the table. For those worshiping at home and those who prefer to commune with individual packets in your pews, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

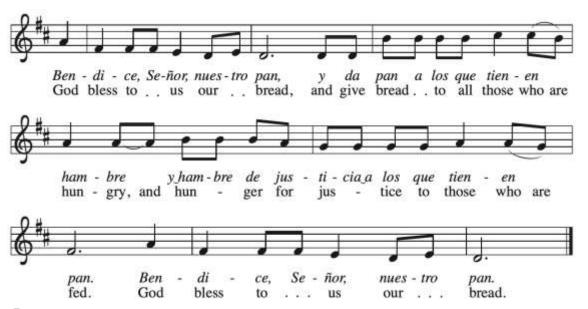
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion in your pew from a server, please let an usher know.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

God Bless to Us Our Bread



+BLESSING

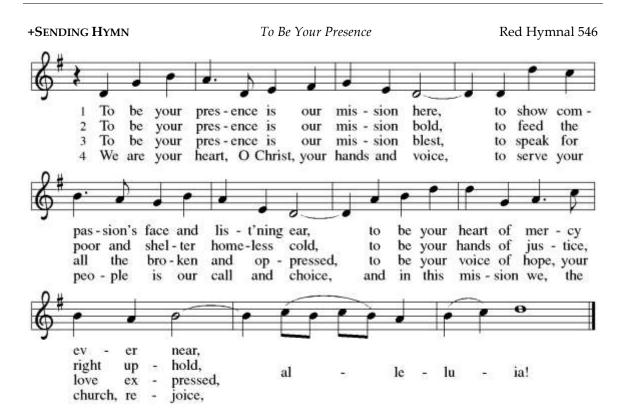
The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SENDING



+BENEDICTION

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod \pm bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision Gloria Ringers

arr. Karen Thompson

You are invited to the Gymnasium for lunch and the annual meeting.

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LITURGY: ELW SETTING NINE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork	
Crucifer		
Cantor	Caren Hiatt	
Assisting Minister	Carol Masters	
Communion	Libby Olstad, Pam Blomgren,	
	Sean Gosiewski	
Ushers	Sally and David Kohlstedt,	
	Chris Engen	
Altar Guild	Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	
Counters	Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	
Closer	Bob Hulteen	

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David Broberg, Council President Gretchen Lund, Council Vice President Connie Adams, Council Secretary Scott Cole, Council Treasurer

PARISH INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 119th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2023 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

YOUTH TALENT SHOWCASE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:00 A.M.

We will celebrate the talents of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual talent showcase in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. This will serve as our adult forum for the day. Music, dance, poetry, art, etc. Sign up in the Community Room.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 12:15 P.M.

Head to Turtle Bread at 4205 E. 34th St. at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS FEBRUARY 6-10

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, February 6-10. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen or sign up in the Community Room for part or all of the week.

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Looking for several households to help with soup suppers prior to Wednesday Evening Worship in Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29). Each Wednesday, four households would bring soup enough for 30 people and help to serve it. Sign up in the Community Room. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION FEBRUARY 12, 12-2:00 P.M.

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP IN AUGUST

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). It may be cold and snowy outside, but it's now time to start the planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our camping adventure is scheduled for August 11-15. (Entry point TBD.) If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Community Room before May 15. The total cost is \$175. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Call or email us with any questions or for more details. Please consider joining us this year. Contact Julie @ 612-618-3814 or Tom at 612-616-0507, or jtcahoy@gmail.com.

SHARE GRATITUDE FOR PASTOR ANGELA

To honor Pastor Angela's leadership in this congregation over the past four years, the Church Council is collecting well wishes, memories, reflections, and other words and symbols of gratitude from member households. We plan to put them together into a book over the next few weeks. If you would like to include a few words (or a few hundred words), a drawing, a picture, or another offering, please send it to kekwall@htlcmpls.org by February 10. Note cards are available in the Community Room for this purpose. Thank you for contributing to this gift!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, January 30	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 31	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, February 1	5:00-8:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Thursday, February 2	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, February 5	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY Annual Meeting

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