

HAVE MERCY ON ME O GOD  
ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST  
LOVE BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS  
WASH ME THOROUGHLY AND CLEANSE  
ME FROM MY SIN + RESTORE TO ME  
THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION PSALM 51:1,2,12



## ASH SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and in the basement.  
**Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

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

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## GATHER

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*+invites the congregation to stand*

### PRELUDE

*If With All Your Hearts  
James Nysse, soloist*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, That I might even come before His presence.*

*At the conclusion of the prelude, please stand.*

+GATHERING HYMN

*In the Peace of God Find Rest*  
*sung a few times*



In the peace of God find rest; in the  
pow'r of God find strength; in the love of  
God find grace; in God's peace find rest.

+PRAYER

Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, create in us new and honest hearts, and strengthen us to live into your promise of everlasting life with you. May we be confident in the limitless mercy of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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READING

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*

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

PSALM 51



- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me in your love, until I am | pure in heart
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
- <sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**
- <sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.
- <sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

+GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

*Please remain standing as we sing.*

+GOSPEL RESPONSE

*We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

+SUNG RESPONSE

*In God Alone*  
Sung three times

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de  
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon  
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.  
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;  
again and again, we lose our way.  
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.  
We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.  
Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear,  
and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,  
God embraces you in tender care.  
Like manna in the desert,  
God feeds you with surprising mercy.  
Like a loving parent,  
God runs to meet you again this day,  
forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,  
leading you from death into life.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

+INTERCESSIONS

*John and Kay Buzza*

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)*

Gracious God, be with your people as we begin the journey through Lent. Guide us through our temptations, accept our moments of repentance, increase our sense of inner peace. God of all people,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of the universe, hear us as we confess that we have not honored the Creation as your gift to us. Forgive our misuse and lead us to a new and deeper commitment to its proper uses.

God of all creation,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, teach us to learn from the stories of our corporate history. Help us reveal the injustices of the past, acknowledge them in the present, and commit ourselves to correcting them beginning this very day. God of justice,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing and mercy, we name before you those who have special needs of healing: Keith Olstad, recovering from surgery; Pam Kildahl, recovering from surgery; Reidun Harris, who is hospitalized; Lee Kampinen; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Mary Petersen's friends, Anna Marie and Dolores; Judy, Troy, and Emily Davison and their family at the death of Molly; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*).

God of compassion,

**Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions.*

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

God, you are the light and hope of each of us. Hear these prayers offered to you in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

**Amen.**



+PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



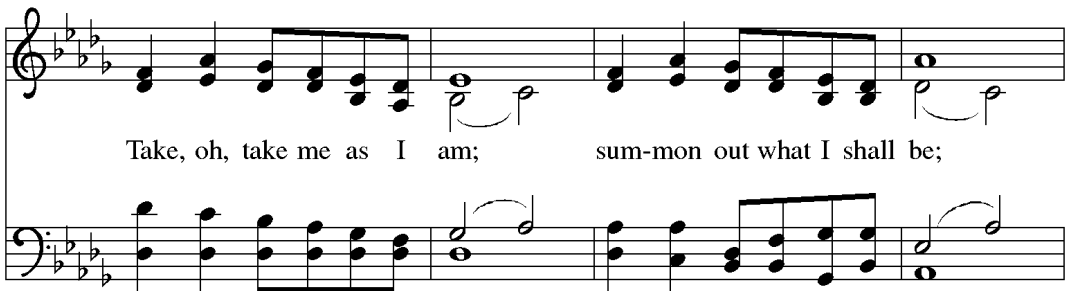
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

God breathes life into the dust of the universe and is present to bless us and renew us. In the face of our frailty and mortality, God does not abandon. May these ashes be a sign of our turning again to God and a reminder for us that it is God who gives us life.

*Ushers will invite the congregation to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes.*

*People who are worshipping at home, we invite you to use water in lieu of ashes.*



Take, oh, take me as I am;          sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G minor (three flats). The treble staff features a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff in G minor. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

We are reconciled to God through Christ;  
Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.  
Once lost, we are now found.

God clothes us in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ,  
forgiving us all our sins and making us a new creation.

**Amen.**

**+PEACE**

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

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

**OFFERING**

*A Lenten Prayer*

Antonio Salieri  
arr. Hal Hopson

O only Hope of all below, You did the full reward bestow.  
If you will not, who shall condone? You can cleanse us, You alone.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Grant that we may pray aright. Purify us in your sight.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Amen.

*Communion servers may come forward.*

**+OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

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## MEAL

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### +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.**

### +WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### +PRAYER

Come now, tender spirit of our God,  
wash us and make us one body in Christ:  
that, as we are bound together in this meal,  
we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that torment creation,  
but may know your liberating peace, such as the world cannot give.  
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread and raise us up as the body of Christ  
for the world.

**Amen.**

## +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.**

## COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. For those worshipping 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 from a server in your pew, please let an usher know.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Eat This Bread*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

**+BLESSING**

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

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Tender and merciful one, at your feast you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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# SENDING

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## +CLOSING HYMN

### *Be Thou My Vision*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## +DISMISSAL

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you leave the worship space.*

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	<b>Preacher</b>	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Sally Kohlstedt	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nicki Hines
David Kohlstedt, Andrea Martin, Andrea Hansen	<b>Communion</b>	Wayne Vetter, Sean Gosiewski, Kris Christians
Tom and Julie Cahoy, Steve Murray, David Broberg	<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Anne Beschnett and Josh Becker	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Pam Blomgren, Joel Wiberg	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Jennifer Frenzel, Joyce Peterson	<b>Counters</b>	Wayne Vetter, Pam Kildahl
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen

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Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

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# P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

## **WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING TODAY AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 10:00-11:00 a.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, prayer writers, communion bread bakers, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome!

## **LIFE TOGETHER: THE ART OF GATHERING TODAY AT 12:00 P.M.**

After decades of faithful service, funeral coordinator Sandy Hoverson has indicated her interest in passing the baton. Sandy has understood the art of gathering; it is simply who she is! As we seek to widen our network of those who can provide hospitality for funerals and other community meals, we would like to gather members of this community who love food, compassion, and community gatherings. If that's you, please come and brainstorm with us! Many hands make light and loving work. Light lunch provided in the Community Room.

## **WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—LENT SOUP SUPPERS & EVENING PRAYER SERVICES**

Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open gym time with adult supervision from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium will be available to all, especially young children. Come have some fun before worship!
- The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room, where we hear God's story read aloud. Throughout the season, we will reflect on the theme of "Fire."

## **UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

- **Monday, February 27**—Discussion of Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward* with Sandra Hisakuni and Caren Hiatt in the Library. Copies will soon be available in the Community Room.
- Discussion of Pastor Melissa Florer-Bixler's *Fire By Night*. Copies are available in the Community Room. **THIS BOOK STUDY IS BEING POSTPONED UNTIL SUMMER.**

## **INDOOR PROPERTY WORKDAY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

Our building is used a lot! Come and help us with some tidying, sorting, purging, dusting, and other indoor work. There will be something for everyone. Let's make it shine! We'll work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon! Sign up in the Community Room.

### **FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

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.

### **KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)).

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 12:00-2:00 P.M.**

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the library. Lunch will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please sign up in the Community Room if you intend to come.

### **CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TRIP APRIL 17-23**

Slavery and the Civil Rights Movement are the focus of this upcoming trip available to members and friends of Holy Trinity. The trip will be centered in Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, Alabama, with an additional stop in Atlanta, Georgia, or Memphis, Tennessee. Cost is \$2,000 per person, which includes transportation, lodging, program fees, and some meals. There is room for a few more participants. Commitments and a deposit are needed by March 1, 2023. More information will be shared as details are finalized. Call Randy Nelson (612-729-2952) if you are interested or if you would like more information.

### **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 (612-616-0507 or [jtahoy@gmail.com](mailto:jtahoy@gmail.com)).

## P A R I S H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, February 27	5:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	<i>Falling Upward</i> Book Discussion Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 1	9:00 AM-3:00 PM 5:30-6:45 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:30-8:30 PM	Property Work Day Soup Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Lent Evening Prayer Service Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Sunday, March 5	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion First Sunday Musings at Himalayan Swahili Service

### ADULT FORUM

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

**TODAY                    “Minneapolis Climate & Equity Action Plan Update”  
                                  Council Member Jason Chavez**

Hear an update and learn how you can get involved with supporting our City Council to pass, fully fund, and launch implementation of our city's updated climate and equity action plan from our 9th Ward City Council Member Jason Chavez. (The City Council will vote in April.) Together we can grow green jobs, home weatherization, heat pumps, biking, walking, E.V.s and tree planting to meet U.N. climate goals on time with our city.

**March 5                    “Creating books that promote literacy, cultural awareness,  
                                  and leadership development.”  
                                  Dr. Artika Tyner**

Dr. Artika Tyner, founder of Planting People, Growing Justice, [www.ppgjbooks.com](http://www.ppgjbooks.com) will be presenting on their mission: “Creating books that promote literacy, cultural awareness, and leadership development.” In addition to her presentation, Dr. Tyner will have a book display in the Community Room with books to purchase for your family, to donate to Holy Trinity's library, your school library, or public library. Book signing too!