

# PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 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 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.

## **GATHER**

+invites the congregation to stand

+CALL TO WORSHIP (8:45, in the sanctuary; 11:00, outside in the rain garden)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

The colt is readied. The branches are raised.

Hosanna in the highest!

The disciples are yearning. Our hearts are amazed.

Hosanna in the highest!

The One we've waited for is finally here.

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus, our Messiah, is drawing near.

Hosanna in the highest!

Save us again, O God.

We lay our hearts before you!

Save us again, O God.

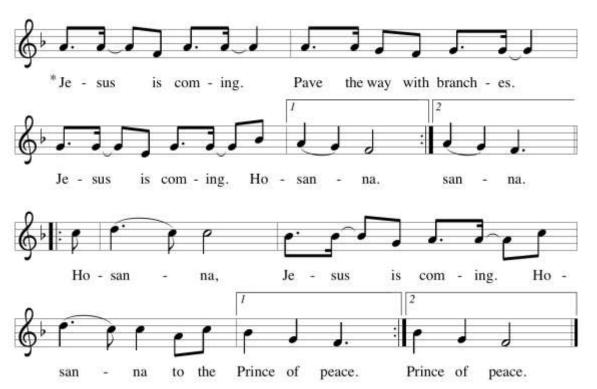
We worship and adore you.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

11:00—Our younger members and their adults will lead us around the library and back into the sanctuary, waving our branches as we go. Once inside, younger members will continue to process and march around the sanctuary. We invite everyone else to find a pew.

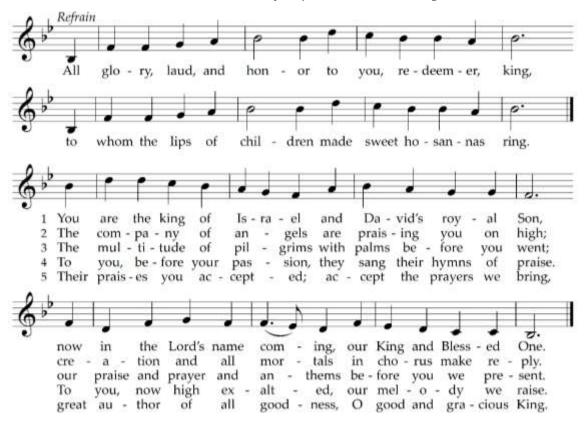
## +OUTSIDE PROCESSIONAL (11:00 AM)



#### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN

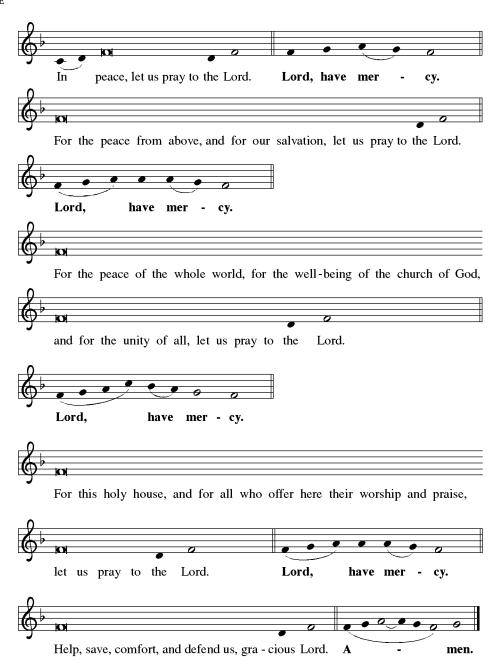
#### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

You are invited to wave your palm branches as we sing.



#### +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

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

WELCOME

## WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

PSALM 31:9-16 Mark Sedio

**Refrain** (First time: cantor, then all)



Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>†</sup> my acquaintances; when they see me in the street <sup>†</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;

I am as useless as a | broken pot. Refrain

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>1</sup> all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in 1 you, O LORD.

I have said, "You | are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;

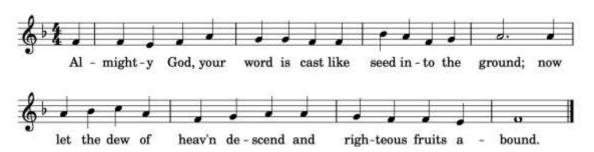
save me in your | steadfast love." Refrain

#### SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:5-11

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

#### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### +GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

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

**SERMON** 



#### +STATEMENT OF FAITH

Let us join our voices as we share what we have discovered about God and about one another:

O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing, we believe and trust in you. The whole earth is alive with your glory and all that has life is sustained by you. We commit ourselves to cherish your world and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life, we believe and trust in you. Through Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful and welcomed as your friends those of no account.

Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake. You labored with us upon the cross and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection. We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.

O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you. Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind, and Pentecostal fire, we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Carol Masters

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)

God of all creation, we praise you for infusing all creation with life abundant and continuing. As we in the northern hemisphere turn toward more light, with buried seeds beginning to feel warmth in holy darkness and the tips of oak twigs stir with impatience, may our souls, too, stir with hopefulness and new life. May we continue to grow in understanding of your intention for humanity to celebrate and care for our home on this beautiful planet. Loving Creator,

## Hear our prayer.

Spirit of Counsel and Might, may our national and world leaders be inspired by the humility and gentleness of Jesus, who entered into his final days on the back of a donkey, and who understood the power of love to bring about change. Guiding Spirit,

#### Hear our prayer.

Holy Teacher, we grow weary, morning and night-time, of hearing the sad news of those who suffer hunger, homelessness and want in other lands and ours. Teach us how to listen more deeply and the means to act with courage to sustain your people. Show us how to be faithful according to the gifts we are given, as Jesus was faithful to your intention for his life. God of Wisdom,

## Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you know our human sorrows and needs. We call out before you those in our congregation who are suffering and those our congregation holds in their heart. We remember especially this day Kathy Ohler; Reidun Harris; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; 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."

Loving Spirit, grant us grace to live with the assurance of your care for all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## **MEAL**

#### +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** 

Have Mercy on Me
Adult Choir

Clayton White

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy loving kindness. Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; take not thy holy spirit from me.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

Now Is the Time of Grace

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va-tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

This is the fast that God would choose:
to loose the bond of injustice,
to let the captives go free,
and to break the yoke of oppression. **Refrain** 

Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in, offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires. **Refrain** 

Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and healing shall come to you quickly; then you shall call and God shall answer, God's love shall go before you. **Refrain** 

#### +OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

#### +GREAT THANKSGIVING

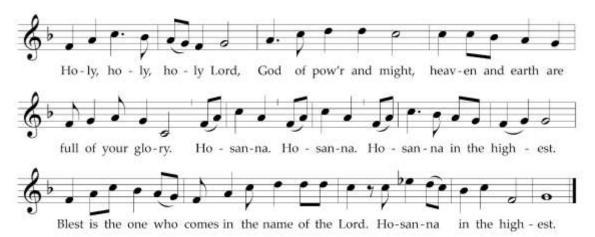
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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, 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.

All are welcome at the table.

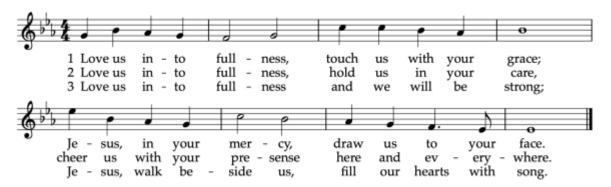
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

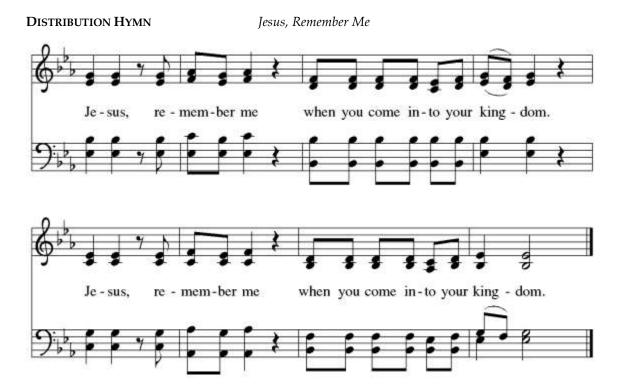
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle,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

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

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

#### Love Us into Fullness





#### +BLESSING

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

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

## **SENDING**



#### +BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, & Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Join us for worship (in the Bartsch Room) during the Great Three Days!

7:00 p.m. worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. 5:00 p.m. worship on Saturday for the Easter Vigil.

Pave the Way with Branches" Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957. Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla.

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"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c.760-821; tr. John Mason Neal, 1818-1866, alt. Music: Mechior Teschner, 1585-1635

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"Now Is the Time of Grace" Text: Maty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58 6-9

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"My Song Is Love Unknown" Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt. Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland, 1879-1962 Swanson, John August. Entry into the City, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <a href="https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56544">https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56544</a> [retrieved March 28, 2023]. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/

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#### LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Rojas Martinez	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Rojas Martinez
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Rick Liedholm	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Wayne Vetter
David Broberg, Andrea Martin	Communion	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, David Krig, Bryan Kuzel
Chris Engen, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Joy nelson, Chris Amundson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Kathryn Howe
Mary and Chris Engen	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Kathy Hollander
Joyce Peterson, Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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Phil Radtke, Cantor

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## PARISH INFORMATION

#### **EASTER LILIES**

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (office@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

#### **CELEBRATING 2023 GRADUATES**

Are you or someone you know graduating from high school or a higher educational institution this spring? We want to celebrate with you! Please mark Sunday, April 30, for the graduate blessing at both services. Send an email to Dcn. David (<a href="mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org">drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org</a>) with the full names of your graduate(s).

#### OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AVAILABLE

Bottles of fresh olive oil are available in two sizes: 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$35. Purchases support the work of the Lutheran World Federation vocational training program and reduce student fees. Brought to you by the Palestine-Israel Working group.

#### WHAT I LEARNED IN PARIS SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Group is sponsoring a trip to Penumbra Theatre's performance of *What I Learned in Paris* Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. We have twelve \$25 discounted tickets – reserve yours now in the Community Room. Pay Kathy Hollander for your ticket(s) by April 9. We'll meet after the play in the same building for discussion and snacks. For more information, contact Kathy Hollander or Libby Olstad, or visit <a href="https://www.penumbratheatre.org">www.penumbratheatre.org</a>.

#### "MUSIC FOR FOOD" CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 P.M.

The second "Music for Food" concert will be Sunday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity. "Music for Food" is a nationwide, musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. Food insecurity is a painful reality right here in the Twin Cities. All proceeds from this concert will go directly to providing food through the pantry at Source MN. Come hear some beautiful music to nourish your soul while helping put food on someone's table. Suggested donation: \$0-30 (sliding scale).

#### LIBRARY NOTES

April is Poetry month. On the book cart in the Community Room, you will find poetry collections by current and past Holy Trinity members--Carol Masters, Cory Gershon, Sue Salm, Arnie Johanson, and Gloria Sauke. In the library, you will find more good poetry. As always, you can access the church's library catalog at <a href="https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/">https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/</a>. You may also contact your librarians, Annie Hines and Roberta Shaw if you need a good read.

## **HOLY WEEK 2023**



#### Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir and Trinity Singers will help lead music for the worship.

#### Friday, April 7—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.

## Saturday, April 8 - Vigil of Easter

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. A small group ensemble and soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

## Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass ensemble will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

## Sunday, April 9-No Adult Forum on Easter Sunday

## PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, April 4	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
	2:00 PM	Knitting Group	
Wednesday, April 5	5:00 PM	Choir Families Meal	
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
	6:00 PM	Supervised Play Time	
	7:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal	
Thursday, April 6	5:30 PM	Soup Supper	
Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	
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		Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven;	
		we approach one another and God in vulnerability through	
		foot washing; money is collected for the care of the	
		neighbor; and we share Holy Communion.	
Friday, April 7	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service	
Good Friday		The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Even in	
		the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection	
		promises given to us. Tonight's service ends in silence.	
Saturday, April 8	5:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service	
Easter Vigil		Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the	
		church. The liturgy is multifaceted, rich, and playful.	
April 9	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
Easter Sunday	9:45 AM	Easter Breakfast Tacos	
	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 "What's Happening with the Roof Depot?" Mike Forcia

Mike Forcia will talk about the neighborhood project to establish an indoor farm and create space for community businesses and services in the warehouse space known as the Roof Depot. The City wants to demolish the building to make room for a parking area for over 880 city vehicles. Residents, including the largest urban population of Native people in the US, already live in the most polluted neighborhood of Minneapolis. Pollution-related health issues would increase with fumes from diesel trucks and the possible release of arsenic through the demolition process. This is happening close to HTLC. Find out more, ask questions and learn what action is next!

Note: Mike was instrumental in removal of the statue of Columbus at the state capitol. He served a sentence of 100 hours of community service educating people on Native issues.

#### April 9 EASTER SUNDAY—NO ADULT FORUM

Join us in the Community Room (the room to the rear of the sanctuary) in between services for breakfast tacos from Habenero, sweet treats from congregants, and friendship.

#### DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR? A NOTE FROM PASTOR DOUG

Nope, not Christmas yet. But we are continuing to try to improve sound in our sanctuary. It's a very difficult space and I want to share an update both on our new hearing assistance system and on new speakers that will be coming in the summer.

First, in addition to the older hearing assistance devices (which still work), we have a new Wi-Fi based system called **Listen Everywhere**. The new system enables you to download the **Listen Everywhere** app to your phone or tablet device and then connect directly to the system when you are in the sanctuary (or actually anywhere on the church's Wi-Fi network) and on the church's Wi-Fi. You can then run headphones from your device and listen to whatever is coming through the sound system. Find instructions in a basket in the narthex.

Second, sometime over the summer we hope to have new Bose speakers and a signal processor installed in the sanctuary. These should dramatically improve the quality and clarity of everything we do. Talk to Pastor Doug if you have questions.