

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 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.*

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

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Benedictus
Children's Choir

Brian Lewis

*Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in Excelsis
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest*

+GATHERING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

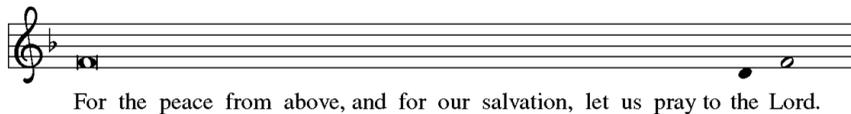
+GREETING

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

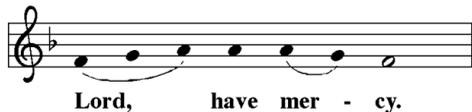
+KYRIE



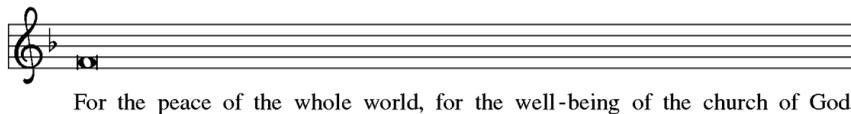
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



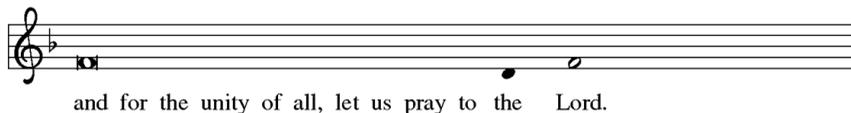
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



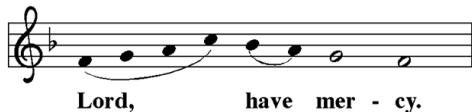
Lord, have mer - cy.



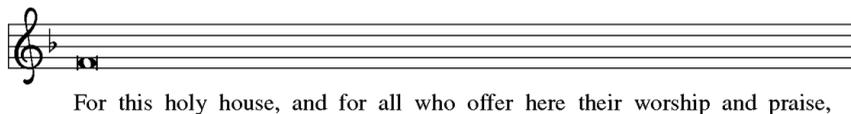
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



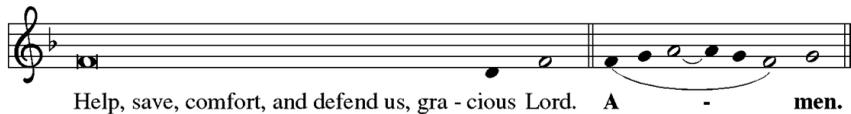
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Mary's Song

Refrain

Leader: All: Leader: All:
Glo-ry to God Glo-ry to God With all our hearts With all our hearts
Leader: All: Leader: All:
Come, wor - ship God Come, wor - ship God With all our praise With all our praise

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and a half note, with rests. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God Glo-ry to God With all our hearts With all our hearts" on the first staff, and "Come, wor - ship God Come, wor - ship God With all our praise With all our praise" on the second staff. The words "Leader:" and "All:" are placed above the notes to indicate the parts.

Our spirits join with Mary
Singing her song of praise
to God whose name is holy
with arms fully raised

Refrain

Stories of God's great mercy
each generation shares
New hope for lowly people
We know that our God cares

Refrain

In Jesus there is promise
helping us on our way
The Spirit always guides us
we trust what she will say

Refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Discerner of hearts, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. **Amen.**

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Old Testament Pages 263-264

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

PSALM 23

John Glynn

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)

My shep - herd is the Lord: he is ev' - ry-thing,
ev' - ry-thing. My shep - herd is the Lord; he is
ev' - ry-thing, ev' - ry-thing to me.

I can rest in your pasture, the pasture of your arms.
Living waters refresh me, your Spirit revives me. **Refrain**

When trouble afflicts me, your hand is there to hold.
You defend and protect me, a feast lay before me. **Refrain**

You remain ever faithful each moment of the day.
May your word be my home, LORD, for ever and ever. **Refrain**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Ho-ly Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it, we are dust, by your breath we live.

Breathe, O breathe, breathe up - on us that we may live.

Ho-ly Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it, we are dust, by your breath we live.

+GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

New Testament Pages 97-98

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of community and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

This morning we (*pastor reads names*) into the ministry we share. Through the Holy Spirit, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in Christ's meal, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

People of God, today this body is expanded to include these individuals. We delight in the ways, known and yet unknown, they will both contribute to this community and transform it. Do you promise to support them as they grow in faith, pray for them in their life in Christ, and warmly welcome these siblings and the gifts they bring? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these new members. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants and unify the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Let us welcome these beloved children of God into the ministry we share:

We welcome you into this community of faith. We receive you as members of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may celebrate these new members with applause!

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed—The United Church of Canada

We are not alone;
We live in God's world.

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

+INTERCESSIONS

David Broberg

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)

Scripture tells us that you do not see as we do, that you look on the heart, not outward appearances. Help us also to see, expand our vision, so that what we see we may also know and understand in the depths of our hearts as well as our minds. Help us to slow down, reserve judgment, and expand our understanding of others, the world in all its complexities, and most of all, your will for all the world. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we live in a world that often feels dangerous. We hear stories of crime and violence. We hear of tragedies, large and small. We experience sorrow and despair. Some of these we observe up close and others from a far distance. Help us to remember that all things are in your hands. Expand our hearts to hold all that is broken. Remind us that we are all bound together in your love and mercy, and that when one suffers, so do we all. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Trusting God, you call us to lives of discipleship. We often stumble. We frequently take the wrong path. We can be indecisive. Help us to embrace a larger vision than we can perceive, trusting that you are guiding and leading us and will not let us stray too far. Fill us with your wisdom that all that is good, and right, and true may be revealed. Enable us to find what is most pleasing to you. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Revealing God, you appoint prophets, apostles, teachers, and preachers, to probe the depths of your will and Word, and have called them to lead your people towards deeper understanding, to labor for the fruit your Word, to labor and reap the harvest that others have sown. Give to each of us a measure of your bounty and instill in us hearts open to thankfulness and praise. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve, especially John Sulzbach; Ben Sulzbach; Kathy Ohler; Pam Kildahl; Reidun Harris; Lee Kampinen; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Mary Petersen's friend, Anna Marie; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

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

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING (8:45)

Benedictus
Children's Choir

Brian Lewis

Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in Excelsis
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest

(11:00)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Adult Choir, Drew Lindorfer, soloist

arr. Leah Hefner

I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me;
When my heart aches sore and weary, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm dying, Lord walk with me;
When I'm on my way to Glory, I want Jesus to walk with me.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Now Is the Time of Grace

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first two measures, and a second ending bracket over the last two measures. The lyrics are: "Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "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.**

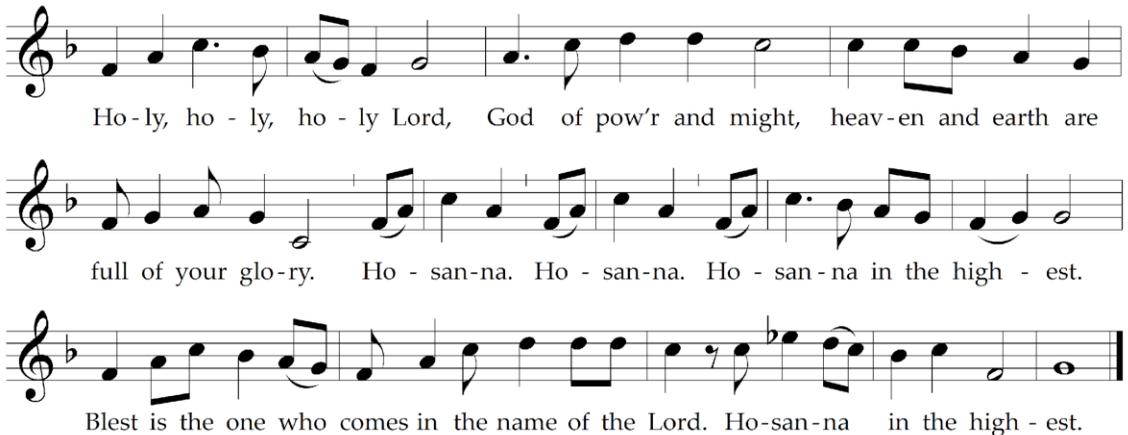
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

O eternal Wisdom, you laid the foundations of the earth, and breathed life into every creature, creating us in our variety to cherish your world and seek your face. We praise you and give you thanks for your abundant love toward this earth. You entered our struggle, that you might deliver all creation from its bondage to oppression and decay.

Therefore, with those whose voice is silenced, with those who call for freedom, those whose harvest celebration sings through hardship and labor and love; and crying with them for that new creation when the morning stars shall sing together and all the children of God shout for joy, we praise you, singing:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

+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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

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 pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM (8:45)

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Drew Lindorfer, soloist

Edward Boatner

I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim's journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me,
When my heart is a-lot breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me,
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Calm to the Waves

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" The second system of music is for the second line of lyrics: "Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

+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

+SENDING HYMN

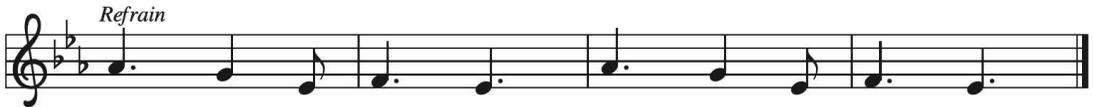
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

+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

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.

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey” Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993. Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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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
Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen. Text and music © 2009 Augsburg Fortress

“O Christ, Surround Me” Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967. Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

“Come to the Table” Text: Claire Cloninger, 1942-2019. Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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JESUS MAFA. *Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57527> [retrieved March 15, 2023]. Original source:

<http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

“Will You Come and Follow Me” Text: John Bell, b. 1949, Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *ELW SETTING THREE*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Kevin Proescholdt, Rick Liedholm, Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Deb Anderson, Sue Roberts, Kris Christians
David Broberg, Chris Engen, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Bob Norheim, Joy Nelson
Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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Ingrid Rasmussen, *Lead Pastor*
Doug Mork, *Part-time Associate Pastor*
Kathy Ekwall, *Communications & Congregational Coordinator*
Nolan Gusdal, *Building Maintenance*
David Rojas Martinez, *Community Engagement and Education Coordinator*
Phil Radtke, *Cantor*
Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator*
Erik Gerhardt, *Accompanist*
Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian*
Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

LEADERSHIP

Allison Johnson Heist, *Council President*
Gretchen Lund, *Council Vice President*
Erin Henry, *Council Secretary*
Katie Schroeder, *Council Treasurer*

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

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.

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 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 play 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 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."

PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Our partner Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) is restarting their Pancake Brunch Fundraiser, which will be on Saturday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

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 (drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org) with the full names of your graduate(s).

2022 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MARCH 27-31

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of March 27-31. Meal delivery takes about an hour and a half. Volunteers are needed. If you haven't volunteered previously, we would do a training with you the first time. If you are interested, contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com).

We are pleased to announce that after five years of care-filled work on the font, it was installed last week.

What happened to the old font?

The marble font that graced the sanctuary for more than 100 years was removed two years ago because of the risk it posed, particularly to curious children. The marble base had begun to crumble, making the structure less stable. We plan to have a service to decommission the font and give thanks for its century of service to this faith community.

Who is on the team leading the new font commission?

Marilyn Miller chairs the group, which consisted of Jeff Burnoski, Sarah Wieben, Ann Schrooten, Mary Opila, Stephanie Sulzbach, Paul Chindvall, David Sims, and Pastor Ingrid. Over the past two years, the team has worked closely with the Worship and Fine Arts Committee and the Church Council.

Who is the sculptor?

John Sterner, sculptor, has been doing art “for as long as he can remember.” After graduating from Southwest Minnesota University with a degree in art education, Sterner began teaching art education to other prospective teachers at SMSU. Sterner’s Lakota heritage is very important to him and features prominently in his work. Influenced by Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Lakota, and Dakota traditions, Sterner also weaves rich spirituality into his pieces.

Who is the glassblower?

Alan Honn, glassblower, is exhilarated by the demands of the process. He enjoys meeting the challenges of timing and intuition required to manage fluid hot glass. In the studio, he states, “It’s important to stay in the moment, open to the ever-present opportunity to defy gravity.” Honn earned his BFA from the University of Minnesota in 1986 and worked as a professional glassblower in Boulder, CO, and on Whidbey Island, WA. He is an artist and instructor at the Minnesota Center for Glass Arts and Foci Cooperative in Minneapolis.

What is the font be made of?

The Church Council selected cast bronze, which is a durable material. In Sterner’s words, “Cast bronze will last far longer than any of us.” We expect this font to serve the congregation for the next 100+ years!

Artist Statement from John Sterner

This Sculpture was made from braiding multiple types of sweet grass and cast in bronze. It is designed to hold the water of life in a beautiful basin. The base is brown, representing the earth the sweet grass rises from.

Dedication

The font will be dedicated at a later date. The first baptism will be held on March 26, 2023.

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 20	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 21	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 22	5:30 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 7:00 PM 7:30-8:30 PM	Soup Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Lent Service of Evening Prayer Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Saturday, March 25	10:30 AM-1:00 PM	CTUL Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Sunday, March 26	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

TODAY "Welcome New Members"

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from Zoe Martinez and another member who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the many people joining this congregation.

March 26 "Reflections on Climate Change"

David Howe

More information will be available next week.