

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 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.*

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## GATHER

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*+invites the congregation to stand*

**PRELUDE**

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ  
I call to You, Lord Jesus Christ*

**J. S. Bach**

+GATHERING HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, the  
2. My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, to  
3. The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease, sings  
4. He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive; the

glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of God's grace!  
spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5. Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6. To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

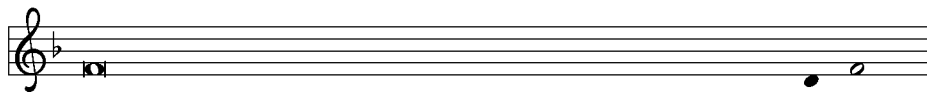
+GREETING

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



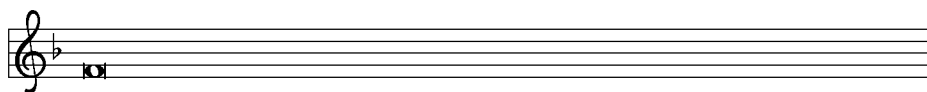
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



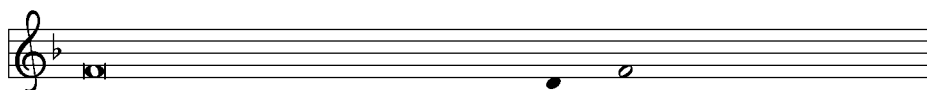
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



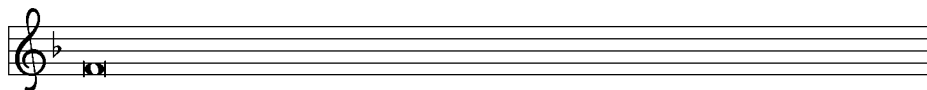
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



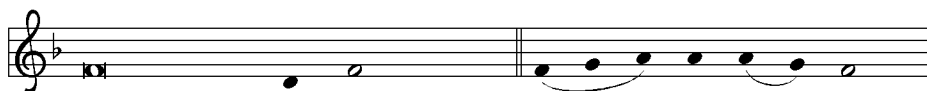
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



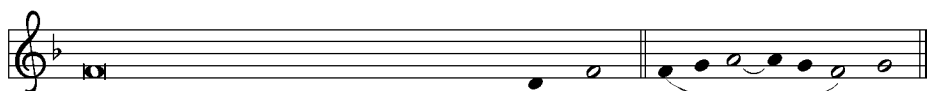
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Mary's Song'. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the second line. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Leader:' and 'All:' labels above the notes to indicate the parts. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God Glo-ry to God With all our hearts With all our hearts' on the first line, and 'Come, wor - ship God Come, wor - ship God With all our praise With all our praise' on the second line.

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**

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day:  
make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and  
unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WELCOME**

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## WORD

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FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Old Testament Page 829

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

PSALM 130

Hal H. Hopson

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



Lord, from the depths to you I cry; Lord, hear my prayer.

LORD, from the depths to you I cry, Savior, LORD, my prayer receive;  
Who can stand the press of sin? Those who in your grace believe.  
Mark not all my sin and shame, Lest the burden break my heart;  
Not my heart alone, but yours, Your great mercy shall endure. **Refrain**

LORD, for you my soul awaits; In your word my hope is laid;  
As the sentries by the dawn For their patience are repaid.  
Hope in God, O Israel; God, whose steadfast love is sure;  
Who for us redemption brings; God, whose mercy shall endure. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

*Romans 8:6-11*

New Testament Page 150

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

+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 11:1-45*

New Testament Pages 99-100

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

*Baptized and Set Free*



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

*(8:45) Please remain standing for the intercessions.*

*(11:00) Please be seated for the baptism.*



## **BAPTISM (11:00)**

Ricardo Antonio Serna Harding  
*Child of Leticia Serna and Brendan Harding*  
*Ricardo Serna and ZoeAna Martinez, sponsors*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*PARENTS: We present Ricardo Antonio Serna Harding for baptism.*

Leticia and Brendan, will you, with God's help, strive to share your love, faith, wisdom, and understanding with Ricardo and make for him a home where he may learn the way of Christ and join in Christ's work of love, peace, and justice? Will you share with him the church's life—worship, the Lord's Supper, and fellowship? Will you help and encourage him to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*We will.*

Ricardo and ZoeAna, will you seek to nurture Ricardo in the Christian faith as you are able and help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

*We will.*

Will you, members of this congregation who form the community of love in which Ricardo will grow, keep him and his caregivers in your hearts and in your prayers, and support him in the journey of life?

**We will.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we gather together clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. It's all yours—the earth and the sky, the fruit trees, the sun and the moon, the wild animals, and everything that creeps upon the ground.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us. We give you glory for oceans and lakes, for the Mississippi River and Lake Minnetonka, for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, and above us. Our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. Hagar discovers your well, Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At the river your Child was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into this water and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Blanket us with your grace. Enfold us with your peace. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### +STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

Siblings in Christ, let us stand and confess the faith that we share:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### BAPTISM AND SEAL

Ricardo Antonio, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. One God, Mother of us all. **Amen.**

Loving God, we thank you for the life of Ricardo and the new life you give to us through Christ. Sustain him with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless him that he may come to know what you have made known. Give him grace to grow in faith and life, wisdom and understanding, and joy in your everlasting presence. **Amen.**

Ricardo, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Through baptism God has made us members of the community of faith that is centered in Christ Jesus. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you, Ricardo, into the 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 offer acclamation with applause.*

**BAPTISMAL HYMN**

*Children of the Heav'nly Father*

Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

**+INTERCESSIONS**

*Joyce Besser*

Renewing God, we come in prayer awaiting your promise of new life. We come this day as dry bones asking for your renewing breath. May the Spirit's renewal lead us in the way of love. Hear us now as we pray for the world and all within it.

*(silence)*

Renewing God, we offer our thanks for your constant love and grace which call us to share with others the gifts you have given us. Your Spirit blows into our dry bones new life, coming as the winds of spring. We have a community of faith, sustenance at your table, and love to share. We give thanks for the new baptismal fount which will also be a visible reminder of the breath of God always blowing among and within us. Accept our thanks and praise. Spirit of God,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, today division and violence are found everywhere in the world. Power and control are at the heart of it. All people everywhere have dreams and hopes. Give us grace to listen to the other and a willingness to live in love. Whether between nations, within countries, in our homes may there be peace. We lift prayers for those suffering in the Russian-Ukraine conflict and in the unrest in Peru; for all lives lost. Spirit of God,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, blow new life into your church. Collectively and individually our voices are often as dry as the bones. People are in need. Our planet is in need. We come asking forgiveness and seeking renewal and strength and courage to pursue love toward the world and all in it. We are often so good at words and not so good at action. We are thankful for pastoral leadership with prophetic voices that call us to awaken and to do. Spirit of God,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renewed, may we act to heal the earth and all beings. We have not honored the gifts the natural world offers us. Forgive us. Open our eyes and lead us to treat the earth in love. Spirit of God.

**Hear our prayer.**

O God, who turned death into life, who took dry bones and restored them to fulness of life, hear now our prayers for all in need—be it of sustenance, relief from pain, loss of loved one, healing of body and spirit. We pray especially for John Sulzbach; Kathy Ohler; Reidun Harris; 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*) Grant peace, healing, and newness of life to all in need. Spirit of God,

**Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions.*

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with “Spirit of God,”  
to which the congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

You have promised that you will put your Spirit within us that we might live. We live by that hope! Clothed anew by God’s Spirit may we be renewed to live and to love as Jesus loved and do what Jesus did—loving and living for the world and all in it. Open our hearts. We pray in the name of God whose love is everlasting and who constantly brings new life. **Amen.**

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## MEAL

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**OFFERING (8:45)**

*Christe, Du Lamm Gottes  
O Christ, Lamb of God*

J. S. Bach

**(11:00)**

*Wondrous Love*  
Adult Choir

arr. John Jacob Niles &  
J. Stanley Sheppard

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of Bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

+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 treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. A first ending bracket (1) covers the first six notes. The second staff continues with a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. A second ending bracket (2) covers the last six notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

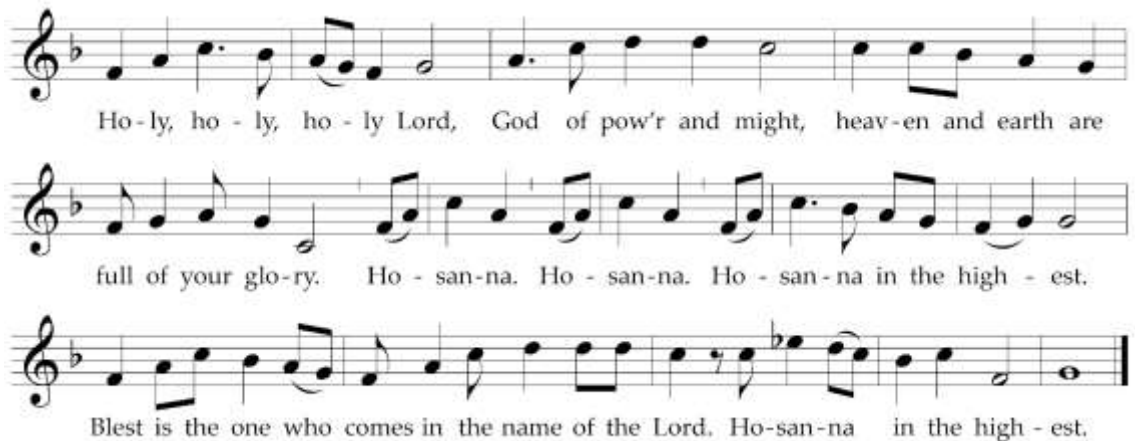
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for yours is the power of life that even death cannot hold back. In Jesus, your child, you have sent to us one who is both life and resurrection. Even now, wherever people lay lost in valleys of death, his Spirit comes to breathe new life into your people so that hope is reborn and you are glorified. Now, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## +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 HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*



In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn for ev - 'ry new day, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*God Bless to Us Our Bread*



*Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en*  
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are



*ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en*  
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are



*pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.*  
fed. 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**

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.**

**+LAY COMMUNION VISITOR BLESSING AND SENDING (11:00)**

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## SENDING

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+SENDING HYMN

*You Are the Way*

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, ending with a double bar line. It maintains the same key signature and rhythmic structure.

**+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.*

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*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.*

*Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872*

*“Psalm 130” Refrain text and music: Hal H. Hopson, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers*

*“Baptized and Set Free” Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956. Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress*

*“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*

*“In the Bulb There Is a Flower” Text: Natalie Sleeth. Music: HYMN OF PROMISE, Natalie Sleeth  
Text and music © 1986 Hope Publishing Co.*

*“God Bless to Us Our Bread” Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Paguara, 1923-2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949*

*Music: BENDICE NUESTRO PAN, Argentine melody, collected by Federico Paguara; arr. John L. Bell  
Text and tune © 2002 World Council of Churches. English text and arr. © WGRG, Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.*

*“You Are the Way” Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt. Music: DUNDEE, ‘Psalter’, Edinburgh, 1615*

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *ELW SETTING THREE*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork
Stephanie Sulzbach	<b>Cantor</b>	Stephanie Sulzbach
Andrea Hansen	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nicki Hines
Sean Gosiewski, Linda Berglin, Mike Nevergall	<b>Communion</b>	Roberta Shaw, Libby and Keith Olstad
David Kohlstedt, David Broberg, Chris Engen	<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Julie and Tom Cahoy	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Roberta Shaw, Kathryn Howe
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# 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](mailto: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](http://htlcmpls.org)) to donate electronically.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29—LENT SOUP SUPPER & EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us Wednesday evening for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Lenten supper 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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. These bottles make excellent gifts! 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 [www.penumbraetheatre.org](http://www.penumbraetheatre.org).

# HOLY WEEK 2023



## **Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday**

*Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.*

## **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**

## P A R I S H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 29	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	5:45-6:45 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Lenten Evening Prayer
Sunday, April 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	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
	12:15 PM	First Sunday Musings at Turtle Bread
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

### ADULT FORUM

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

**TODAY      "Reflections on Climate Change"**  
**David Howe**

David will cover climate change and discuss how human-made material is outgrowing Earth's biology.

**April 2      "Demolition of the Roof Depot"**  
**Mike Forcia and Karen Clark**

Come hear from local leaders, Mike Forcia and Karen Clark, as they share what has passed and next steps in the struggle against demolition of the Roof Depot.

**April 9      EASTER SUNDAY-NO ADULT FORUM**