



# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 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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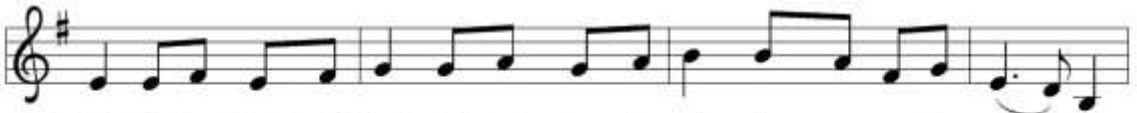
PRELUDE

*Wondrous Love*  
Gloria Ringers

arr. Brian Childers

+GATHERING HYMN

*O Living Breath of God*



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;  
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;  
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

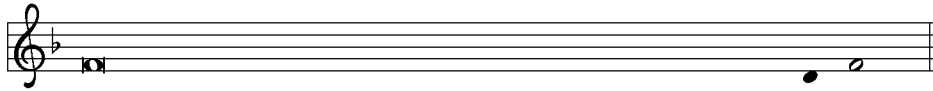
+GREETING

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



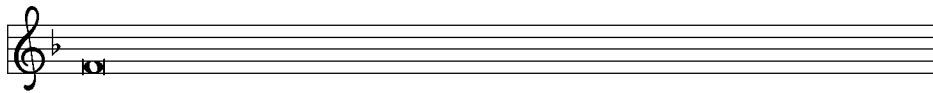
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



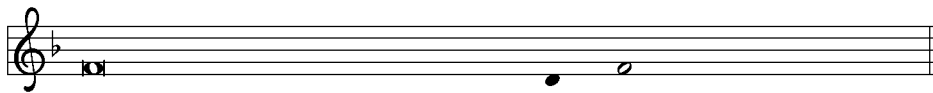
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



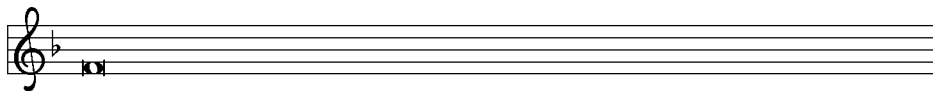
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



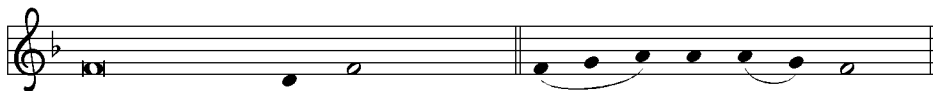
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



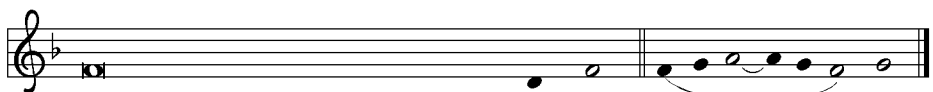
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music. The first measure is labeled 'Leader:' and contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God'. The second measure is labeled 'All:' and contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to God'. The third measure is labeled 'Leader:' and contains the lyrics 'With all our hearts'. The fourth measure is labeled 'All:' and contains the lyrics 'With all our hearts'. The second staff is identical in notation to the first, but the lyrics are 'Come, wor - ship God', 'Come, wor - ship God', 'With all our praise', and 'With all our praise' respectively.

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**

Holy God, whose wild Spirit's breath defies our frozen idols:  
take the night time of our fear and make it a welcoming womb for us and all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WELCOME**

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# WORD

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FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Old Testament Page 10

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

PSALM 121

Mark Shepperd

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

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
my help comes from the Lord.

I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup> to the hills;

from where is my <sup>1</sup> help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>1</sup> from the LORD,**

**the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup> en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup> fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>1</sup> er of Israel**

**will neither slum- <sup>1</sup> ber nor sleep; Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches <sup>1</sup> over you;

the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup> your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>1</sup> you by day,**

**nor the <sup>1</sup> moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup> from all evil  
and will <sup>1</sup> keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup> coming in,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. Refrain**

SECOND READING

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

New Testament Pages 146-147

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 3:1-17*

New Testament Page 88

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace,  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know,



**+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

Lois Eid

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)*

Holy Teacher, Source of Enlightenment, help us to remember that we can never earn a right relationship with our God – that promise rests on God's grace. Sometimes that is so hard to remember when our culture puts such emphasis on earning all we want in life. We have not earned all the good things and people in our lives and we give thanks for those blessings: snow plow drivers who work long hours to clear our thoroughfares of new snow, weather forecasters who alert us to prepare for troubling weather approaching, custodial staff who keep our buildings clean and warm, volunteers who walk the cold, dark streets searching for those in need of shelter and food, medical staff who work extra hours to care for the sick or injured. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all Wisdom, we ask your special guidance for our church leaders in their quest for new discernment to deal with these troubling times. There are questions that seem to have no good answers and questions which produce more questions. Guide our national church leaders as well as our local leaders and individual pastors in their walks of leadership. Give them times of respite and renewal, especially now as we enter the Season of Lent. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Oh God of Reconciliation and Understanding, we remember the hurting people in all the increasing number of countries being affected by war and natural disasters. Guide all the national leaders in the warring nations to move towards making negotiations a goal instead of winning. Open doors and hearts in all countries to make room for the fleeing refugees. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

God of Comfort and Compassion, we bring before you all those in our midst including their friends and families who are in sorrow and pain. Give comfort to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Today we especially remember Kathy Ohler, recovering from a fall; Pam Kildahl; Reidun Harris; Lee Kampinen; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Mary Petersen's friends, Anna Marie; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Merciful God," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."*

God of hope, hear our petitions and give us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing and renewing love, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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# MEAL

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OFFERING

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior*  
Gloria Ringers

Cathy Mokelbust

+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 for the hymn 'Now Is the Time of Grace'. 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 note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B4, and C5. A first ending bracket (labeled '1') covers the first two measures. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note on B4, followed by quarter notes on A4, G4, and F#4. A second ending bracket (labeled '2') covers the last two measures of the second staff. 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 being born anew, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare us to be born again in you as you pour out your very presence in this meal through Christ Jesus, the womb of eternal life.

**Amen.**

## +GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

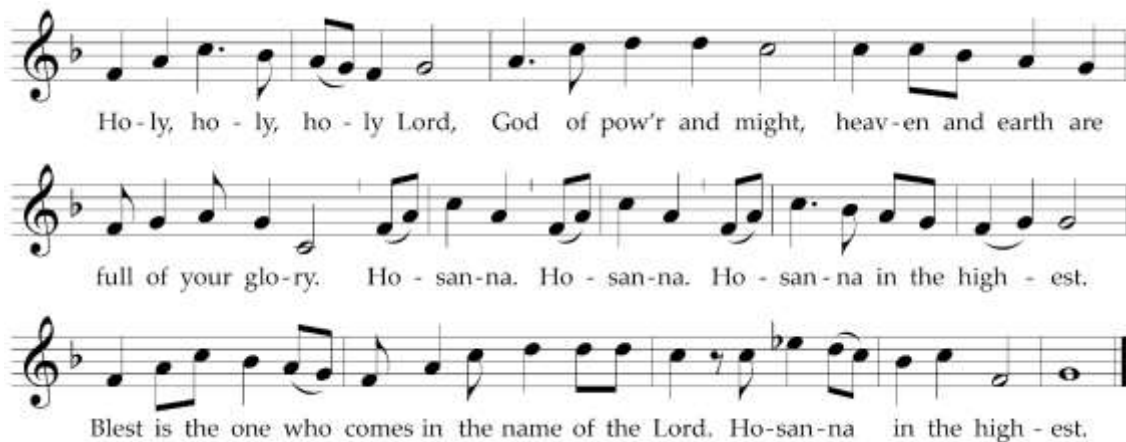
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 birthed life, 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 Mary's womb and our human struggle, that you might deliver all creation from its bondage to oppression and decay.

Therefore, 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 birth 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 server in your pew, please let an usher know.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Nothing Can Trouble*

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te.  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,

na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

Sing, praise, and  
*Lau - aa - te*

bless the Lord,  
*Do - mi - num,*

Sing, praise, and  
*lau - da - te*

bless the Lord,  
*Do - mi - num*

1. 2.

peo-ples!  
*om - nes*

na-tions!  
*gen - tes,*

Al - le - lu - ia!  
*al - le - lu - ia!*

Al - le - lu - ia!  
*al - le - lu - ia!*

**+BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Birthing God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to be born again so that we hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your mothering love.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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+SENDING HYMN

*Christ Is the Life*



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,  
2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred,  
who wel - comes us from well-worn ways to dark-ness of the womb.  
whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin-dling for the pyre.  
cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,  
Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,  
Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,  
Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.



**+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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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *ELW SETTING THREE*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM

11:00 AM

David Rojas Martinez	<b>Preacher</b>	David Rojas Martinez
Doug Mork	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork
Karen Batdorf	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Margaret Kelly
Steve Murry, Kari and Tom Kleven	<b>Communion</b>	Stephanie and Scott Cole, Deb Anderson
Chris Engen, David Broberg, Chuck and Ginny Jordan	<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Doris Gbala, Kathryn Howe
Annie Hines	<b>Counters</b>	Wayne Vetter
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen

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

## WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 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."

## FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS TODAY

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.

## 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.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 12

Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday, March 11.

## P A R I S H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 6	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 7	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	2:00 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, March 8	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	7:00 PM	Lent Service of Evening Prayer
Sunday, March 12	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
		Daylight Saving Time Begins
	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
12:00-2:00 PM	New Member Orientation	
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

### ADULT FORUM

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

**TODAY      “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!

**March 12      “Migizi Summer Programs and Wilderness Canoe Base  
(2022 Summer Canoe Trip Report and 2023 Plans)”**

Holy Trinity has included Migizi Summer Programs in its 2023 Special Appeal Funds. Hear Kelly Drummer, Migizi CEO, provide an update on their 2023 Summer Water Sovereignty Program. Dan Ahrendt, Program Manager, Wilderness Canoe Base, will highlight both 2022 Migizi canoe trips and 2023 canoe trip plans. Solomon Drummer will share his summer 2022 canoe trip experience.