



FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 9, 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!
Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.*

*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. 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

PRELUDE

Variations on 'Gaudeamus Pariter'

P. Radtke

INTROIT

Easter Introit
Combined Adult Choirs

John Ferguson

Listen.

The One who bore God's heart,
The One who spoke God's peace,
The One in whom God agonized
is now the Risen Lord.

Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.

Listen.

Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Following the introit, please rise in body or spirit and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

+EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

+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.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Cantor
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of
God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and
glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu -
ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre -
a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for -
ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen God, our hearts are filled with great fear and joy as we gather at the empty tomb. God is alive! What was dead is dead no longer! What has been hidden is now revealed! It all feels too good to be true. On this day, speak words of new life over our broken bodies and minds so that we too might experience resurrection in new ways. Help us find the courage like Mary to run with both joy and fear from the tomb, and teach us what it means that you send us to where we will see you. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

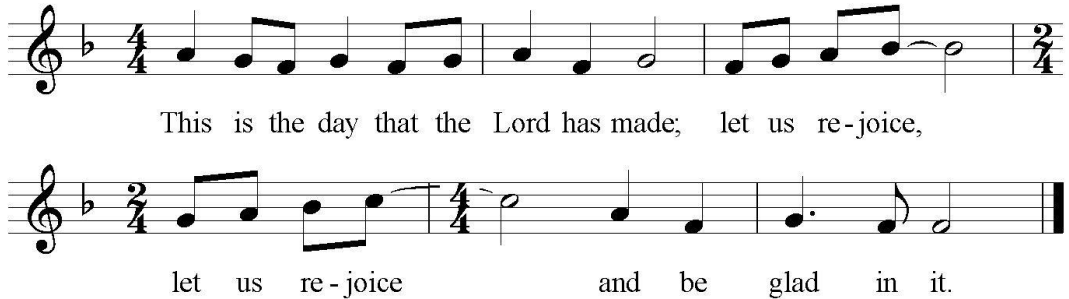
Jeremiah 31:1-6

Old Testament, Page 753

Word of God; word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain (first time cantor, then All)



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joyce,
 let us re-joyce and be glad in it.

Give thanks, give thanks to our gracious God, whose love endures forever;
 The Lord, our strength and song shall be, From whom no fault can sever. **Refrain**

Sing joyful songs of victory, both now and through eternity,
 For God will leave us never, For God will leave us never. **Refrain**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and sing God's grace with elation.
 Though I deserve no more than death, God blesses me with salvation. **Refrain**

The gate that should unyielding be, is open wide to welcome me,
 Give thanks and adoration, Give thanks and adoration. **Refrain**

Upon the stones the builders judged, imperfect, weak and tender,
 Now rest the corners of God's house, Still unsurpassed in splendor. **Refrain**

This is the day the Lord has made; God is my sun, and God my shade;
 Rejoice, your praise now render! Rejoice, your praise now render! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

New Testament, Pages 122-123

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia
sung twice

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

New Testament, Pages 31-32

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

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

Please be seated.

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Please stand at the conclusion of the organ introduction.



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

+INTERCESSIONS

Jeff Olsen Biebighauser

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit and with the Risen Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

God, who created us from dust, and who called your Child out from the rocky soil: we still have ash in our nostrils and throats. Continue to shape and form us from the earth. Risen God,

Raise us up.

God, whose shining angels comfort and listen to our grief and despair: continue to let their example eclipse those in power who wash their hands of our suffering. Risen God,

Raise us up.

God, whose surprising interventions into history destabilize our cynicism, our routines, and our best guesses: give us brave hearts and strong arms, to fight with joy for a future worth believing in. Risen God,

Raise us up.

God, who tells us not to be afraid: be our comfort, our life, and our protection. We pray particularly with Dorothy Kelly; 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*). Risen God,

Raise us up.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Risen God,"
to which the congregation will respond, "Raise us up."*

Unite our prayers, our tears and our disbelief and our alleluias, with those of our grandmothers, of the poor in our neighborhood and in places we never visited, of all communities of faith and all people of good will, across the world, throughout the past and the future, and of every sinner, saint, and angel. Alongside them all, we trust in your creative and loving mercy. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

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

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

OFFERING

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Adult Choir and Trinity Singers

Alleluia. Amen.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Communion assistants are invited to come forward at this time.

Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

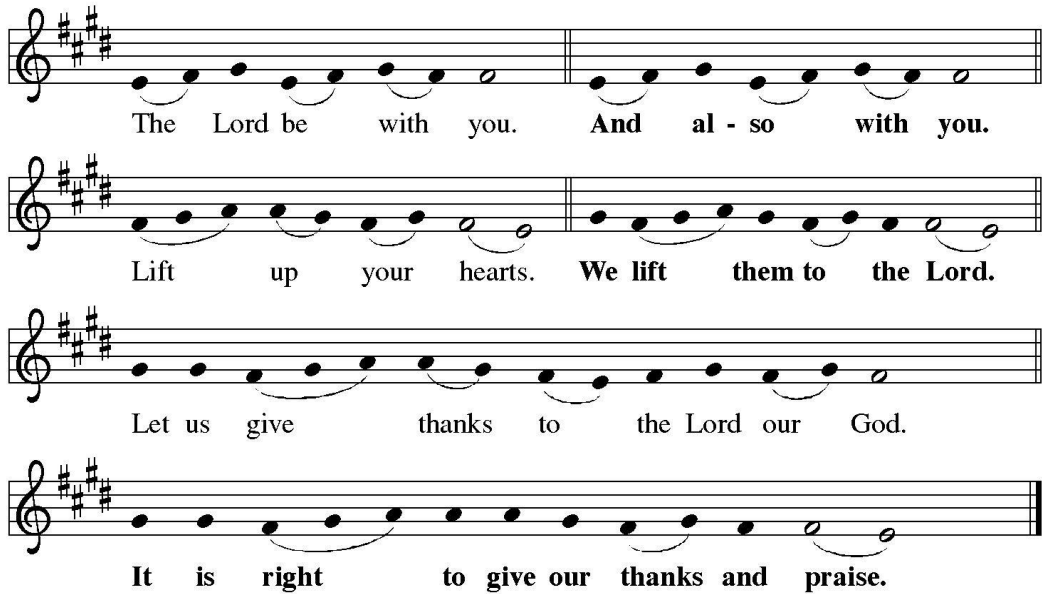
The musical score consists of three systems of music. The first system is a single melodic line in treble clef with lyrics. The second system is also a single melodic line in treble clef with lyrics. The third system is a full musical setting in G major, 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The piano part includes chords and a bass line that supports the vocal melody. The lyrics are repeated three times in the third system.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

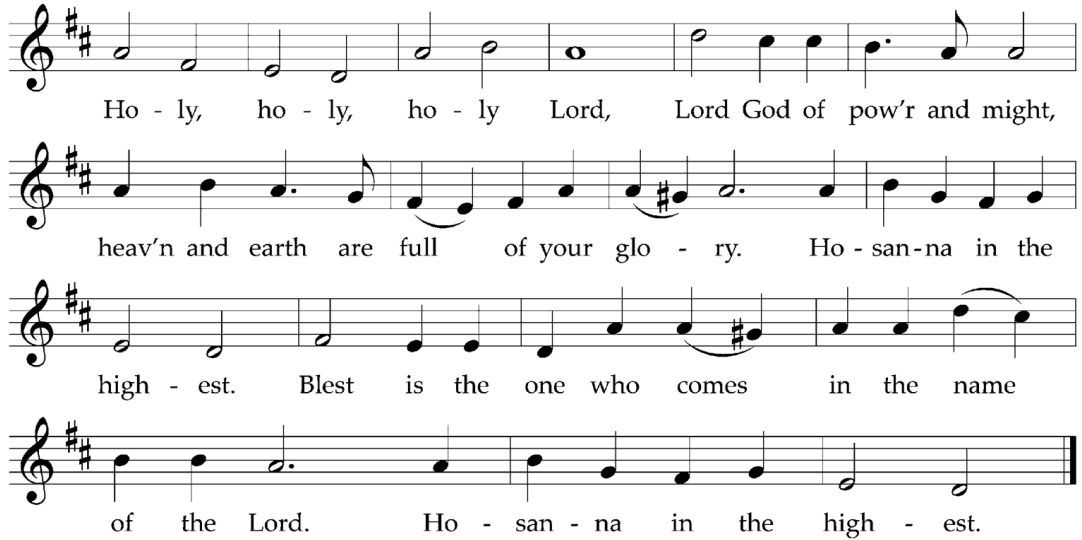
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, grant us peace.

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshipping 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.

Communion is served by intinction.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains both red wine and white grape juice. A chalice is also reserved for those using gluten-free wafers.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Woman, Weeping in the Garden



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

+BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
 bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to live in the new creation.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Erschallet, ihr Lieder
Sing Praises, Ye Faithful

J. S. Bach
 arr. Donald Rotermund

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

Thank you to our brass players this morning!
Trevor Crawford, Courtney Edwards, Matt Healy, Sue Roberts

EASTER LILIES

have been given:

In memory of:

Loved ones, by Pat Lundquist
Loved ones, by Joyce Peterson
Family, by Margaret Peterson
Mom, Dad, and Joyce, by Carol Johnson
Parents, by Carol and David Berg
Parents, Alice and Tom Arnison, by the Nancy Arnison
Bud and Sylvia Diken, and Ronald Peterson, by Sally Parks
Parents, by Steven and Barbara Benson
Duane and Ardelle Floding, by Matt and Marcia Floding
Janet Gannaway, by Matt and Marcia Floding
Husband Ken, by Carol Masters
Son, Carl, by Carol Masters
Brother, Dean, by Carol Masters
Mary and Harold Torness; Lorraine and Earl Rasmussen;
Les and Evelyn Axdahl; and Les and Florence Arneson, by Pastor Ingrid and Paul Rasmussen
Wife, Pamela, and Loved Ones by David Rediger

In honor of:

Jim and Marcia Sheldon, by Margaret Peterson
Sunday School Teachers, by the Nevergall Family
Grandmother Lila Meyer, by Anna Brelje

In support of:

People of Ukraine, by Michael and Marilyn Miller

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING FOUR

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork, David Rojas Martinez	Presiding Ministers	Doug Mork, David Rojas Martinez
Cathy Alpizar	Cantor	Cathy Alpizar
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Margaret Kelly	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Nicki Hines, Sue Roberts, Linda Berglin	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Scott Cole, Keith Olstad
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Doris Gbala
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Ann White
Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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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*

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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*

PARISH INFORMATION

THIRD PRECINCT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SESSIONS

Longfellow Community Council is excited to be a part of the community engagement efforts around the future site of the police building in the 3rd precinct. Phase I of this community engagement effort will ask, "Should the 3rd Precinct police building be located at Lake and Minnehaha or the alternate site?" We are looking to the full community of the 3rd precinct for the answer.

To participate in the conversation, please join us at one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Hook and Ladder (3010 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis 55406) Business Owners Session. Snacks provided.
- Thursday, April 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Midtown Global Market (920 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis 55407). Open to all. Meal vouchers provided to the first 100 participants.
- Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Roosevelt High School Cafeteria (3131 19th Ave S, Minneapolis 55407) Snacks and beverages provided.
- Wednesday, April 19 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sabathani Community Center (310 E 38th St, Minneapolis 55409) Snacks and beverages provided. Register at longfellow.org

FACING THE FIRE, APRIL 11

Artists Paul Herwig and Queen Drea, commissioned by Longfellow Rising, will install a projection display on the former Third Police Precinct, which will highlight community hopes and dreams for this corner of the city. The projection performance will be shown from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Other performance dates include April 20, 21, 27, and 29.

"MUSIC FOR FOOD" CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 16

The second "Music for Food" concert will be Sunday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity. All proceeds from this concert will go directly to providing food through the pantry at Source MN. Musicians Immanuel Davis, Christine Kim, Fei Xie, James Garlick, Chi-Chi Lin Bestmann, Käthe Jarka, and Timothy Lovelace will perform works by Madeline Dring, Villa-Lobos, Poulenc, and Beethoven. Come hear some beautiful music to nourish your soul while helping put food on someone's table. Suggested donation: \$0-30 (sliding scale).

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD ALL-SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE FRIDAY, APRIL 28

A festive all-synod worship service will be held Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be preaching and Dr. Phillip Schoultz, associate artistic director of VocalEssence and cantor at Westwood Lutheran, will lead the music for worship, as well as conduct the Synod-Wide Volunteer Choir. The worship service and volunteer choir are open to all; you do not need to be a voting member. The Pop-Up Synod Choir will have one rehearsal prior to April 28, and will meet at 5:15 p.m. on April 28, prior to the worship service. [Sign up](#) by April 19 if you intend to participate. A light reception will follow the worship service, which will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

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).

SAVE THE DATE: PROPERTY WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, May 4, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 24.

WHAT I LEARNED IN PARIS SUNDAY, MAY 7

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.penumbratheatre.org.

MESSAGE TO HOLY TRINITY FROM PADMINI UDUPA, PRINCIPAL AT LONGFELLOW

I am retiring on June 30 this year. I would like to thank you and all those who supported Longfellow the school it has become. With your generous help and the caring and prayers we can say our girls and babies are doing well. I would like to share few updates:

- The foundation will continue and I, along with the board, will continue to help Longfellow moms and babies. This fall we did drivers education classes for moms to learn how to do safe driving. We also provided rent deposits to students who are now established in a new apartment. We will again give scholarships to students who graduate this year.
- Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Matthew Floding, we were able to train all staff in mindfulness activity with the help of Marian Johnson from Bakken Center at the University of Minnesota. We have created a room in our school for students and staff to practice mindfulness and other mind and body wellness activities.
- Two of our students completed their training for two years in college and are now hired by Minneapolis Public Schools to work in schools.
- Every semester we are sending around seven students to Minneapolis Community College to get college experience and continue their further studies.
- The volunteers are doing an excellent job connecting with students, knitting with them, and helping the students feel at home.

Thank you for supporting and making the holiday seasons special for our students. I appreciate and value our partnership and hope to see it continue with the next principal.

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 28

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. The summer season affords us the opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from “the other service.”

PRIORITY: STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation.* As the congregation moves into a time of intentional interim space, the Church Council acknowledges the impacts of a three-year-long pandemic and the neighborhood Uprising of 2020. Many congregants are different people than they were three years ago. Many worshippers are also new to Holy Trinity in the last three years and worshipping within the walls of the building for the first time.

The Church Council seeks to build a volunteer team of individuals who are excited about community and want to create pathways for all members—seasoned and new—to build connections with one another. If you’re excited about meeting new people, gathering others in, and having fun along the way, please contact [Katie Schroeder](#) or [Kathy Howe](#) and let them know you’re interested in serving on the “Community Connection Team.” This will be a short-term commitment between now and the end of the summer. We especially invite members who are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet served on a committee to join this team!

To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the spring and summer, gathering together members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. If you are interested in hosting a cottage meeting, please reach out to [Karen Kunze](#) or [Erin Henry](#) by April 10, 2023. An invitation to a cottage meeting will be sent to each member household by early May.

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 <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>. You may also contact your librarians, Annie Hines and Roberta Shaw if you need a good read.

PRIORITY: ENCOURAGING CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

The author of *1 Timothy* mentions that communities of faith do well in recognizing and celebrating the gifts that youth bring. Holy Trinity is filled to the brim with gifted, young leaders and elders eager to accompany their lives and faith. Gratitude abounds!

These past years, Holy Trinity's children, youth, and families have been flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances. Honoring the unique pandemic challenges that young people and families have faced, this congregation seeks to build on the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministries that are already in motion. During interim time, church leadership will attend to the flourishing of CYF programming to create opportunities that will foster relationship building, teach the essentials of the Christian faith, inspire critical thinking, encourage the asking of difficult questions, and celebrate important milestones.

The Holy Spirit is renewing several areas of our CYF life together:

- Holy Trinity staff are currently interviewing nursery workers who will be present in the building on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning in May '23.
- Congregants are rebuilding the Youth Committee, which leads on education and activities. If you are interested in meeting once a month to discuss Confirmation, youth trips, retreats, mentorship, and more, please contact [Andrea Hansen](#) or [Nicki Hines](#).
- Congregants are planning the launch of a youth group in the fall '23, which would provide opportunities for teenagers post-Confirmation. If you'd like to be part of a monthly meeting beginning in May, please reach out to [Kris Christians](#) or [Kari Kleven](#).
- Thanks to our participation in the Communities of Calling Grant Initiative, CYF leaders will begin working with Jim LaDoux, a coach through an organization called Vibrant Faith. LaDoux has a master's degree in organizational development and strategic planning. Through the lens of vocation, LaDoux will walk congregant leaders through a process to articulate theologies and values and to create yearlong calendars for this area of congregational life. If you're willing to spend ten to fifteen hours between now and August to ensure that Holy Trinity continues to be a safe and welcoming space for children, youth, and their families, please reach out to [Deacon David Rojas Martinez](#).

GRATITUDE FOR SOUP (AND MAC AND CHEESE)

Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve soup during Lent and for Maundy Thursday, and for the new tradition of Mac and Cheese! We are grateful for your work.

"When we provide a meal, we are giving people a place to belong." ~ Tom Skold, Holy Trinity member

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

Monday, April 10		Office Closed
Tuesday, April 11	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Racial Justice Working Group
Wednesday, April 12	6:00 PM	No Choir Rehearsals Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Sunday, April 16	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Service with Holy Communion Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service with Holy Communion Swahili Worship Service "Music for Food" Concert in the Sanctuary

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY Easter – 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.

April 16 Pretrial Justice Series, Part 1 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Introduction" **Anna Hall, Criminal Defense Attorney**

Anna will cover the basics of pretrial detention and cash bail in Minnesota.

April 23 Pretrial Justice Series, Part 2 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Alternative Paths" **Anna Hall, Criminal Defense Attorney**

Anna will look at what other states have done and what alternatives might look like for Minnesota.

Anna Hall (she/her) is a criminal defense attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow at the Legal Rights Center. Her focus is disrupting and dismantling Minnesota's unjust pretrial detention and cash bail systems. Through her advocacy, Anna aims to support and amplify Minnesota activists and organizers as they agitate for more just systems of accountability. Anna's work is guided by curiosity, deep commitment to community, and a belief that all people are worthy of a meaningful, joyous life.

The Legal Rights Center is a community-led, nonprofit law firm founded in 1970 by Black activists from The Way and indigenous activists from AIM. Our mission is to work with our communities to seek justice and promote racial equity for those to whom it historically has been denied. We do this work through criminal defense, restorative practices, advocacy, and community education.