

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 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

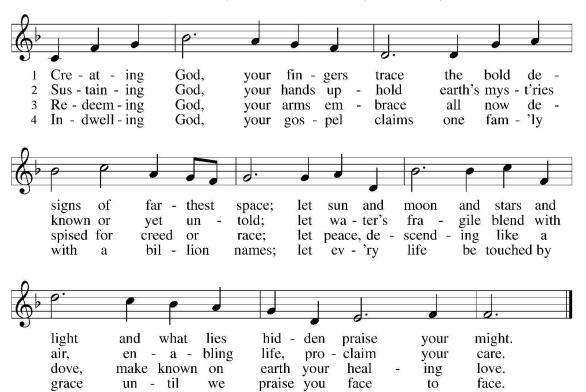
PRELUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers Gloria Ringers arr. Anna Laura Page

+GATHERING HYMN

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

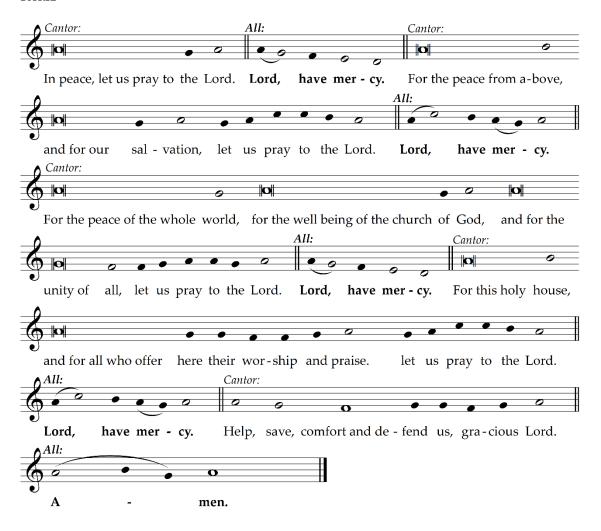
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



+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



+HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



+PRAYER OF THE DAY	
scripture's open flame; unveil o	t, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared and from the broken ourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world.
	Please be seated.
WELCOME	
TEMPLE TALK	Dennis O'Brien

Word

FIRST READING

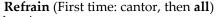
Acts 2:14a, 36-41

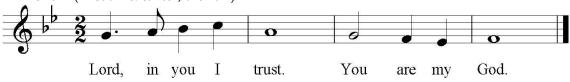
New Testament, Pages 112-113

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

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

Hal H. Hopson





My very soul returns in peace To your untroubled rest, For you the bounty of the LORD Abundantly have blest. **Refrain**

God did indeed redeem my soul That else in death has slept; God has my eyes from tears set free, My feet from stumbling kept. **Refrain**

What shall I render to the LORD, What shall my offering be, For all the gracious benefits God has bestowed on me? **Refrain**

Salvation's cup my soul shall take While to my LORD I pray, And with God's people I will meet, My thankful vows to pay. **Refrain**

Not lightly do you, LORD, permit Your chosen saints to die; From death you have delivered me; Your servant, LORD, am I. **Refrain**

Within God's house, the house of prayer, My soul shall bless the LORD, And praises to God's holy name Let all the saints accord. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

New Testament, Pages 222-223

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! sung twice



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

New Testament, Page 85

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

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

SERMON



+INTERCESSIONS Sandra Hisakuni

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

God who breathes with us, we thank you for the changing season and the warm breezes that remind us of your Holy Spirit giving us new life and breath. Help us to better hear and follow the direction of your Spirit. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who loves us, remind us of our value and home in you which is not built with silver or gold, but sacrifice and love. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who walks with us, allow us to see you, in all of your many disguises, as we walk in faith with you. Open our eyes, ears, and heart to see, hear, and touch you. Use our hands and lives to minister to those in need, creating a more just and loving world that reflects you. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who hears us, we thank you that you hear our cries and supplications in our grief to you. Thank you for the words of the Psalmist reminding us that "Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants." We pray especially for those among our blessed community who are grieving the loss of loved ones. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who suffers with us, we especially pray for all who are suffering from the effects of gun violence in our nation. We pray for responsible legislative leadership and bold action to curb this scourge from our nation. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who comforts us, we pray for your healing, tenderness, mercy, and presence for all who are ill or suffering. We especially lift up to you this day Sharon Clappier (Steve Murray's aunt) who is nearing the end of a battle with cancer; Steve Murray's grandma, Rosie Stalsberg; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Mark Symchych; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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

MEAL.

+PEACE

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

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

OFFERING

Transitions of the Heart Gloria Ringers

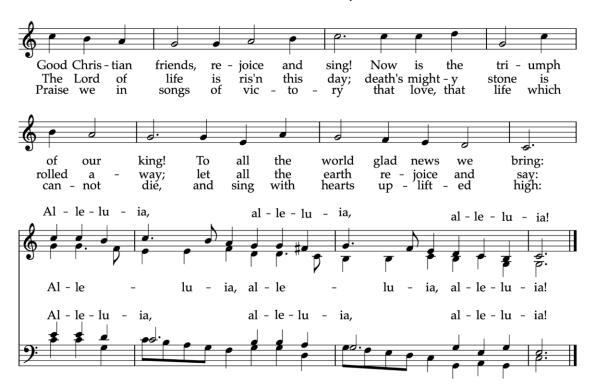
Matthew Compton

Transitions of the Heart was commissioned in honor of two transgender siblings by their parents. This piece is meant to be an anthem of strength and hope for those who have found themselves to be learning about who they truly are in the transgender community - those who have found acceptance and love through their transition, or those who might still be unsure and scared.

Beginning with the gentle innocence of childhood, the music becomes more dissonant and complex to represent challenges of discovering one's identity, as well as the frustrations and fears that arise: fear of being bullied; fear of violence; fear of using the restroom; frustration at the lack of understanding and empathy; frustration at the lack of acceptance; and frustration at prayers unanswered. The piece grows in both strength and clarity, signifying the power of love and acceptance—not only from friends and family, but also for oneself.

Amidst violence and discrimination against the transgender community, sharing stories and amplifying the voices of transgender people has the power to change hearts and minds. May we all work with renewed vigor to embody our congregation's shared commitment to providing support, encouragement, and unconditional love for all our transgender siblings. - Matthew Compton

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+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 our Lord.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

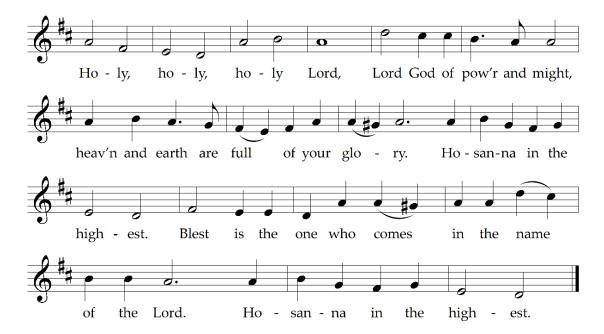
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together,

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

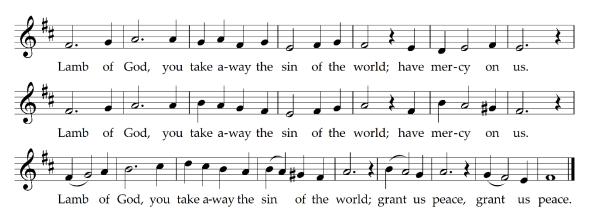
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

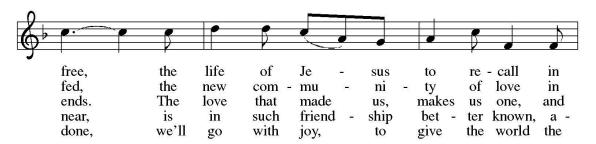
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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

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



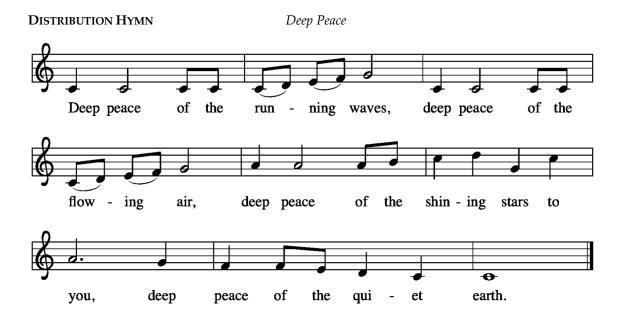
- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for giv en, loved, and 2 I come with Chris tians far and near to find, as all are
- 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
- 4 The Spir it of the ris en Christ, un seen, but ev er
- 5 To geth er met, to geth er bound by all that God has





laid down for love me. Christ's com - mu - nion bread. strang - ers now friends. are live here, a - mong us love that makes one, us

love laid down in for me. in Christ's com-mu - nion bread. and strang - ers now friends. are a - live a - mong here. us the love that makes us one.



+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

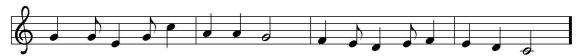
+SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674



- 1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a ble to make us one, at the ta ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

+BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Milele

Gloria Ringers

Jason Krug

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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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Andrea Hansen	Cantor	Andrea Hansen
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
Kevin Proescholdt,	Communion	Sean Gosiewski,
Andrea Hansen, Linda Berglin	Communion	Bryan Kuzel, Matt Floding
Ginny and Chuck Jordan,	Ushers	Joy Nelson, David Broberg,
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Oshers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Sally Kohlstedt, Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers	Josef Fortier, Liz Kelley
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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PARISH INFORMATION

WORSHIP ASSISTANT MINISTRY CALENDARS NOW OPEN

The Worship Assistant Ministry calendars for May, June, and July are now *live*. Volunteers can log into the Rotunda app and block off any worship dates/times that you cannot serve or that you want to serve. Thanks for serving!

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. A light reception will follow the worship service, which will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

KNITTING GROUP, TUESDAY, MAY 2

Knitters (can 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 for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)

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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR MAY 7

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Council voted to call a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing a call committee to consider Deacon David Rojas Martinez for call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please make every effort to join us for this meeting which will take place in the sanctuary between services.

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."

HANDBELL RESTORATION SPECIAL APPEAL

able to ring them at all!

In the 1960s, Holy Trinity purchased the first few octaves of our handbell set from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in England. In subsequent years we were able to purchase additional octaves to complete our set. These handbells are unique, in that each bell contains more metal in the casting, producing a more full and rich sound. The quality of the casting and internal mechanisms contribute to their exceptional sound.

However, the unique nature of these instruments means there are very few options for who can perform maintenance on them within the United States. As bells have been added to this set over time, they have worn at different rates meaning that some are in need of more work than others. It has been many years since we've had full maintenance completed for our handbells, and the wear and tear has been showing. The metal on the inside of the bells is beginning to show signs of age, the clapper mechanisms on many of the handbells are loose and unable to be adjusted in house, and the leather handles on a few of the handbells have become so floppy, it's a wonder the choir is

This full restoration is estimated to cost \$7,000. The high cost of this restoration accounts for new handles which last anywhere from 10 years without handle stiffeners or 35+ years with handle stiffeners. Currently, some of the older bells have stiffeners, and the newer ones do not. This mismatch makes playing them inconsistent. This restoration would correct these issues, bring the bells back to original condition, and replace worn parts to ensure uniformity while playing.

Click <u>here</u> to support this special project. Please select "handbell restoration" from the dropdown menu.

PRIORITY: ENGAGING FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING

In light of coming through COVID, the Uprising, and some of the other changes and challenges of the last years, it is a good time to engage in conversation around some of the key pillars of Christian faith and life in community:

Scripture: How do we read scripture? How does it shape our faith and life? How do we understand scriptural "authority" in light of struggles both within the text itself and with how the text has been understood and used for 2,000 years?

Baptism: What happens in baptism? How do we lift up baptism without limiting our imagination of God's activity in the world?

Holy Communion: What happens at this table? How does the meal function as a community table? Has COVID separation changed how you see this meal?

Neighbors: As part of the Holy Trinity community, what is our responsibility to our neighbors? Which neighbors, specifically? How are we connected and how might we connect?

Interreligious Community: How do we talk about our faith with those who don't share our beliefs? How do we talk about other religious understandings and those who prefer to claim no religious tradition? How do we support families in our community with varying beliefs and practices?

The Council's goal in these conversations is NOT to recite Lutheran orthodox answers or come to some perfect consensus. Instead, these conversations will affirm the rich diversity of thoughtful perspectives present already; wonder together about shared commitments and how they shape this church; and build our skills in being community together across real differences of belief and perspective. If one or more of these questions intrigues you, please contact Allison Johnson Heist.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, April 24	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, April 25	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
Wednesday, April 26	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal	
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time	
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
Friday, April 28	7:00 PM	Minneapolis Synod Worship Service	
Sunday, April 30	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	
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service	

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY 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.

April 30 and May 7 Dawnland: The Film

For decades, child welfare authorities have been forcibly removing Indian children from their homes to "save" them from being Indian. In Maine, the first official "truth and reconciliation commission" in the United States began an unprecedented investigation. *Dawnland* goes behind the scenes as this historic body deals with difficult truths, questions the meaning of reconciliation, and charts a new course for state and tribal relations.

The film will be shown in two parts with time for discussion at both sessions. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe and member of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, will lead the discussions.