

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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.* 

# GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

Prelude

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setting, Marilyn Biery

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

## Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary. Stanza 4, Adult Choir (11:00)



#### +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.** 

#### +THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We join Jesus in the waters of baptism, and we are raised to life anew. Together let us give thanks for this gracious gift.

Mothering God, Our hearts are full of gratitude for you formed us in your divine image. Your living water joins our very beings together. You meet us in our despair and embrace us with grace and love.

When Hagar felt abandoned you gave her strength to live for generations to come.

When the Samaritan woman went to the well alone you gave her good news to share.

We have joy in our hearts for your liberating waters. You free us to see one another in this isolating world and nourish our spirits when we feel unseen.

Fill us, renew us, and call us by our name. We honor you, and we give you our praise, through Jesus your anointed one with the unifying breath of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, whose way is love, whose truth is searching, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your heart of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share the work of peace; through Jesus Christ, the image of God.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60 New Testament, Page 119 Word of God: word of life. Thanks be to God. PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 **Refrain** (First time: cantor, then **all**)

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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;

deliver me <sup>+</sup> in your righteousness.

In - to your hands, O LORD,

<sup>2</sup>Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me;

## make haste to de- | liver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me,

for you are my tow- | er of strength. Refrain

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- <sup>1</sup> mend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ' persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love. Refrain

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

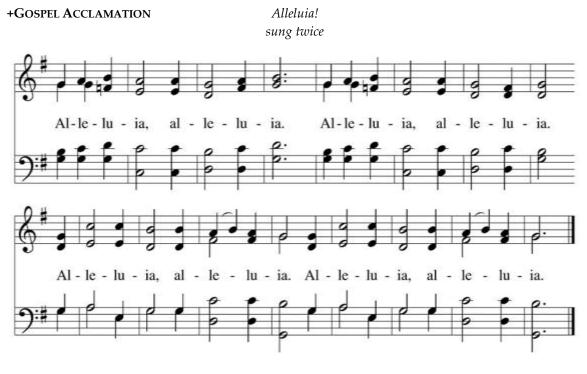
New Testament, Page 223

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

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Mark Sedio



+GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

New Testament, Page 103

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

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

SERMON



#### +INTERCESSIONS

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)

Our Father, Our Mother, Our Creator. Be near, we pray, as we live into a new season of growth and becoming in these early spring days. New life can be slow, and we crane our necks in desperation for signs of new life–the crocuses that punch through dead leaves, the follicles of grass just peeking through hard soil, bumblebees quivering awake, hungry for the sweet taste of spring. Help us to always be looking, always be wondering, always be in watch for the goodness in your new mercies each day. Merciful God,

#### Hear our prayer.

O God of the impatient gardeners, we pray for the church, its members, and its mission. We're waiting, O God. Just as the gardener waits for warm nights, for new sprouts, for the chance to dig hands into rich soil, we remember that the good work we must do in this church takes time and patience. Remind us in these liminal seasons of longing for change and growth that to everything there is a season. Merciful God,

#### Hear our prayer.

O God of the technicolor tulips, we pray for our community. As we walk our neighborhoods, we see places where spring flowers are vibrant and awake while others wait to bloom. We know it is your sunlight that makes it so. Help us to bring this light to the world, to those working for justice, peace, generosity, so we can help those in need of Your loving grace. Merciful God,

#### Hear our prayer.

O God of the tree buds, we pray for our students and teachers. Like the young leaves on treetops, no longer seeds but not yet fruit, we thank you, O God, for the gift of learning and growing. We pray for the in-between spaces at the endings of school years and the beginnings of new dreams just waiting to burst into bloom. We offer thanksgiving for the teachers and staff that nurture new growth from students that we may all grow stronger and taller in our becoming. Merciful God,

#### Hear our prayer.

O God of the spring rain, we pray for the sick and suffering. Like the dry earth holding new plants, we are in constant need of your healing care. May your holy water fall down upon those sick in body and spirit. Let peace and love soak into their thirsty bodies offering nourishing care. Teach us, also, to wait patiently for the sun to shine again. We especially pray for Tammy Wells, undergoing hip surgery, Karen Batdorf's friend Katie; Sharon Clappier (Steve Murray's aunt); 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*). 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."** 

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 (8:45)

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN (8:45)

#### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

0. sing! Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice and Now the tri - umph is death's might - y that love, that The Lord of life is ris'n this day; stone is Praise we vic life which in songs of to ry 0 0 To the of all world bring: our king! glad news we all re - joice and up - lift - ed rolled way; die, let the earth say: high: a can - not and sing with hearts Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ŧ 00 Al - le lu \_ ia, al - le lu ia, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, ia,

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

ELW 385

Come, share the Spirit, God has called us to ventures in the life of faith, to bring good tidings to the needy, to tell of victory over death. Christ speaks and all of life is new; God's word is pure, and it is true.

Come, drown your sins beneath the waters where life flows from the granite rock. The stone from which our Lord has risen, our cornerstone and building block. Christ speaks and raises from the dead all those who hear the living word.

Come, God invites us to the banquet that every people soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanksgiving before God's throne we will appear. Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine; his body, bread, his blood, the wine.

All are invited to stand and sing as the choir leads us into the offertory hymn below.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN (11:00)



Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

#### +OFFERING PRAYER

God, our Good Shepherd, you lead us into community above, beyond, and through many ways. Open our hearts so that we may be welcomed by you into your fold and, in turn, welcome others into the community who gathers at your table. 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. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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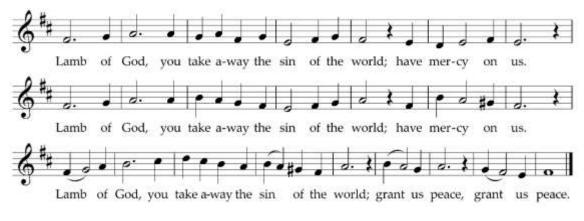
the Lord.

#### +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.* 

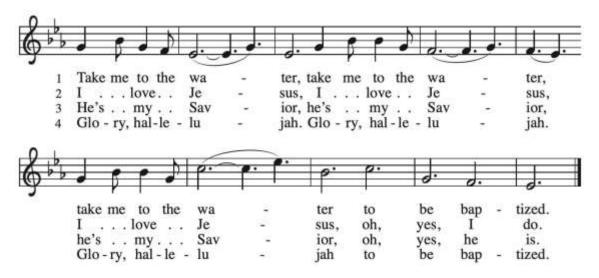
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After receiving the bread and the wine, return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher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

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



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Take Me to the Water



#### +BLESSING

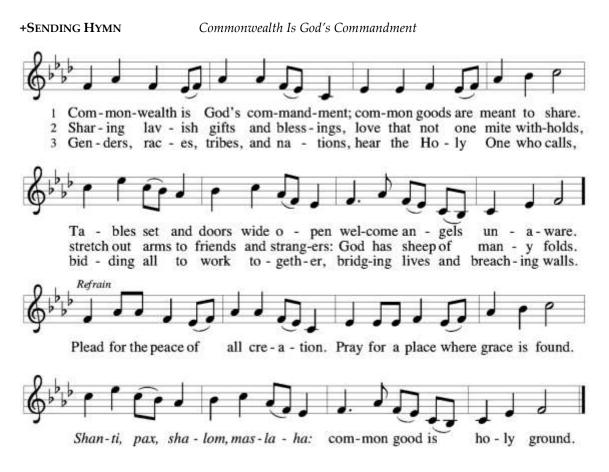
The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

#### +POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Sending



This hymn's refrain includes words meaning 'peace' in other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shahn-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "pahks." Shalom (Hebrew) is pronounced "shu-lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.

#### +BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You share a heart. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

#### Improvisation on FRED TIL BOD

P. Radtke

### You are invited to the Community Room

(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives" Text: Car B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Bothwick, 1813-1897, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887 Psalm 31. Psalm refrain reproduced from 'Psalter for Worship Year A' © 2007 Augsburg Fortress Psalm tone reproduced from 'Psalter for Worship Year C' © 2006 Augsburg Fortress "Alleluia" Music: South African; arr. Gobingca Mxadana. Arr. © Gobingca Mxadana "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. 1923-2007 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, 'Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche', 1833 Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc. "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615 Text © 1952, ren. 1980 'Hymns Ancient & Modern', admin. Hope Publishing Company "Bring Many Names" Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936. Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926 Text and music © 1989 Hope Publishing Company Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-2009 Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress "Commonwealth Is God's Commandment" Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953. Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, 'Southern Harmony', 1835. Text © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### LITURGY: ELW SETTING FOUR

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork
Katie Schroeder	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Rick Liedholm, Gretchen Lund, Kris Christians	Communion	Katy Benson, Keith Olstad, Allison Johnson Heist
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe
Sally Kohlstedt, David Broberg	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Sue Roberts
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmel, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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#### STAFF

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

#### STAFF, CONTINUED

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

#### LEADERSHIP

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

# PARISH INFORMATION

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Council voted to call a special Congregational Meeting today 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.

## ART EXHIBIT IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Holy Trinity is fortunate to have a month-long exhibit of 10 wood block prints of immigrants riding "La Bestia," the name given to the trains running north in Mexico, with immigrants riding on topobviously very risky traveling! This exhibit, in the Community Room, can help us to think about what immigrants risk in trying to get to safety.

Jeffrey Berger, the creator of these block prints, has written comments, and has handouts for us. Also, he offers the prints for sale, to benefit two immigrant support non-profits, one being the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.

#### IT'S NOT WINTER CELEBRATION! SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Music, food, fundraiser, fun and games for all ages! Free family and all-ages event outside at Holy Trinity. Music will be provided by the Swahili Choir, who will be raising money for new instruments. Bring your friends and neighbors and let's celebrate the end of a very snowy winter together! In case of rain, the event will be moved inside.

#### **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."

#### **DO YOU LOVE PEOPLE?**

We welcome new Lay Communion Visitors and new persons who wish to be visited. Visitors bring communion monthly to members who are unable to come to church on a regular basis. This is usually a long-term commitment, and good friendships may develop as a result of these visits. Training and supplies are provided. If you are interested in being a Lay Communion Visitor or wish to have a Lay Communion Minister visit you, contact Nancy Madich (<u>nmadich@gmail.com</u>).

## HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MAY 15-19

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of May 15-19. If you are interested in helping with delivery, contact Mary Engen (<u>engenmary@yahoo.com</u>).

# PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, May 8	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 9	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, May 10 5:00-6:00 PM		Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's choir Rehearsal
	6:00-7:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Sunday, May 14	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Supervised Play Time for Children
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

## ADULT FORUM

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

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## May 14 and 21 *"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.