

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 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.

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we are using a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three. We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with Sighs Too Deep for Words. It will be an adventure!

+GATHERING HYMN

How Shall I Sing That Majesty

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



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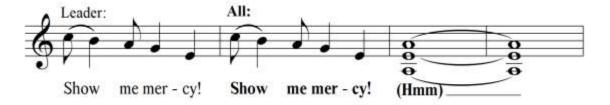
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+GREETING

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

The Canaanite Woman's Song



Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

We shout for justice! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We beg for healing! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We cry for your help! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We demand your presence! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

Let us rise together.

Jesus says:

Great is your faith!

Let it be to you as you desire.

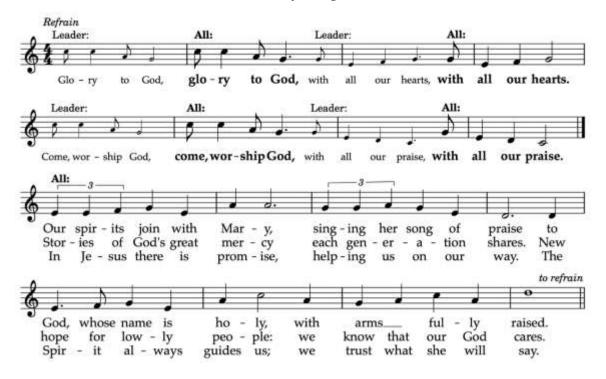
You are already made whole.

You are already made whole. (Matthew 15:21-28)



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, you invite the despised, you touch the unclean, you lift the head of those who are brought low: give us that hope against all hope for a world transformed by your healing touch; through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 50:7-15 Michel Guimont

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



The God of gods, the LORD, has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. "I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before me. **Refrain**

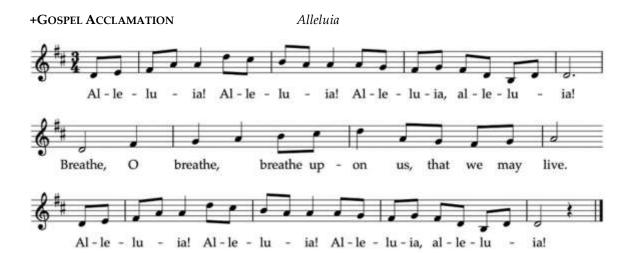
Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for I own the world and all it holds. Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? **Refrain**

Offer to God your sacrifice; to the Most High pay your vows. Call on me in the day of distress. I will free you and you shall honor me." **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Begins By Letting Go



+PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

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)

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain, especially Bev Peschiutta's sister, Marlyce, who has entered hospice; Liz Blood, who is carrying her brother Alfred on the final leg of his baptismal journey; Ann Schrooten, who is having knee replacement surgery this week; 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). God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Countless individuals within our collective body are at risk of harm due to ignorance, hate, racism, sexism, fatphobia, homophobia, and transphobia. Shield our siblings, particularly black, brown, indigenous, and immigrant persons who confront cruelty. Urge leaders to implement policies that safeguard our most vulnerable siblings and encourage us to speak out loudly against injustices and harm inflicted upon them. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

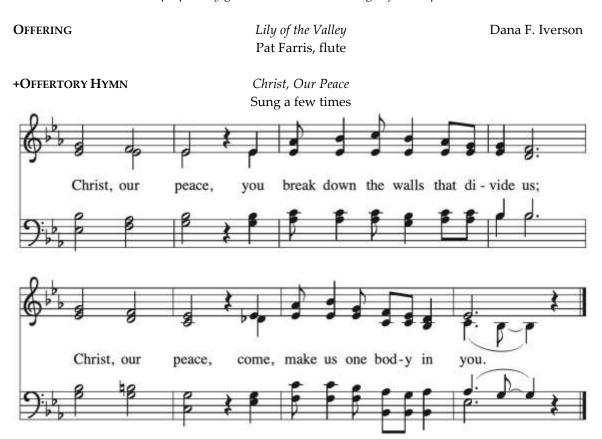
Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7) You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom. **Amen**.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks because in the victory of Jesus Christ over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. With all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+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.

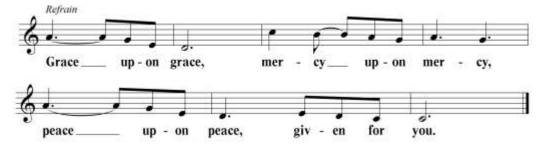
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. **Refrain**. Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. **Refrain**.

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.

HEALING STATION

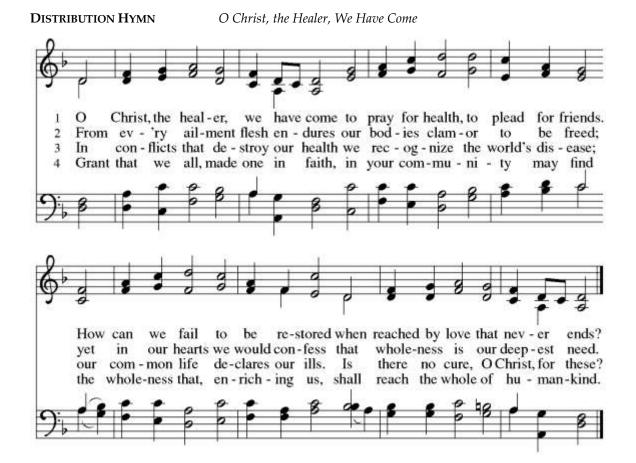
Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord







+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope.

Amen.

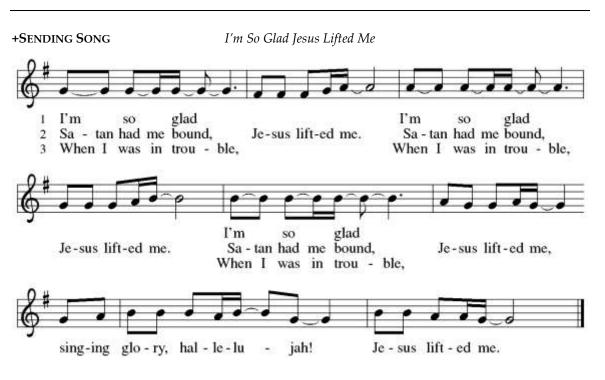
+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

+BLESSING AND SENDING OF NEVERGALL FAMILY

SENDING



+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! You are already made whole.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The Trees of the Field Shall Clap Their Hands
Pat Farris, flute

Stuart Dauermann arr. Carol Foss

You are invited to the Rain Garden for a time of conversation, lunch, and entertainment.

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	10:00 AM	
Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork	
Crucifer		
Cantor	Cathy Alpizar	
Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines	
Communion	Sean Gosiewski, Linda Berglin	
Ushers	David Broberg, Steve Murray, Joy Nelson	
Altar Guild	Doris Gbala	
Coffee Servers	Liz Kelley, David Broberg	
Counters	Deb Helmel	
Closer	Bob Hulteen	

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STAFF

Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor
Doug Mork, Part-time Associate Pastor
Kathy Ekwall, Communications & Congregational
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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

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.

We'll eat pizza and drink whatever the volunteers bring to drink, as we listen to the music of The Dissenters (featuring our own Scott Cole!). And clear your schedule for the next three events, too: July 23, August 13, September 10! It'll be so much fun. If you can help (buying groceries, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up), reach out to Jeff Olsen Biebighauser (jbiebigh@gmail.com).

SOLACE AT THE PALACE SUNDAY, TODAY

Longfellow Community Council is organizing an outdoor interactive art experience in the heart of downtown Longfellow on Sunday, June 11, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 3032 Minnehaha Ave. (the lot next to Moon Palace Books). There will be 20 vendors, art workshops open to all, musical performances, food trucks, and kids' art activities. Please help spread the word!

BIKE TO CHURCH IN JUNE

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

CREATION CARE SUMMER BOOK READ

Caring for Creation is sponsoring a summer book read—*Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.* We'll meet for backyard discussion gatherings every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from June 14 - July 12. Books have been ordered and will be available in the Community Room soon. A signup sheet and book synopsis are in the Community Room.

COTTAGE MEETINGS ONGOING

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation*. To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the 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. More information has recently been sent to members. Please RSVP to the church office (612-729-8358 / office@htlcmpls.org).

SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHT: NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AND PIZZA WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Introducing Summer Family Fun Nights at Holy Trinity! Let's take advantage of the sunny days and come together from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a night of food, fun, and friendly connections. Today we will march around the block reminding ourselves and those in our neighborhood that God is love. Wear all your rainbow gear! We'll provide everything, just bring your family! Hosted by the Children and Family Team.

ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD THURSDAY, JUNE 15

The Encore! group (congregants 50+) is bringing Turtle Bread breakfasts back! Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

NOLAN GUSDAL ON SABBATICAL MONDAY, JUNE 19-WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Sabbatical leaves allow employees to step back to take in the larger or more expansive view. Holy Trinity has long had a sabbatical policy for clergy, though the benefit has rarely been granted over the congregation's long history. Just over a year ago, the Personnel Committee made the bold decision to expand sabbatical leaves to all staff—both full-time and part-time, ordained and lay—after every fifth or sixth year of service. This commitment allows us to live more fully into our equity commitments.

We are overjoyed to report that Nolan Gusdal (Building Maintenance, 14 years of service) will also take a sabbatical this summer and that Dennis Nordholm (Evening Custodian, 6 years of service) will take a sabbatical this fall. Please keep Nolan in your prayers this summer!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 13	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
,,,	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Thursday, June 15	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	11:00 AM	Memorial Service for Jason SantaAna-White
		https://vimeo.com/event/3447906
Sunday, June 18	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:15 AM	Adult Forum
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY No Adult Forum

Join us in the Rain Garden at 11:15 a.m. for pizza and music in the garden.

June 18 To Be Announced

Watch next week's Community Church for information.

"How Shall I Sing that Majesty" Text: John Mason, 1646-1694. Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991

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