

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 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

Reckless Love Abs Trewin Cory Asbury

Arise, O Righteous Oaks, Arise (Text by Susan Briehl, Tune by Marty Haugen © 2004. Commissioned by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for 100th Anniversary.)

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



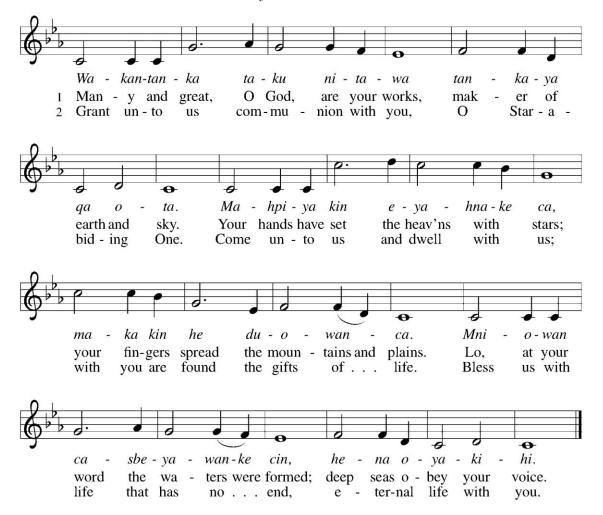
+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**





+HYMN OF PRAISE



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life – or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

Isaiah 55:10-13

FIRST READING

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

PSALM 65:[1-8] 9-13

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

The praises of Zion, O God, are your due; Your mercies are countless, our merits are few; The weight of transgressions your grace will remove, And give life we cherish, redeemed by your love. **Refrain**

Your strength has established the sea and the plain; Each day all creation your praise sings again; The God of salvation, our hope for always, A shelter in hard times, the light of our days. **Refrain**

The earth's endless bounty, Lord, let us preserve; Its richness and splendor we less than deserve; The cycle of seasons gives sense to the year, An autumn for harvest, a springtime of cheer! **Refrain**

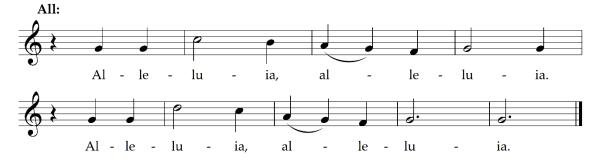
SECOND READING	<i>Romans</i> 8:1-11	New Testament, Pages 149-150
Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.		

Old Testament, Page 702

Hal H. Hopson



Alleluia!



Cantor: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart. (Deuteronomy 30:14) **All:** Repeat "Alleluia"

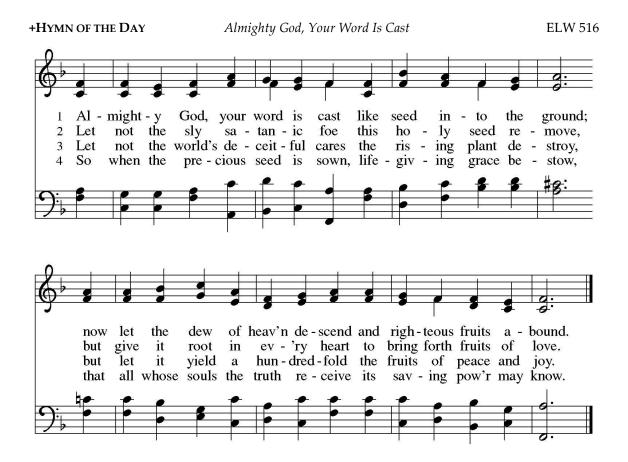
+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

New Testament, Page 13

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

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)

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal those who are sick, O God, especially Pam Wetterlund, recovering from a car accident; Deb Anderson; Mary Paavola; Ann Schrooten; Cori Gershon; Dorothy Kelly; Mark Symchych; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*).). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation will respond, **"Your mercy is great."**

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

+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

Beautiful Things Abs Trewin

Michael Gungor

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



^{*}may be sung in canon

+OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you scatter seeds of goodness and bring forth food from the earth to nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

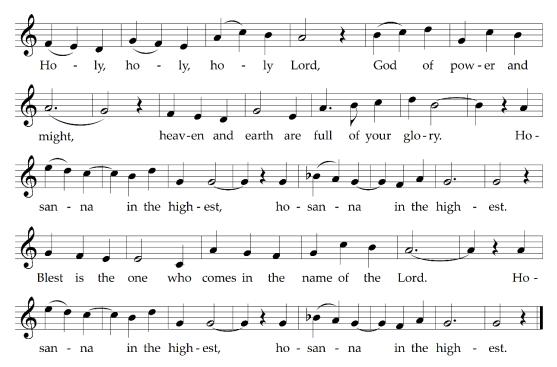
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you scattered your word to make heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. You raised up prophets among your people and through them spoke your word of life and truth. In your compassion, Jesus came among us lifting up those who were bowed down, feeding the hungry, and setting free those held captive by society's chains. Through his living, dying, and rising, we, too, are raised and made new. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





+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.

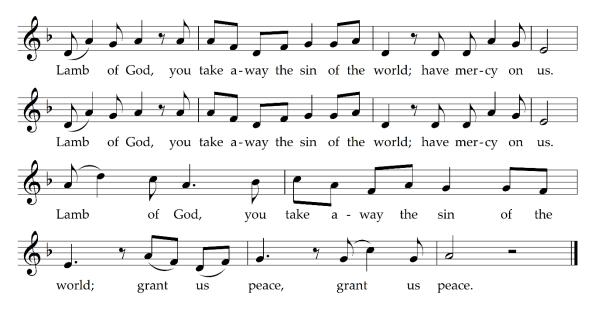
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

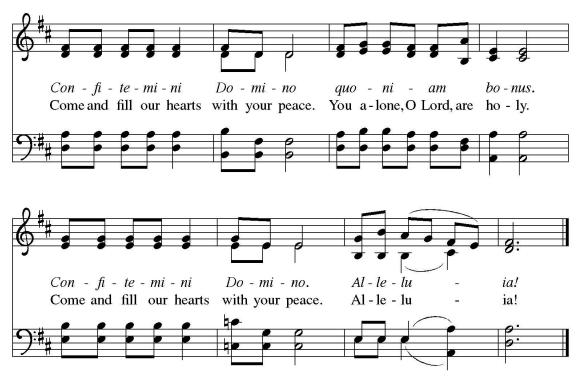
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN



+BLESSING

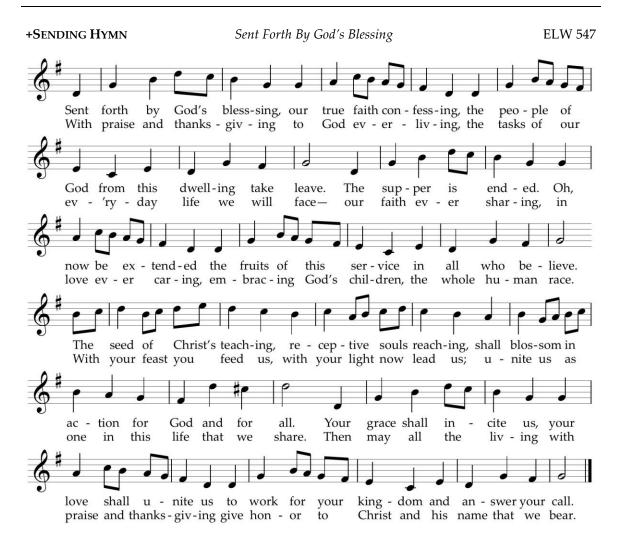
The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God, in this meal, you have planted in us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING



+BENEDICTION

May God sow goodness in your lives; May Christ bring forth good works for the sake of others; And may the Holy Spirit raise you, each day, to life.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

We go in peace to love and to serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gigue

P. Radtke

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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LITURGY: ELW SETTING NINE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	10:00 AM	
Preacher	David Rojas Martinez	
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork	
Crucifer		
Assisting Minister	Sally Kohlstedt	
Communion	Roberta Shaw, Matt Floding, Allison Johnson Heist	
Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Doris Gbala	
Coffee Servers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Counters	Pam Blomgren	
Closer	Bob Hulteen	

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STAFF

Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor (sabbatical leave) Doug Mork, Part-time Associate Pastor Kathy Ekwall, Communications & Congregational Coordinator Nolan Gusdal, Building Maintenance (sabbatical leave) 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

POP-UP HANDBELL CHOIR

You're invited to the summer 2023 pop-up bell choir at Holy Trinity! Whether you've been ringing bells your whole life, or have never picked one up, you're welcome to join in the fun.

Who? Anyone interested in handbells! Ability to read half and quarter notes recommended.

What? One handbell rehearsal and performance at Holy Trinity Sunday worship.

When? Rehearsal **Wednesday**, **July 19**, **from 6-7:30 p.m.**; Ring in worship **Sunday**, **July 23**; meet at 9:00 a.m., service at 10:00 a.m.

RSVP to Logan Olson (lolson@htlcmpls.org) if you'd like to participate.

LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING THURSDAYS

This first annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will provide a space for novice and professional, young and old, shy and confident to join together. We will sing sacred and secular pieces in different styles by composers local and abroad that promote community and music making. Participants do not need to attend all of the rehearsals; come as you are able. Questions and sign up can be directed to Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org).

COCKTAILS IN DEB SODT'S GARDEN SATURDAY, JULY 22, 5:00 P.M.

Member Deb Sodt loves two things: gardening and craft cocktails. Join her in her backyard for garden cocktails (both alcohol and nonalcoholic drinks will be served) and conversation. Sign up in the Community Room.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, JULY 23, 11:00 A.M.

We invite all to join us for music and food in the garden immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. The day's music will be provided by Mariachi Jalisco. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome! If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or serve, contact Jeff Olsen Biebighauser (jbiebigh@gmail.com).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 14-17, 2023, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Please know that Cantor Phil, the pastors, and other staff members are excited for the possibilities of what Vacation Bible School (VBS) will look like in August. We are imagining four days of learning about faith-filled responses to injustices in our neighborhood and greater society. There will be music, food, games, stories, and lots more every day of VBS!

Please call the office to register. We hope you will consider joining us!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 18	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Council Meets
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meets
Wednesday, July 19	6:00-7:30 PM	Pop-Up Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, July 20	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	6:00 PM	Longfellow Summer Sing Rehearsal
Saturday, July 22	5:00 PM	Cocktails in Deb Sodt's Garden
Sunday, July 23	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 AM	Music in the Garden
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM 11:15 *a.m. in the Library*

TODAY "The Legacy of Lutheran Hymnody" Cantor Phil Radtke

Join cantor Phil Radtke in the library for a presentation on our rich musical heritage.

July 23 NO ADULT FORUM

Join us in the Rain Garden at 11:00 a.m. for pizza and music in the garden.

PHOTO EXHIBIT IN COMMUNITY ROOM: OUR AMAZING UNIVERSE-GOD'S CREATION

The astronomy exhibit on display in the Community Room and the Library is the product of Bob Ochtrup, a resident of Becketwood Senior Cooperative. It combines his love of astronomy and photography. The display is the result of Bob's research of NASA computer links and taking screen shots of celestial images.

The exhibit provides diverse images across the spectrum of stellar objects, from planets and our moon to galaxies, star clusters, nebula, nova, supernova, and even a visiting comet.

Look, enjoy, and ponder the wonders and beauty of the universe.