

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 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.

# Welcome to Guest Preacher Larry Farris

The Rev. Larry Farris is a pastor, preacher, teacher (theology, biblical interpretation, preaching, world religions, and composition), and spiritual director-pastoral coach. He is the author of Dynamics of Small Town Ministry, Ten Commandments for Pastors New to a Congregation, and Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation as well as numerous articles. Now retired, he served Presbyterian churches in Maryland and Michigan. A voracious reader, Larry loves to garden, cook, travel, walk, cycle, canoe, grandfather, and sing. In addition to loving theater and film, he is moderately obsessed with the history and literature of the Great War. His wife Pat is a retired hospice nurse, an accomplished flutist and watercolorist, and serves on the board of the Haiti Nursing Foundation. Their son Jordan lives outside Chicago with his wife Joanna and their children, Alec and Demi. Daughter Rachel lives in Minneapolis with her husband Fernando and their daughter Luciana. Larry is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Princeton Theological Seminary.

+invites the congregation to stand

# **GATHER**

PRELUDE Chant de Paix Jean Langlais

+GATHERING HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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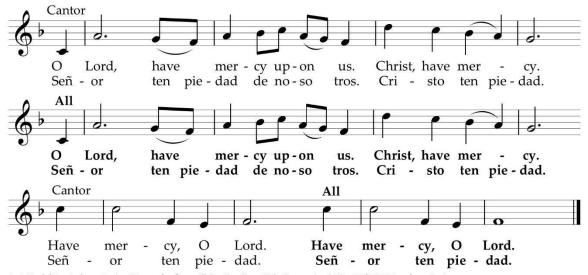
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#### +GREETING

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



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#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

#### WELCOME

# WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-7

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

PSALM 40:1-5 Hal Hopson

*Refrain* (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



With patient hope I waited long For God to hear my plea;

And from the depths of my despair, God's arm uplifted me.

My feet are set upon the rock, Where none can make me fall;

My mouth is filled with songs of praise To God, my all in all. Refrain

How blest are those whose faith is strong, Who trust the Lord of Hosts;

They set no store in empty pride, No hope in idle boast.

The treasures of our fragile minds, False Gods of wealth and fame,

Are naught to those who know God's works, And kneel before God's name. Refrain

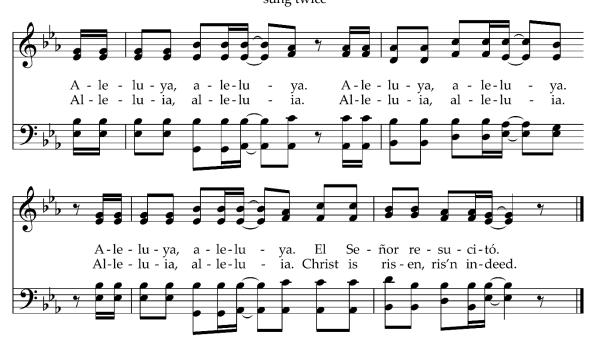
SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-8

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

#### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Alleluia! sung twice



+GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 3:13-17* 

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

#### **SERMON**

#### +HYMN OF THE DAY

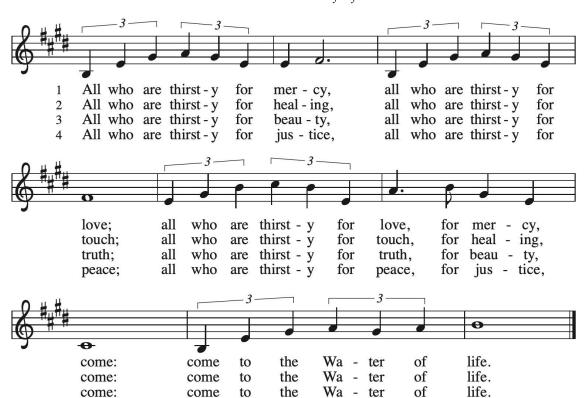
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# Come to the Water of Life



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#### +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)

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. We pray especially for Anna Brelje, upon the death of her grandmother; Mary Paavola, 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). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. 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 these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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** 

River in Judea
Pop-up Choir

Jack Feldman arr. John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.

Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more:

There is a river in Judea that I head of long ago, Halelu, It's a singing, ringing river That my soul cries out to the River in Judea, hallelujah!



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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, offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful 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 all the choirs of angels, 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:

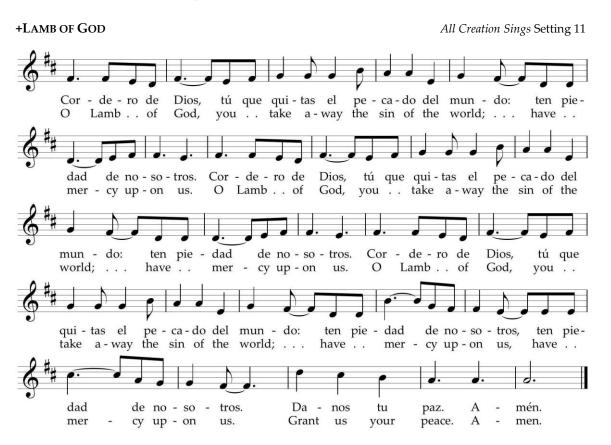
Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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.



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.

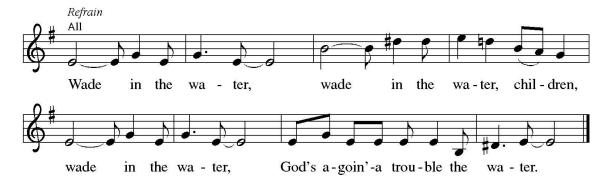
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

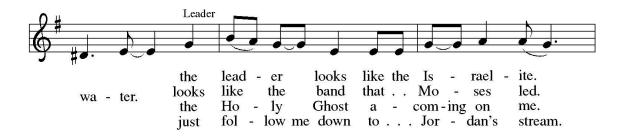
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle,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

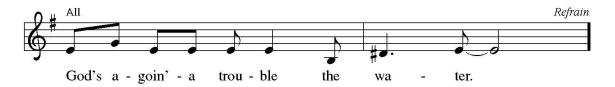
If you wish to receive communion from a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.





- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o ver yon der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be lieve I've been re deemed,





#### +BLESSING

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

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.



#### +BENEDICTION

May the blessings of our God + whose love is ever seeking us; the blessings of Jesus the Christ whose grace is ever mending us; and the blessings of the Holy Spirit whose presence is ever opening new possibilities and wonder to us, be upon you, this day and always.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace; treat everyone you meet as God's beloved child! Thanks be to God.

Postlude Carrillon Phil Radtke

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"As Saints of Old" Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996, alt.

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING ELEVEN

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#### 10:00 AM

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Jody Liedholm
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Scott Cole, Matt Floding, Dennis O'Brien
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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC AT HIDDEN FALLS PARK TODAY AT 5:00 P.M.

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Hidden Falls Park. Plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for potluck.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND GLORIA RINGERS REHEARSE SEPTEMBER 6

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) and Gloria Ringers (6:00-7:30 p.m.) will kick off starting Wednesday, September 6. Each of these ensembles performs in worship every 4-6 weeks. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke. Choir meal will be provided from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Supervised open gym will be available from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

#### BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM 4TH ANNUAL GALA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

You are invited to join others in the Twin Cities for the Bright Stars of Bethlehem 4<sup>th</sup> annual Gala! Enjoy the evening on Saturday, September 16, with new friends who strive to raise awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, the first and only university of arts and culture in Palestine. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Palestinian speaker reporting on his recent visit to the West Bank, 5:45 p.m.; appetizers and refreshments prior to the 7:00 p.m. Bright Stars Gala. RSVP to Mary Engen at <a href="mailto:engenmary@vahoo.com">engenmary@vahoo.com</a> by Monday, September 11.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNION BREAD, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join other bakers at 10:00 a.m., September 9, for a communion bread baking demonstration and social hour. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. Stephanie Sulzbach will share her techniques for baking communion bread. Sign up in the Community Room.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.

Watch your mailbox for a letter announcing a congregational meeting Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Letters were mailed on Thursday.

#### **UKRAINE: WAR AND RESISTANCE**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting the photojournalism exhibit "Ukraine: War and Resistance" from until September 10. A panel will highlight the courageous work of award-winning photojournalists and discuss the current situation at the adult forum on September 3.

Several Ukrainians will be there to lead discussion and there will be luncheon platters from Kramarczuk's Eastern European Deli. A free will offering, and donations will go directly to Rebuild Ukraine, a non-profit that contributes directly to Ukrainian civilians and programs.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 29	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, August 30	5:30 PM	Family Fun Night
Sunday, September 3	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:15 AM	Adult Forum
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

# **ADULT FORUM**

11:15 a.m. Sunday

# TODAY "Rural-Urban Divide and Interdependence" - Part 2 Jon Anderson, Rural Ministry Director, Luther Seminary

Framing shapes what we see and don't see in a piece of art or as we grapple with relationships. The political framing of our time describes a growing rural-urban divide. How is that framing unhelpful and inaccurate? What if urban and rural people and congregations have more in common than we imagine? As Christ followers, we are more interdependent than divided. Let's grow more curious about our rural and small-town neighbors we are called to love.

# September 3 Ukraine: War and Resistance Photojournalism Exhibit

Holy Trinity will host the photojournalism exhibit "Ukraine: War and Resistance" from August 20 to September 10. A panel of photojournalists will highlight the courageous work of award-winning photojournalists and discuss the current situation. Lunch will be provided.

# September 10 No Adult Forum

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, IS THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE SUMMER SCHEDULE

On September 10 we are back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m.