

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 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.

+invites the congregation to stand

Today's bulletin cover art was created by Peter Schroeder. Thank you, Peter!

## **GATHER**

Prelude Arise Jason Krug

## Gloria Ringers, Small Group

+GATHERING HYMN

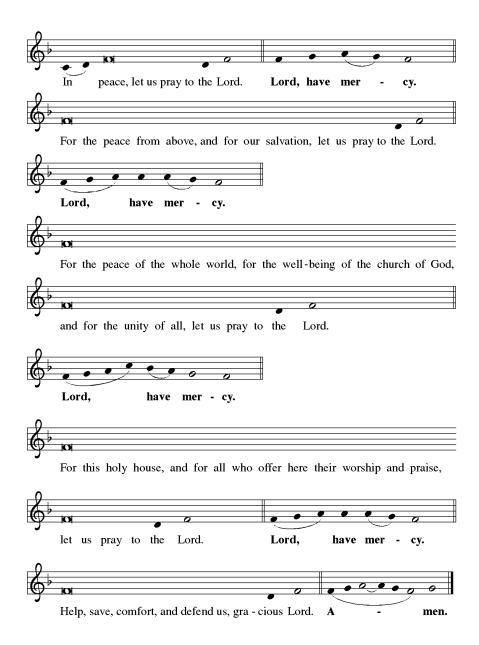
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



#### +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





#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beautiful Holy One, you choose to live among your people, born in human likeness. You feel the sufferings of embodied life, and in love you transform pain to newness of life. Here among us now, make for yourself a people of new hearts and new spirits. Correct all unfair ways. Teach us your paths. Turn your creation again toward life!

Amen.

Please be seated.

#### WELCOME

## Word

#### FIRST READING

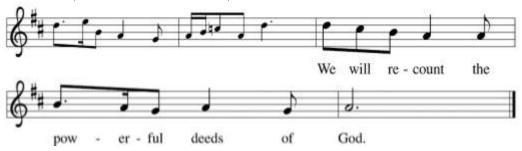
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Paul Nicholson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the word of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done. **Refrain** 

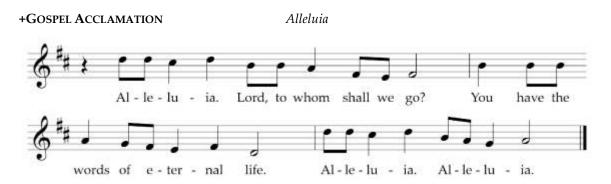
God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan, splitting open the sea and letting them pass through; making the waters stand up like walls; and all the night with a glow of fire; splitting the rocks in the wilderness and giving them drink as from the deep;

bringing streams out of a rock, making them flow down like a river. Refrain

#### SECOND READING

## Philippians 2:1-13

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



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

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

#### THE STORY: FIRE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND REPARATIONS

#### LITANY OF RELEASE

Fire supports life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the light, warmth, food, and sacred energy that fire provides.

Fire needs tending. We give thanks for Brian Dragonfly, who invited us into this work.

We give thanks for those congregants who have created space in their homes and hearts for this sacred task.

Fire transforms.

The Spirit clothes herself in flame, refining and shaping us, calling us to see the divine in each other, to learn a new dance of love.

These flames call us to truthful examination, repentance, and collective action toward repair. Indigenous communities have been denied opportunity, freedom, and land. These social sins, very present today, cause moral injury to all people.

The work of reparations is a spiritual journey toward redemption and belonging. It's relational work with a long horizon.

We journey together because all of us need to be made well.

Fire promises freedom.

In the burning bush, atop Mount Sinai, through the wilderness, fire signals God's presence and shows us how to walk side by side, sharing courage and comfort on the journey.

New possibilities emerge from the ashes. Like the phoenix, hearts—once hardened and divided—can arise and beat together with love.

May our connection with MIGIZI, deepened by these flames, keep burning for generations to come.

In the Easter Vigil Exsultet, we join our voices, saying, "We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed." It is in that spirit that we now pass the flame that has been burning in our hearts and homes since May 2020.

Electric candles can be lit by turning the flame. Worship leaders will come to the aisles to light your wax candles. When lighting wax candles, please tip only the unlit candle.



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 put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

#### Receive our prayer.

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

## Receive our prayer.

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

#### Receive our prayer.

Fill us with your fire as we pray for the witness and work of Migizi. Bless their staff, board, leaders and all those whose lives they touch. Multiply their work within the Indigenous community and may they continue to be a bold witness to justice and an instrument of healing for all. Merciful God,

## Receive our prayer.

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way, especially Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; Cliff Brown; Margaret Peterson; Mary Paavola; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

## Receive our prayer.

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

## Receive 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, "Receive 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)**Jesus, Feed Us

Trinity Singers

Ray Makeever
arr. Brian Wentzel

Andrew Winfield, cello

(11:00) Born Anew to Share Robert Wetzler
Adult Choir

As rain and snow from heaven fall, God showers blessings over all; And meadows burs with golden flowers: The word descends; God's gifts are ours.

Baptized in love beyond compare, We're born anew to share.

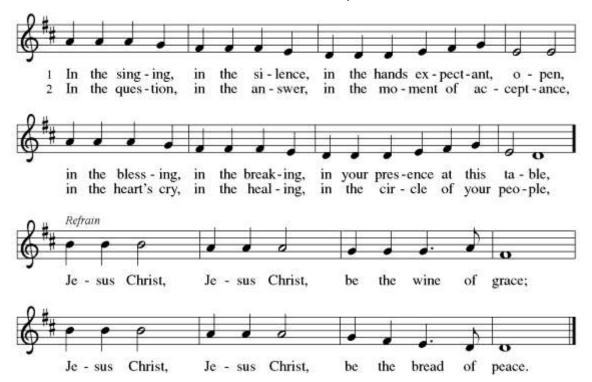
We were his foes; yet Christ came down - He set aside his throne, his crown For us took up the cross and strife That we, through him, might have new life. O blest Redeemer, stir our hearts To share the love your life imparts. A sister needs; will we be near? A brother cries; will we not hear?

A word of caring, gentle, mild, A cup of water for a child In these the Kingdom comes in might: The weak made strong, the wrong made right. We use the talents given to each, To serve, support, to pray, to teach, The Kingdom over the world to spread, The Church the body, Christ the head.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

## In the Singing

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 in all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting us as one body. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

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.

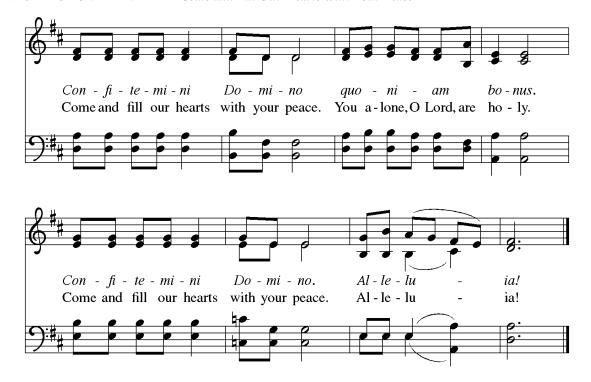
If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

There Is a Balm in Gilead Gloria Ringers, Small Group arr. Kevin McChesney

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace



#### +BLESSING

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

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God of new life: thank you for revealing yourself to use in the breaking of the bread. Now raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. In Jesus' name we pray.

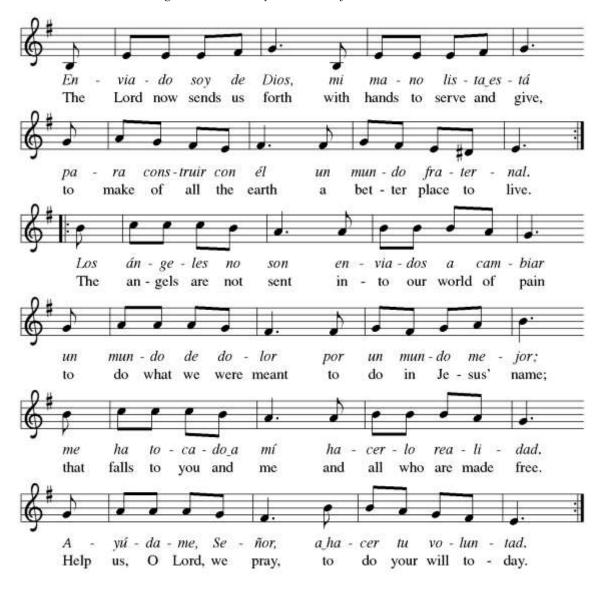
Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### +SENDING HYMN

#### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



#### +BENEDICTION

May the God of Love who shared love strengthen us in our love for others.

May Jesus the Christ who shared life grant us grace that we too might share our lives.

And may the fire of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be faithful in our service.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Fanfare in G 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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Music: DOWN AMPNEY, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 "In the Singing" Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020. Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young 1926-2023

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## LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Lynda Nordholm	Speaker	Lynda Nordholm
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen
	Crucifer	
Caren Hiatt	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Margaret Kelly
Nicki Hines, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Sue Roberts
David Broberg, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Chris Amundson
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad
Nicki Hines	Coffee	
Joyce Peterson, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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## PARISH INFORMATION

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3-INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Come and help us with dusting, organizing, and cleaning some of our indoor spaces, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join us for any amount of time that you are able. Sign-up in the Community Room.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3—KNITTING GROUP

Knitters (and 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 in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (<u>liz.bill.blood@gmail.com</u>)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5-MIGIZI GRAND OPENING

Come join MIGIZI for prayer, feast, performances, and more on Thursday, October 5, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Please note, reservations are required. Register and save your spot <a href="here">here</a>. The flame we've been tending will be extinguished during this event.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7-DAVID LARSON-MARTÍNEZ ORDINATION

It is with joy that we report that David Larson-Martínez received a unanimous "yes" at the congregational meeting. Please plan to join us for the Rite of Ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, October 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. It will be live-streamed, too!

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY OCTOBER 9-13**

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of Oct. 9-13. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on 5 routes. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square Cooperatives at 50th St. and 35th Ave. S. at 11:15 a.m. The routes take approximately 1-1 ½ hours. Please let Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) know if you are interested or have questions.

#### OUCH! THAT HURTS! MOVING FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS

Join facilitators David Scherer and Joe Davis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, as we gather to work against anti-Blackness and white supremacy and build more skills in caring communications about race. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 12:00-1:30 P.M.

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

## PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, October 2	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 3	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Indoor Work Day
	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	2:00 PM	Knitting
Wednesday, October 4	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
Thursday, October 5	5:30-7:30 PM	Migizi Reopening
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Saturday, October 7	2:00 PM	Ordination for David Larson-Martínez
Sunday, October 8	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 "Reflections on the Practice of Book Banning" Roberta Shaw

We will launch Banned Books Week with an open discussion about banned and challenged books. If you have a favorite banned book, bring it along. We will have a display of our library's banned books.

## October 8 "Report from NYC"

## Deacon David and our Confirmands

Join us for a "Report from NYC" by our confirmation students following their August trip.