

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

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

GATHER

PRELUDE

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Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

+GATHERING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

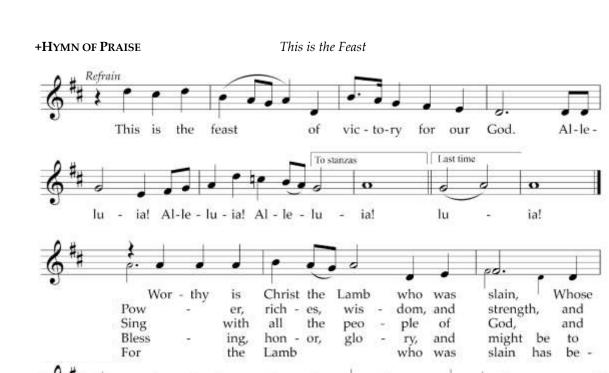


+GREETING

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

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God of debts forgiven, you call to account our hunger for power; you disturb hierarchies which crush the weak: break the vicious cycles of revenge and domination that we might look to him whose mercy never ends, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

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Amen.

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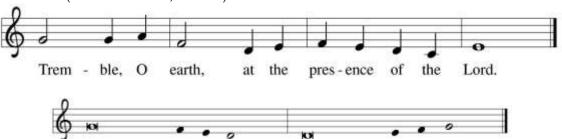
FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

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

PSALM 114 Linda Cable Schute

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



Hallelujah! When Israel came | out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people | of strange speech,

²Judah became God's ¹ sanctuary and Israel ¹ God's dominion.

³The sea beheld | it and fled;

Jordan turned | and went back.

⁴The mountains | skipped like rams, and the little hills | like young sheep. Refrain

⁵What ailed you, O sea, ¹ that you fled,

O Jordan, that | you turned back,

⁶you mountains, that you | skipped like rams, you little hills | like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence ¹ of the LORD, at the presence of the ¹ God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the hard rock into a ¹ pool of water and flint-stone into a ¹ flowing spring. Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days. born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne. heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; We live in God's world.

> We believe in God: who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, To live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, Our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Carol Masters

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)

Creator, Spirit of Life, we are grateful in this season of harvests for our planet's living soil and water. Help us to be aware of all who contribute to nourishing food systems for our tables--farmers, truckers, researchers, water protectors, line workers and field workers. May we remember, too, all who benefit less from this bounty--those who wonder when and where their next meal will be, such as people who are homeless and refugees, and those who wonder how to feed their families. Merciful One,

Hear our prayer.

Spirit of Compassion, guide the leaders of nations, states and peoples so that wise decisions bring peace and well-being to those in their charge. Teach your human children how we may be responsive to the needs of this earth and the structures that sustain life. Merciful One,

Hear our prayer.

Spirit of Justice, your steadfast love teaches us how to forgive. We pray that wars may come to an end, that systems of oppression lose their power and that your children re-learn and find strength in community. Give us courage and humility in our daily actions as individuals and as a congregation. Merciful One,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we remember all who are suffering this summer: those who have lost homes; loved ones injured in the excessive heat, wildfires, droughts, rainstorms, and hurricanes; and those who are ill, despairing, troubled, frightened or grieving, especially for the family of Leo Geter, upon the death of his husband Tim Mason; Cliff Brown, Margaret Peterson, Mary Paavola, Dorothy Kelly, and Cori Gershon and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Bring them healing and hope through the love and care of others, including us. Merciful One,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Merciful One," 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 fellowship and love with those around you.

OFFERING (8:45)

Andante religioso

George Job Elvey

(11:00) Look at the World John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creations, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river; field and plain:

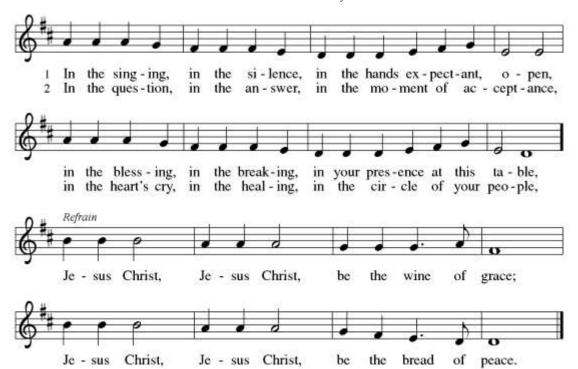
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth and his the heavens above:

+OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Singing

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,

The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

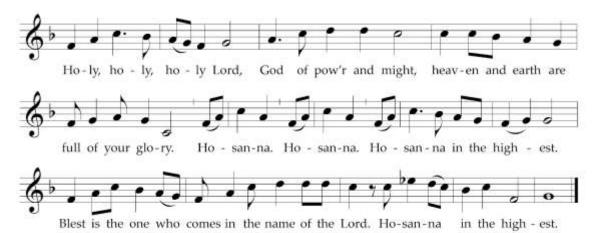
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O eternal Wisdom, you laid the foundations of the earth, and breathed life into every creature, creating us in our variety to cherish your world and seek your face. We praise you and give you thanks for your abundant love toward this earth. You entered our struggle, that you might deliver all creation from its bondage to oppression and decay.

Therefore, with those whose voice is silenced, with those who call for freedom, those whose harvest celebration sings through hardship and labor and love; and crying with them for that new creation when the morning stars shall sing together and all the children of God shout for joy, we praise you, singing:

+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.

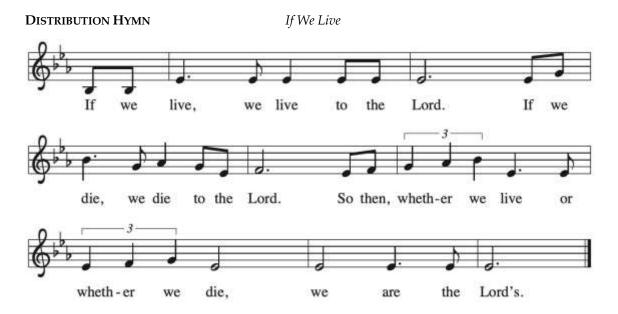
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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.





+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Christ, our Savior and guide.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

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 strengthen us in our love for others.

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

And may 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

Improvisation

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

11:00 AM

8:45 AM

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David Larson-Martínez	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly
Linda Berglin, David Broberg, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Tom and Kari Kleven, Matt Floding
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Roberta Shaw
Joyce Peterson, Chris Engen	Counters	Debora Helmel, Wayne Vetter
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PARISH INFORMATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, PASTOR INGRID ORDINATION 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Please take a moment to wish Pastor Ingrid congratulations on the 10^{th} anniversary of her ordination. We are blessed and grateful to have her.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 26-PUBLIC THEOLOGY PROJECT WITH DR. AMY LEVAD

Professor Amy Levad, a theologian and ethicist at the University of St. Thomas, is looking for community direction for the project she will be doing with Holy Trinity related to this community's engagement and experience of the uprising following the murder of George Floyd. There is more information on this project in the Fall Calendar and she will be joining us during the coffee time after worship on Sunday, September 17 for questions and informal conversation. In this first phase of the project, she is looking for community guidance on questions like: What stories need to be heard? How should they be collected? Where and how should they be shared? Towards that end she is holding two informal sessions at Holy Trinity in the library:

- · Thursday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 pm
- · Tuesday, September 26, 7:00-9:00 pm

(Spanish translation available)

We invite you to attend one of these sessions so that you may help us shape this project in the coming months. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the community room or RSVP to Amy at amy.levad@stthomas.edu.

SACRED SITES TOUR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on a Sacred Sites Tour, part of the Healing Minnesota Stories initiative of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Tours are led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experience the sites in silence/meditation/reflection. Please call, email (office@htlcmpls.org) or sign up in the Community Room. We will gather at Holy Trinity and drive together to the Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, where the tour begins at 10:00 a.m.

LAY COMMUNION VISITORS COFFEE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12:15 P.M.

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. In many cases, new and lasting relationships are forged between the person visited and the visitor. The program is a tremendous help to the pastors, who visit each homebound member several times per year. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for coffee after the second service at 12:15 a.m. in the library. Sign up in the Community Room.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28-20S AND 30S HAPPY HOUR AT ARBEITER BREWING

Hey, members in your 20s and 30s! Let's meet up at Arbeiter. If it's nice, we'll be on the patio. If it's cold, we'll be inside. We'll plan to be there from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a food truck there, too!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29- YOUTH AND FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT

From 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. all youth, including current confirmation students and recently confirmed folks, as well as their families are invited to get together at the church building for an evening of hanging out, pizza-eating, and games at the church.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30–FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OUTING TO FARM NEAR NORTHFIELD

Meet the Children, Youth, and Family Teams at a friend's farm near Northfield, Minnesota. We will gather from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are horses, chickens, and bees as well as restored prairies at the farm. We will enjoy time in nature and among animals as we partake of a hayride, devotion, and lunch.

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 (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5-MIGIZI GRAND OPENING

It's finally here! Save the date for MIGIZI's Grand Opening! We are so excited to gather with our community and celebrate the completion of our building. Come join MIGIZI for prayer, feast, performances, and more on Thursday, October 5, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Please note, reservations are required. Register and save your spot here

PS: The MIGIZI summer canoe trips were a great success. Consider donating to further help with this year's expenses and get a head start on next summer. Go to the "Donate" tab on the Holy Trinity website and designate your gift for "MIGIZI Summer Programs."



MIGIZI FLAME TO BE EXTINGUISHED

This is the day we have eagerly awaited! Mike Miller heard from Kelly Drummer that she agrees the flame should be returned and extinguished at MIGIZI's Grand Opening on October 5th!

It has been a longer journey than we could have anticipated when Pr Ingrid compassionately said yes to the request to keep the flame. I did a bit of rough calculation of our journey: well over 400 candles have burned in 12 homes for more than 40 months by the time the flame will be returned. The flame has been at the heart of our homes in these months. Many of us have retold the story to our friends and neighbors as they saw the candle burning in our homes. And many of us have centered the flame as part of our meals, prayers, devotions. It has been a unique time for accompanying our native friends, for deeper learning of Indian history, and for understanding the challenges for communities of color to rebuild. It is a story of new life arising out of death. We say his name, George Floyd.

I am grateful, as I know you all are, to have been part of this holy journey. And as at any journey's end, I am relieved that we have kept the flame alive so that it may now come full circle to the remarkable new MIGIZI community home - whew!

Thanks to each of you beloveds for saying yes to keeping the flame!

~ Lynda Nordholm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7-DAVID LARSON-MARTÍNEZ ORDINATION

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, September 18	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 19	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, September 20	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:30-8:30 PM	Trinity singers
Thursday, September 21	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Saturday, September 23	9:30 AM-2:30 PM	Sacred Sites Tour
Sunday, September 24	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 A Panel of Chaplains

Reverends Babette Chatman and Kate Reuer Welton

Reverends Babette Chatman (Augsburg University Chaplain) and Kate Reuer Welton (Lutheran Campus Ministries--U of M) will participate in a panel presentation and Q&A with Adult Forum attendees. Learn about our amazing Campus Ministries, their joys, challenges, and how we can encourage them!

September 24 Longfellow School Christine Sanguinet

Meet the new principal, Christine Sanguinet. She will tell us all the news about the school, ways we can be involved and how we can support the this long-time partner.