

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Robin Olsen Biebighauser. Thank you, Robin!

GATHER

PRELUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maureen Howell

+GATHERING HYMN

Faith Begins by Letting Go

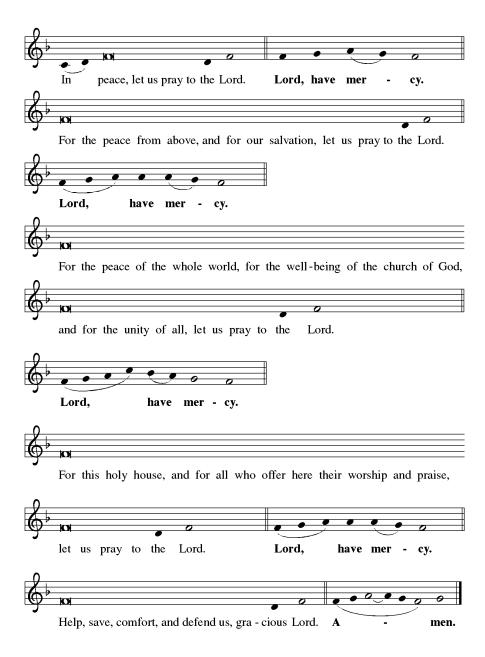
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



+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.**

+KYRIE





+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, whose gift defies the balance sheet of ownership and just reward: free our hearts and minds from the envy which holds us captive; shape our lives to show your economy of grace through Jesus Christ, whose extravagant mercy knows no bounds.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

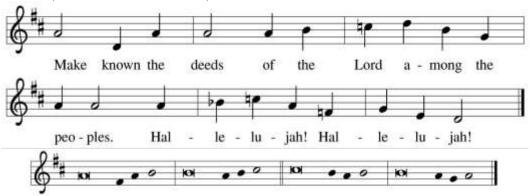
FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45 Thomas Keesecker

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



Give thanks to the LORD and call up- on God's name;

make known the deeds of the LORD a- mong the peoples.

²Sing to the | LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's | marvelous works.

³Glory in God's ¹ holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the ¹ LORD rejoice.

⁴Search for the strength ¹ of the LORD; continually ¹ seek God's face.

⁵Remember the marvels | God has done, the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

⁶O offspring of Abra- ¹ ham, God's servant,

O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones. Refrain

³⁷You led out your people with sil- ¹ ver and gold;

in all their tribes there was not 1 one that

stumbled.

gladness,

³⁸Egypt was glad to ¹ see them go, because they were a- ¹ fraid of them.

 39 You spread out a cloud † for a covering and a fire to give † light by night.

⁴⁰They asked, and ¹ you brought quail, and satisfied them with ¹ bread from heaven.

 41 You opened the rock, and † water flowed,

so the river ran in | the dry places.

⁴²For you remembered your | holy word and Abra- | ham your servant. Refrain ⁴³So you led forth your peo- | ple with

your chosen with | shouts of joy.

 44 You gave your people the lands † of the nations,

and they took the fruit of | others' toil,

⁴⁵that they might | keep your statutes and observe your teachings. |

Hallelujah! Refrain

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

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



Alleluia



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

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

SERMON



+AFFIRMATION 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.

+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

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)

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. We pray especially for Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; 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). God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," 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 friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING (8:45)

Finale from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00)

O Lord, Increase My Faith
Adult Choir

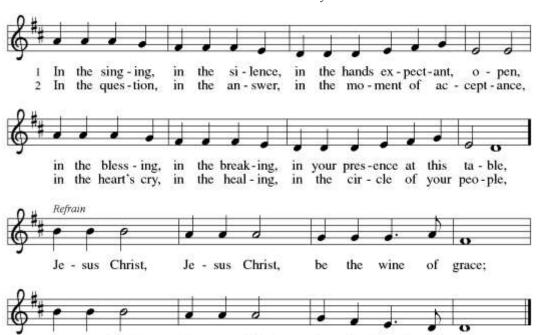
Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity help me to say Amen.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Singing

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



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+OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

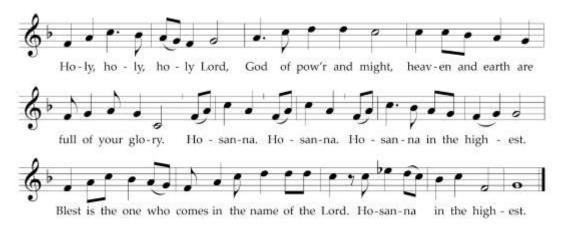
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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.

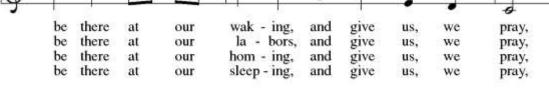
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle,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

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness









+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

+BLESSING-PRAYER FOR GODSPEED: A SERVICE OF FAREWELL FOR PAM KILDAHL

The Scriptures are filled with stories of people who have been called to move to new places: Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Joseph, Paul and Barnabas, Priscilla and Aquilla. Filled with uncertainty about what lay ahead, these people of God could not have found their moves easy. Yet they were also filled with excitement, trusting that God was calling them and guiding them to a new place.

And now you, our beloved friend, are preparing to leave us and go to a new place, a new home, and a new church.

As a part of this body of Christ over the past years, you have given of yourself in ways that we have appreciated and will miss.

We ask God's blessing upon you as we lift our hearts in prayer. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the wide and wonderful world in which we live. We praise you for your constant care for those who have trusted you in ages past, who journeyed in faith to new lands of promise. We trust that now you will hold Pam securely in your hands as she, too, follows your call to a new place. May she take with her a heart filled with your love and grace, that those with whom she lives and works may see in her the face of Jesus Christ.

Bless her that she may be a blessing. Guide her to a new church home, where she may continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pam, may God's rich blessings be yours!

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

The God of glory, \pm Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Allegro Domenico Scarlatti

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 SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly
Kris Christians, Anne Beschnett, Allison Johnson Heist	Communion	Sean Gosiewski, Sue Roberts
David Broberg,	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser,
Sally and David Kohlstedt		Chris Amundson
	Coffee	Joy Nelson, Sue Roberts
Annie Hines, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Wayne Vetter

Closer

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David Larson-Martínez, Community
Engagement and Education Coordinator
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Kaia Ellis, Financial Administrator

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Allison Johnson Heist, Council President Gretchen Lund, Council Vice President Erin Henry, Council Secretary Katie Schroeder, Council Treasurer

PARISH INFORMATION

LAY COMMUNION VISITORS COFFEE, TODAY, 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, SEPT. 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 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 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please note, reservations are required. Register and save your spot here

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.

LIBRARY NOTES

Check out the library cart in the Community Room today. You will find forgiveness resources to follow up on Deacon David's sermon last week as well as books related to this past week's writings in our "Meaning" booklet. Want to visit the library during the week? Both the adult and youth libraries are open on weekdays and Sunday morning. Remember that you can go to https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/ to see our catalogue online. Thanks for using the library!

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.

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.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, September 25	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 26	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, September 27	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singer Rehearsal
Thursday, September 28	5:00-7:00 PM	20s and 30s Happy Hour at Arbeiter
Friday, September 29	6:00-10:00 PM	Youth and Family Pizza Night
Saturday, September 30	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Feast of St. Francis Outing
Sunday, October 1	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 "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 this long-time partner.

October 1 "Reflections on the Practice of Book Banning" Roberta Shaw

More information will be available next week.