

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 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

GATHER

Prelude

+GATHERING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

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



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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Passionate God, walking to Golgotha in the midst of our confusion: free us from our images of you which keep you enthroned in idle power, apart from the pain and sin of the world; lead us to embrace the scandal of the cross and let our violence die that greater life might rise; through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

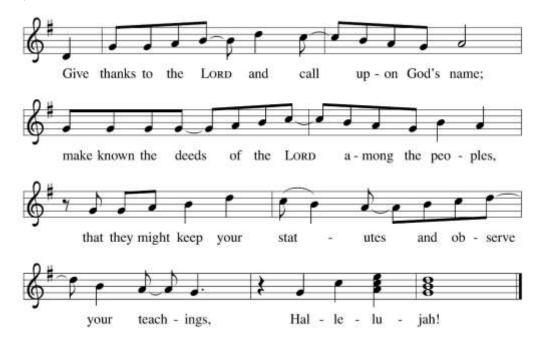
FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45B

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



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

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

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Refrain

Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done and the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth, O offspring of Abraham, God's servant O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. **Refrain**

Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. The Lord made the people of Israel very fruitful, more numerous than their enemies, whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people, and dealt unjustly with the servants of God. O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, and Aaron, your chosen one. **Refrain**

Roland Woehr

SECOND READING

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

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)

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. We pray especially for Margaret Peterson, 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*). 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 these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

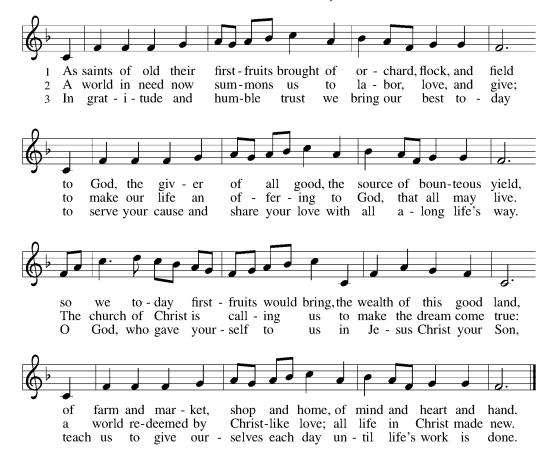
OFFERING

+OFFERTORY HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+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: +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 a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN





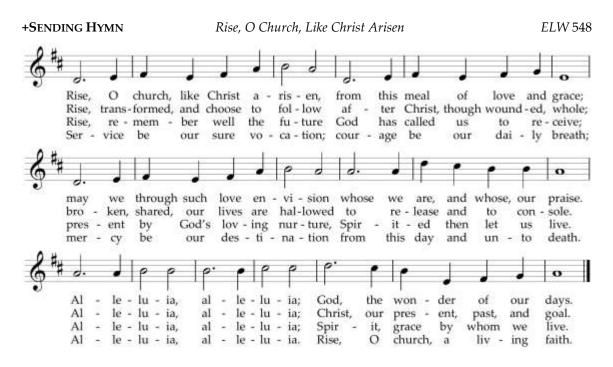
+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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



+BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING ELEVEN

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	10:00 AM	
Preacher	Doug Mork	
Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez	
Altar Guild	Doris Gbala	
Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
Cantor	Pam Kildahl	
Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson	
Ushers	Chris Amundson, David Broberg, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Communion	Nicki Hines, Katy Benson, Pam Blomgren	
Coffee Servers	Roberta Shaw, Connie Adams	
Counters	Annie Hines, Deb Helmel	
Closer		

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STAFF

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DAVID ROJAS MARTINEZ IS NOW DAVID LARSON-MARTINEZ

You may already have noticed that, but in case you have not, my name has changed! My full name is now David Larson-Martínez. In 2012, when coming out to my parents after accepting that I could be gay *and* Christian, my father disowned me. Since then, I have not wanted to carry his surname.

In Spanish naming customs, people carry multiple last names which tell a person's familial history. The first last name is traditionally the male parent's and the second last name is traditionally the female parent's. Never is there a hyphen; on and on they go spanning generations, back and forth in gender, attempting to prove a pedigree of sorts. This is why, for example, famous activist Dolores Huerta's full name is Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta and famous author Gabriel García's full name is Gabriel José de la Concordia García Márquez. Quite the mouthfuls, huh?

I chose to drop all of my paternal last names. I also chose to only keep my first maternal last name (Martínez) honoring my mother: Margarita Martínez Flores y Alemán. When I was disowned in 2012, a mentor and friend (Phyllis Larson Schroeder) supported me through my time in undergrad, heartbreak, and discernment of call to ministry; she has continued to be a part of my life's story. Last year she asked me if I would preach her funeral sermon when the time comes, and I asked if I could carry her last name. We were both honored. In living into my identity as an immigrant in the U.S. as well as originally a Latin American, I chose to keep the accented Martínez but add a hyphen after Larson. Both my mother and Phyllis attended the Hennepin County court hearing wherein I petitioned to have my name legally changed and the judge ordered it so. I am now proudly David Larson-Martínez!

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.

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. Sign up in the Community Room.

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

The Church Council has voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the recommendation from the Call Committee to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.; please join us in person if you can. You may also join the meeting and vote via Zoom. Meeting ID: 826 7762 4355 Passcode: 695691

Sunday, September 10—Renewal Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks, Bible Distribution, Healing Station, Congregational Meeting, and Music in the Garden

Students of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to worship at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. for a special moment set aside to ask God's blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall. Teachers will be recognized and blessed as well, especially those who volunteer to teach our children and youth at Holy Trinity.

Bibles will be distributed to students during worship. If your child needs a new Bible, let Deacon David know by emailing him at <u>drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org</u>. All students who are entering Trinity Village 3 (grades 4-5) and those entering confirmation (grades 6-9) will receive Bibles. Beginning today, we will return to the practice of kids joining us at the back of the sanctuary and offering the dismissal.

At 10:00 a.m., we will have a congregational meeting in the sanctuary for the purpose of voting to on the recommendation from the Call Committee to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity.

Join us for music and food in the garden at 12:00 p.m. (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service). The Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Band (our building partner) will be providing the music. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!



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Monday, September 4	Labor Day	Building Closed	
Tuesday, September 5	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
	2:00 PM	Knitting Group	
Wednesday, September 6	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal	
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir	
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Gym Time	
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers	
Thursday, September 7	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night	
Saturday, September 9	10:00 AM	Communion Bread Baking	
Sunday, September 10	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	10:00 AM	Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary	
	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Education	
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	12:00 PM	Music and Lunch in the Garden	
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service	

CHURCH SCHEDULE

ADULT FORUM

11:15 a.m. in the Library

TODAY 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

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RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE ON SEPTEMBER 10

Beginning September 10, we will have two worship services on Sunday mornings: one at 8:45 and one at 11:00 a.m. Adult Forums will convene at 10:00 a.m., youth education takes place from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.