

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 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 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.

Todays bulletin art is provided by Simon Morrell, based on the theme "Be prepared."

Simon has this to say about his cover art: "It means be prepared because you're waiting at a bus stop and it starts raining and you have an umbrella. But you see another person waiting for the bus and he was not prepared because he didn't bring an umbrella. And he asked you, Can I go under the umbrella, because I am not prepared! And you say: sure! And you shared your umbrella."

# **GATHER**

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE Pastorale per Organo Bernardo Pasquini

Please stand for the Land Acknowledgement

#### +LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We collectively acknowledge that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. Holy Trinity resides on land that was cared for and called home by the Dakota people and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Dakota in 1805 through a fake treaty, this land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region. We recognize and continually support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native nations in this territory and beyond. By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold this church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America accountable to American Indian peoples and nations.

Remain standing 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

Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

# Word

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

Old Testament, Pages 878-879

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

PSALM 70 Nancy Raabe

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



Be pleased O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. **Refrain** 

Let those who say to me, "Aha!" and gloat over me, turn back because of their shame. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!" **Refrain** 

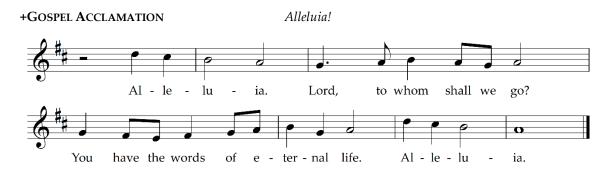
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliv'rer; O LORD, do not tarry. **Refrain** 

## SECOND READING

# 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

New Testament, Page 196

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



+GOSPEL READING

*Matthew* 25:1-13

New Testament, Page 26

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

**SERMON** 



+INTERCESSIONS Lois Eid

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)

Benevolent God, we bring our prayers of thanks and appreciation before you today as we acknowledge our many blessings of weather which brings both sunshine and rain, bountiful food supplies, warm homes and friends and family with whom we share our companionship and love. Help us to be good stewards of our blessings to share with our many siblings in our town, in our country, in our world who are struggling without adequate supplies of the things we take for granted. In your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Reconciling God, we ask that you give us the spirit of compassion so we can look at everyone with acceptance rather than judgment. Help us to be ready to extend the hand of friendship though the hand may be a different color or shape and the face may not be smiling. In your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

God of all Power, we join the Psalmist in acknowledging you as our Deliverer and plead for help as our world appears to be exploding around us – the explosions of bombs in Gaza and Israel and the explosions of guns in the ever-increasing mass murders in our country and in the warfare abroad. Let those who are continuing to deface our land and ignore the warnings of impending disaster to our planet be put to shame. Be pleased, O God, to deliver us. In your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

God of all Power, let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. In your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Omnipotent God, we ask for your hand of healing for those who are suffering with loss of one type or another: loss of good health, of job, of home, of a loved one, of family. Today we especially remember the family of Katie Schroeder, whose father died this past week; Joyce Hanson; Joel Wiberg's sister-in-law Anne Wiberg; Joyce Peterson; Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom, Diane; 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). In your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Most merciful God, hear our petitions and give us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing and renewing love, through Jesus 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)** 

Keep Your Lamps!

arr. Andre Thomas

(8:45) Trinity Singers, (11:00) Adult Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

#### Abba, Abba, Hear Us

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

O God of justice, you illumine our lives through your Son, and you fill us with good things at your table. Help us to be bearers of the goodness with which you feed us, for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our redeemer and guide.

Amen.

# +GREAT THANKSGIVING

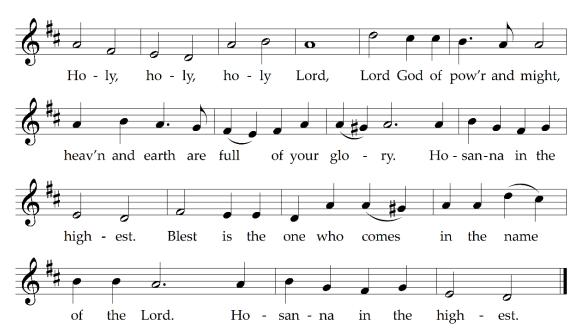
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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 give thanks and praise to you, O 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 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.

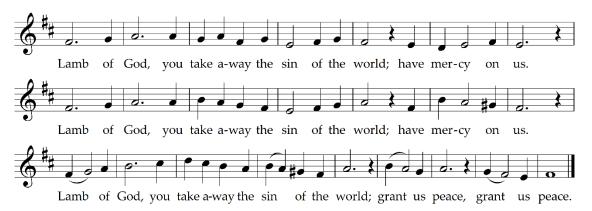
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

All are welcome at the table.

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.

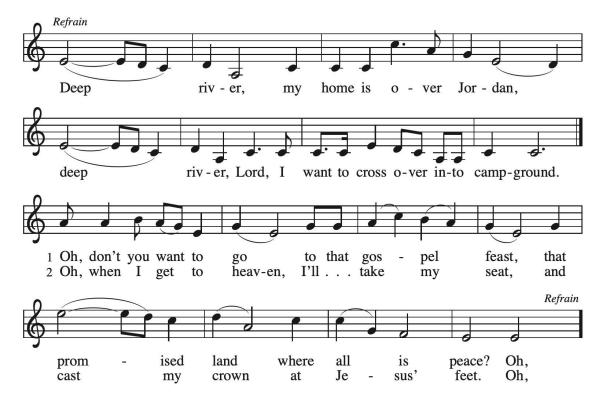
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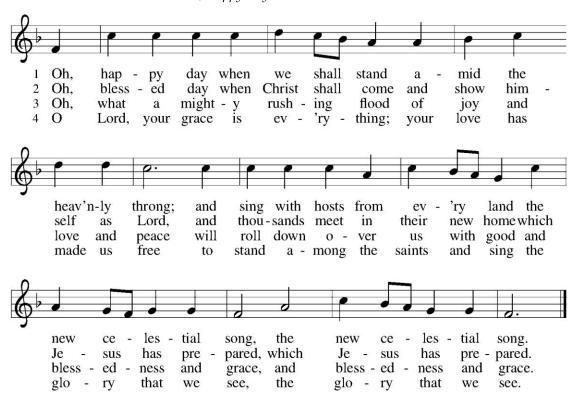
#### **HEALING**

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

# Deep River





#### +BLESSING

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

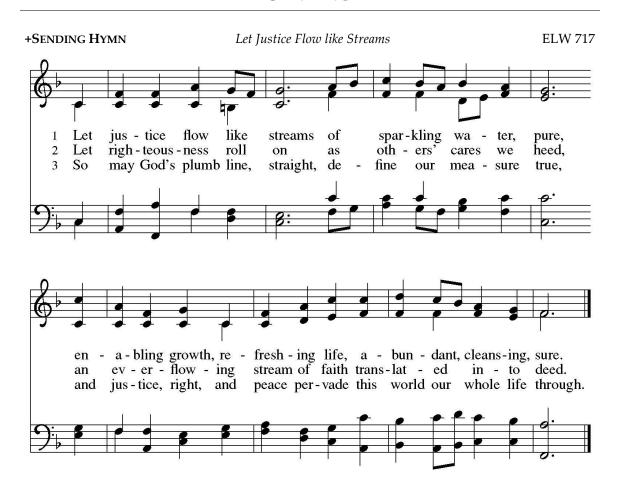
Amen.

#### +POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# **SENDING**



#### +BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. Paul Manz

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**: ELW SETTING FOUR

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM 11:00 AM

David Larson-Martínez	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Doug Mork	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Rick Liedholm	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nicki Hines
Paul Rasmussen	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Sue Roberts, Joyce Peterson,	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Deb Anderson,
Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Keith Olstad
Julie and Tom Cahoy,	Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim,
David Broberg	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Doris Gbala
Mary and Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Connie Adams, Katy Benson
Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmel, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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# PARISH INFORMATION

#### YOUTH ACTIVITY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

All 6-12 grade youth are invited to a night of crafting and creativity at church. We'll start with dinner and then make items for the Advent Bazaar. Join the fun!

## MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR DECEMBER 3, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Holy Trinity Youth will be selling a variety of holiday-themed crafts on Sunday, December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please consider donating crafts, baked goods, or other items for the sale. And bring cash/checkbook to purchase items yourself! All proceeds help fund the summer 2024 youth trips to the BWCA and the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Bring donations for the sale by Friday, December 1, to the church building. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Pat Libra (612-729-5172), Liz Kelley (612-354-1709) or Amy Froiland-Parada (302-419-8124).

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 6, 13, and 20). Each Wednesday, 4 households would prepare and serve enough for 30 people. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up all three Wednesdays. Sign up in the Community Room.

#### ADVENT ART SHOW

We are planning a member art show during the month of December. Get out your crayons, playdough, tongue depressors, lathes, looms, carving axes, paints, or whatever creative medium gives you joy! This is the official call for submissions. Drop off your submissions to the church office starting Monday, November 13. Let's surround ourselves with beauty created by those we worship with during Advent.

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND COMPANIONSHIP GROUP POSTPONED

Watch for information in late December to sign up for groups being offered in January and February 2024. Questions are invited and can be directed to the facilitator, Joel Wiberg (612-508-4013).

#### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, November 27-December 1. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50<sup>th</sup> St. and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

# BOOK DISCUSSION ON "THIS HERE FLESH" WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, and 20

Bring your supper to one of the tables set aside for the discussion of Cole Arthur Riley's book *This Here Flesh.* In her stunning debut, Riley weaves stories from three generations of her family alongside contemplative reflections to discover the "necessary rituals" that connect us with our belonging, dignity, and liberation. Copies of the book will soon be available in The Community Room. Sing up in Community Room by December 3.

#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please contact the church office (612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-30. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

# The Color Orange

Following the news of the 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were found in a mass grave in Canada and the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland, The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association invites congregations to place orange cloth in their sanctuaries as a way to remember.

The color orange is symbolic. The inspiration came from a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange T-shirt her grandmother had gifted her. As a church we acknowledge and confess our complicity in the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples.

# PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, November 13	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, November 14	10:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night	
Wednesday, November 15	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal	
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time	
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
Thursday, November 16	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread	
	6:00-8:00 PM	Youth and Family Fun Night	
Sunday, November 19	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum: New Member Welcome	
	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 Time for Lament"

Although we don't often reference them in the life of the congregation, the Bible--especially the Psalms-is replete with expressions of the difficulties that persons of faith experience both personally and in the life of the community. There is a time for lament, and this appears to be one of those times given the turmoil in much of the world. Today's forum will be an opportunity for members of Holy Trinity to give voice to their laments using passages from the Psalms to frame and shape our conversation.

# November 19 "Welcoming New Members"

We'll hear from two current members who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 10:00 a.m. and join the fun!