

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 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 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.

Today's bulletin art is provided by Everett Martinez. Thank you, Everett!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

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.

+GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is the Life

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.**

+THANKSGIVING LITANY

God is the giver of all good gifts, so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness, our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators, and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society, and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.

We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges, and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.

We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.

The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.

May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.

Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart, so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives. In the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Old Testament, Page 826

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

PSALM 95:1-7a

Anne Krentz Organ

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture

and the sheep of God's hand.



Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,

and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;

the heights of the hills are | also yours. Refrain

⁵The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,

and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,

let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

 7a For the LORD † is our God,

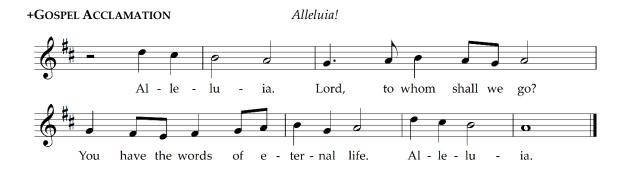
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. Refrain

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

New Testament, Page 184

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



Matthew 25:31-46

New Testament, Page 27

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

SERMON

+GOSPEL READING



+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)

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially Anne Curtin; 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). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."

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)

Shout with Joy!

Children's Choir

Shout with joy to God all the earth; sing the glory of God's name. Come join the song, sing loud and strong, lift up your voice with glorious praise!

Come and see the wonders God has made: the beauty of creation.

Such strength and splendor here displayed: the moon and stars, the sky and sea, the hills that rise in majesty; how awesome are these things!

How marvelous God's mighty deeds!

+OFFERTORY HYMN (8:45)

Abba, Abba, Hear Us

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Adult Choir

John Goss setting, David M. Cherwien

Congregation please stand and sing the last verse.

Communion servers are invited to come forward when the congregation joins on the last verse.

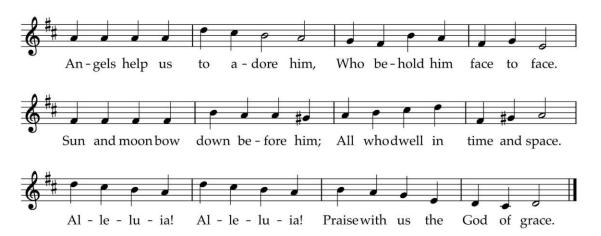
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor To our forebears in distress.

Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is his faithfulness!

Tenderly he shields and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows. In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows.



+OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

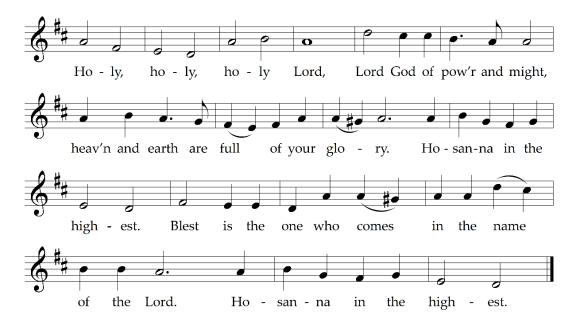
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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.

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



- 1 For the fruit of all cre a tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re ward of la bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.



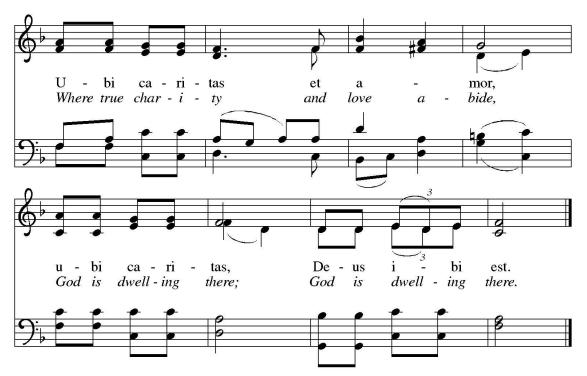
these gifts to For 'ry na - tion, God. ev thanks be to the help we our neigh-bor, God's will done. In give is the good we For all in - her - it, thanks be God.



For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing, For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



earth's safe-keep-ing, fu - ture needs in thanks be to God. are shar-ing, will done. the har - vests we God's is God. most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to



+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING



+BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Creator, & Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ride On, King Jesus!

Drew Lindorfer, Soloist

African American Spiritual arr. Hall Johnson

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last,

No man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man works like Him. The river of Jordan He did cross.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, Oh! He calls the saints from everywhere. Ah! Ride on, King Jesus!

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
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Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Noah Hines
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Communion	Kris Christians, Stephanie and Scott Cole
Chuck and Ginny Jordan, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Chris Amundson
David Berg	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Erin Henry, David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson, Ann White
Julie Cahoy, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmel
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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PARISH INFORMATION

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 BEFORE/AFTER ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up before and after the Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 6, 13, and 20). 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.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT (DECEMBER 6, 13, and 20)

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love. The theme for our gatherings is "Thresholds." As we anticipate the birth of Jesus, we focus on divine thresholds—points at which something starts to happen or change in our individual and collective lives.

All are invited to partake in the Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. in the Community Room.

While the activities are taking place throughout the building, a staff person will be in the gym. Everyone is invited to come and leave as needed. You can shoot a few hoops, have your child enjoy time on a tricycle, or simply hang out.

As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. People of all ages are invited to worship.

ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION POSTPONED

The books are backordered from the publisher, so the discussion of Cole Arthur Riley's book *This Here Flesh* has been postponed until after Christmas. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more information.

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.

CHANGES TO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sunday, December 24, there will be no morning services or activities, due to the evening Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 31, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 28, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, November 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, November 29	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 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, November 30	Evening (time tbd)	Enchantment Book Discussion
Sunday, December 3	8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Makers & Bakers Bazaar Fundraiser for Youth
	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 "Ethnographic Study" Amy Levad

In the days and weeks after George Floyd's murder, Levad volunteered at Holy Trinity. While she did a few things at the church, she spent most of her time and energy collecting donations from families, friends, and neighbors and dropping off items purchased from donations at the front of the church. Levad wants to express her gratitude to the Holy Trinity community for providing a way to contribute during those difficult days.

This project has been developed by Levad in conversation with Holy Trinity pastors and other Holy Trinity community members about the impacts of George Floyd's murder and the uprising on Holy Trinity, its members, leaders, volunteers, and the surrounding community. In those conversations, the need for a process of memory, discernment, and reflection within Holy Trinity and its connected communities has surfaced.

December 3 "Doughnut Economics, Basic Concepts" Dave Howe and Shaun Morrell

The presentation is based on videos and a book by economist Kate Raworth. First are four main ideas of world economics in the 20th century. These ideas tell what the economy is, who it is for, who we are, and what success looks like. These ideas do not equip us for the reality and challenges ahead. These ideas are contrasted with Raworth's sustainable Doughnut Economics for the 21st century.