

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024

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 Robin Olsen Biebighauser. Thank you, Robin!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we are using a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three.

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem
Gloria Ringers

Karen Buckwalter

+GATHERING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

+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.

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song

Refrain
Leader: All: Leader: All:

Glo - ry to God, **glo - ry to God,** with all our hearts, **with all our hearts.**

Leader: All: Leader: All:

Come, wor - ship God, **come, wor-ship God,** with all our praise, **with all our praise.**

All: 3 3

Our spir - its join with Mar - y, sing - ing her song of praise to
Stor - ies of God's great mer - cy each gen - er - a - tion shares. New
In Je - sus there is prom - ise, help - ing us on our way. The

to refrain

God, whose name is ho - ly, with arms____ ful - ly raised.
hope for low - ly peo - ple: we know that our God cares.
Spir - it al - ways guides us; we trust what she will say.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Who Draws Near, nearer to us than our very own breath, we confess that we do not believe that your Peaceable Kingdom has come near. We hear of war and rumors of war, and the dream of peace seems impossible. We hear the cry of the oppressed, those who are hungry and houseless, refugees and migrants, discriminated and disinherited, and despondently sigh "how long, O God?" We read about another disaster, another disaster, and we are disappointed again. We seem lost at sea, our vessels empty, our future limited, our purpose confused or underwhelming. Help our unbelief; help us to follow in the way of Jesus by the renewal of our minds, focused on the promised future in Christ Jesus—a world where we will study war no more, where there is no more pain, no more sorrow, no more injustice, and all are welcome. Let us believe the Good News, that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and the Kingdom has come near, in whose name we pray, and receive our forgiveness.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; **who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**

PSALM 62:5-12

Hal H. Hopson

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



My soul, O God, in silence waits; My hope secure without a sound;
You are my refuge, you are my rock, In whom the joys of life abound. **Refrain**

I set my trust in you beyond The futile boasts of mortal pride;
With steadfast faith I hold your prize, And cast dishonest claims aside. **Refrain**

Into my silence, Lord, you have said That goodness rests with you alone;
The great reward for my delight: A share of love, of your own love. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; **who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Breathe, O breathe, breathe up - on us, that we may live.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

+GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

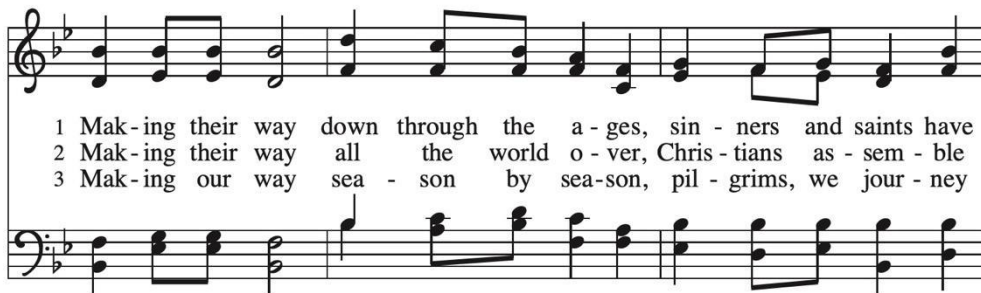
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

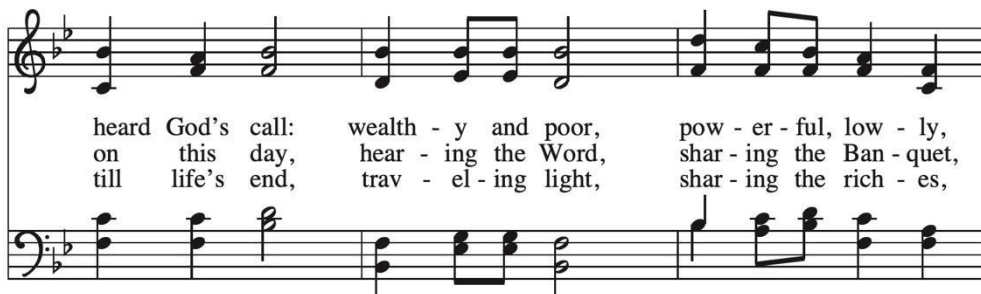
SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

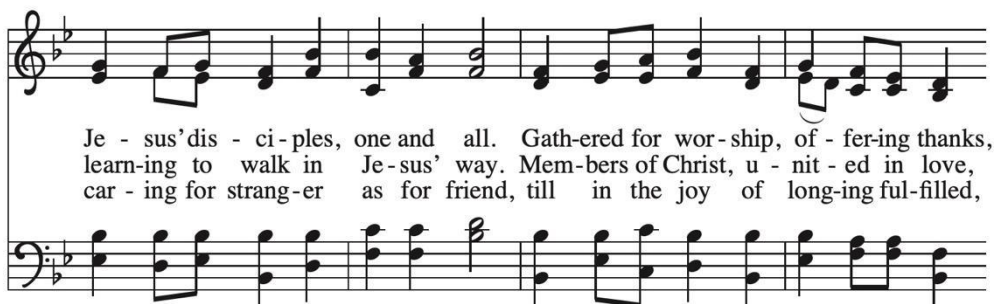
Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

+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)

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain especially Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Mary Heltsley's nephew Michael Frey; Caren Hiatt's sister-in-law, Shannon; Annie Hines's son, Nick Hines; Joyce Hanson; Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom Diane; 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*). God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

Receive 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, "Receive 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! (John 20:19, 21)

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING (8:45)

Trio No. 1

Josef Rheinberger

(11:00)

Come Follow Me

Bartholomaüs Gesius

Adult Choir; Bryanne Kleinert, oboe

Arr. John Leavitt

"Come follow me" said Christ the Lord, "All in my way abiding;
Your selfishness throw overboard, Obey my call and guiding.
O, bear your crosses and confide In my example as your guide."

"I am the Light, I light the way. A godly life displaying;
I help you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you should journey here below."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his word, In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heavenly life obtain.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Peace Fill the Earth

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

Let peace fill the earth as the moun-tains fill the sky.
Let peace fill the earth as the hope that fills our song.

Let love and jus - tice flow like the wing - ed birds that fly.
Let love and jus - tice flow like the voic - es sing-ing a - long.

And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease,
and through-out all the world there will be peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Let peace fill the earth as the moun-tains fill the sky. Let peace fill the earth as the hope that fills our song. Let love and jus - tice flow like the wing - ed birds that fly. Let love and jus - tice flow like the voic - es sing-ing a - long. And may we see the day when war and blood - shed cease, and through-out all the world there will be peace.'

+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7)

You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

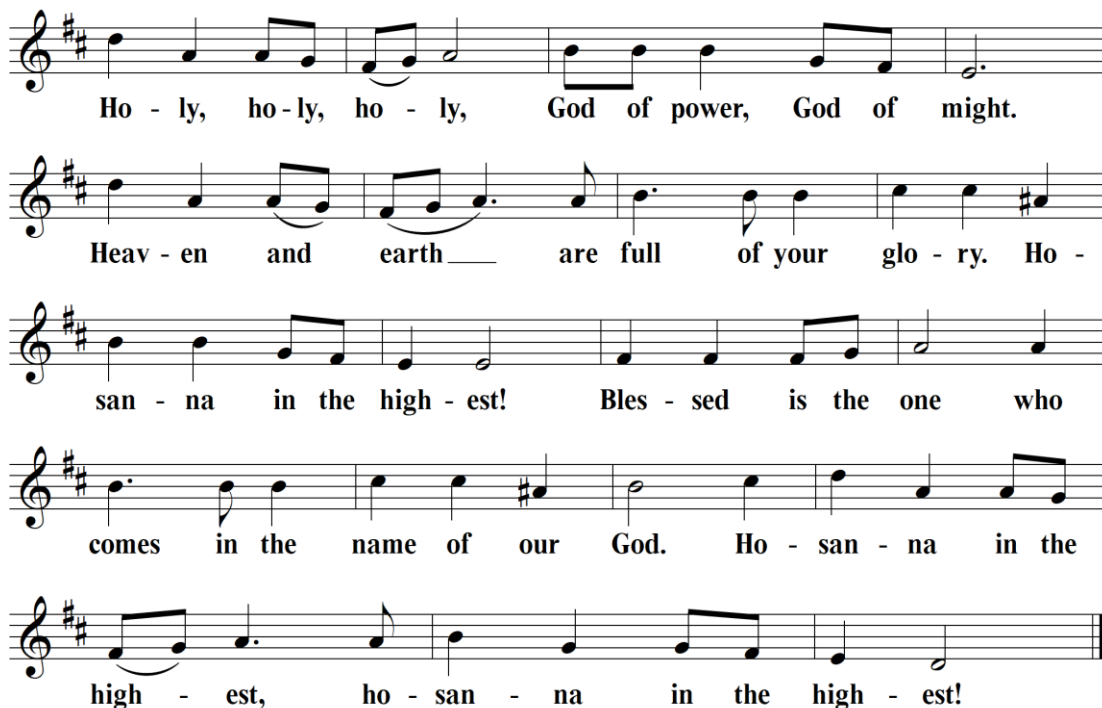
Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks for all we have received through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore with all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power, God of might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is the one who

comes in the name of our God. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed.... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+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.

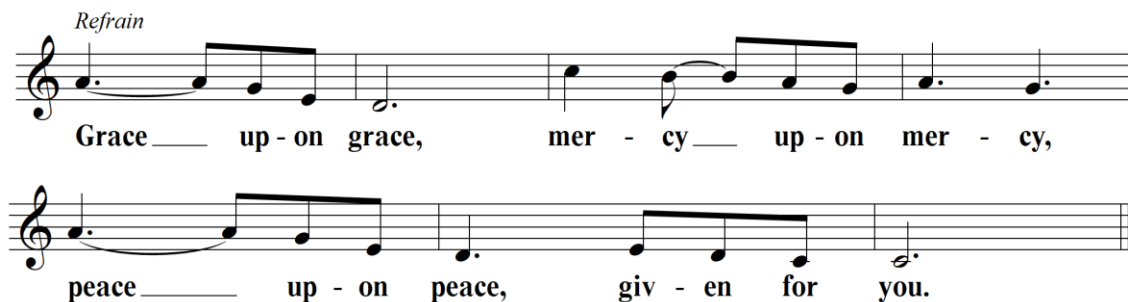
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE

Refrain



Grace up - on grace, mer - cy up - on mer - cy,
peace up - on peace, giv - en for you.

The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain.*

Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain.*

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

(11:00) For those worshipping 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.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

Twos In the Moon of Wintertime
Katie Schroeder, Piano; Andrew Winfield, Cello

arr. Stephen DeCesare

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In God Alone



Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope.

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

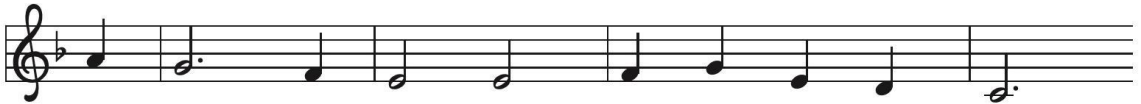
SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! You are already made whole.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Courage and Grace
Gloria Ringers

Michael Joy

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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863 alt.

Music: LORD REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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Verses: Tune: based on an African-American spiritual.

Setting: Hal H. Hopson, and © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers

“Making Their Way” Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, ‘Nederlandsch Gedenklank’, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906-2003

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“Let Peace Fill the Earth” Text: Ray Makeever. Music: LET PEACE FILL THE EARTH, Ray Makeever

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“Come, Beloved of the Maker” Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021. Music: JILL, David Cherwien, b. 1957

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“In God Alone” Text: Taizé Community. Music: MON ÂME SE REPOSE, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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“Go to the World!” Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993. Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM

11:00 AM

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| David Larson-Martínez | Preacher | David Larson-Martínez |
| Ingrid Rasmussen | Presiding Minister | Ingrid Rasmussen |
| Crucifer | | |
| Drew Lindorfer | Cantor | Drew Lindorfer |
| Karen Batdorf | Assisting Minister | Deb Anderson |
| David and Carol Berg | Communion | Matt Floding |
| Sally and David Kohlstedt | Ushers | Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson |
| Tom and Julie Cahoy | Altar Guild | Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala |
| Ginny and Chuck Jordan | Coffee Servers | David Howe, Dennis O'Brien |
| Chris Engen | Counters | Wayne Vetter |
| | Closer | Rod Johnson |

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P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

COMMUNITY MEAL AND STORY COLLECTION TODAY, 12:15 P.M.

Please join us in the library for soup and bread following the 11:00 worship today to celebrate the close of the first phase and to prepare for the second phase. During Lent, we will begin the second phase: Story Sharing. In small groups facilitated by Dr. Levad, participants will share their experiences, fostering a communal memory of how this congregation and the surrounding community responded to the calls of our city during the uprisings.

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

Join us weekly, Wednesdays at Noon or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, January 10, and Thursday, January 11. Sign up in the Community Room to be a host of one of these classes and offer a warm welcome to those who come.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 11:00 A.M.

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to the gym as we celebrate the 120th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, approve changes to the by-laws, and approve the 2024 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 28 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MTG.

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Church Council voted to call a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024, for the purpose of issuing a call as a Part-time Associate Pastor to Rev. Doug Mork. Please plan to attend this brief meeting which will take place in the gym immediately after the Annual Meeting. Because Pastor Doug is already a called pastor in this congregation, we do not need to create a call committee or conduct a multi-step process. We can fulfill this action with a relatively short meeting.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1—BOOK LAUNCH: "BREATHING IN MINNEAPOLIS"

Join author Patrick Cabello Hansel at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity for the launch of his new book of poetry, "Breathing in Minneapolis," which chronicles the challenging events of 2020-2022 in our fair city. He will be joined by poets Joyce Sutphen, Walter Cannon, Dralandra Larkins, and the Chilean musical group Ina Yukka. And cake! Books will be available for purchase.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4—"HANDPRINTS" AT HISTORY THEATRE

15 tickets available to attend "Handprints," a new vibrant autobiographical play written, performed, and sung by Greta Oglesby, At the History Theatre, on Sunday, February 4, 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20, payment due to Kathy Hollander; sign up in the Community Room.

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

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| Monday, January 23 | 6:30-8:30 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, January 23 | 11:00 AM | Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday, January 24 | 12:00 PM 5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM | Yoga Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal |
| Thursday, January 25 | 9:00 AM | Yoga |
| Sunday, January 28 | 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 2:00 PM | Worship Service of Holy Communion Annual Meeting, immediately followed by Special congregational meeting Swahili Service |

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Preview the Annual Meeting"

Pastors Ingrid, David, Doug, and Council representatives

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom as we prepare for this year's annual meeting. There is a lot of business to cover during the annual meeting, which will be held following the combined 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 28. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

January 28 Annual Meeting; No Adult Forum