

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 7, 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.

We honor that we gather and worship on the Dakota Homeland.

If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Annika Lindorfer. Thank you, Annika!

+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.

We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It will be an adventure!

PRELUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Wayne L. Wold

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The First Noel

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



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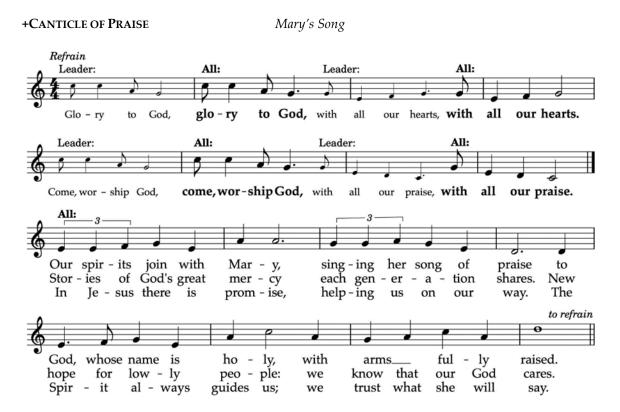
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+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, You promise to join us along the way. Give us open spirits to discern your presence within us, open minds to dream with creative possibility, and open hearts to join one another in humility and hope. Convince us that we have what we need for today; that you will provide us what we need for tomorrow; and that you have called us to lead your people into the future. In Christ, our guiding star.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

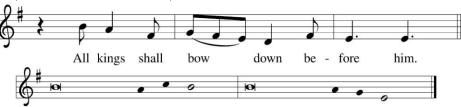
FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



¹Give the king your jus- ¹ tice, O God,

and your righteousness to 1 the king's son;

²that he may rule your | people righteously

and the | poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy a- ¹ mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush ¹ the oppressor. Refrain

⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon endure, from one generation ¹ to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon ¹ the mown field, like showers that wa- ¹ ter the earth.

⁷In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹ isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹ offer gifts. Refrain

 $^{\rm 11} May$ all kings bow $^{\rm I}$ down before him,

and all the nations | do him service.

¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress, the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.

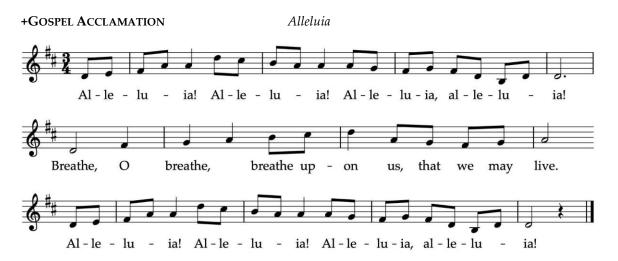
¹³He has compassion on the low- ¹ ly and poor, and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.

¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives, and precious is their blood | in his sight. Refrain

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

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



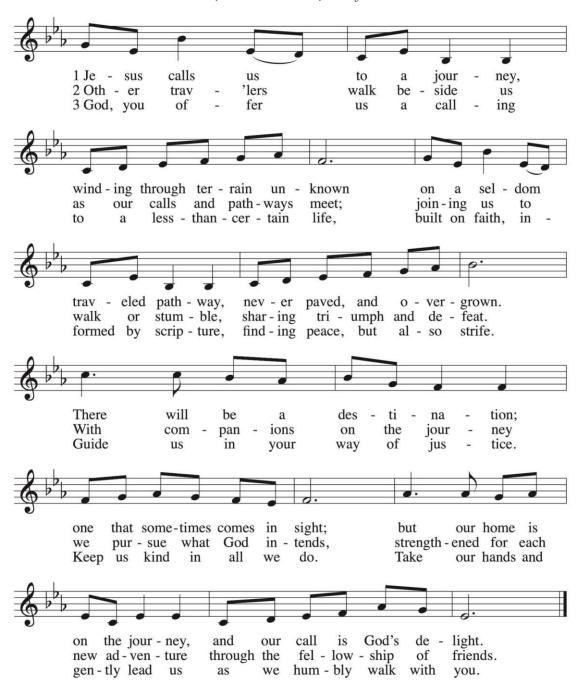
+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

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.

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)

Humble the hearts of your faithful people, that we seek to be servants of your gospel and witnesses to your mysteries. Give us boldness in faith, that we make the good news of Christ's birth known to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish justice on earth for all its inhabitants. Lead us to protect fragile ecosystems and endangered species. Empower the work of all who research, engineer, and make accessible alternative and renewable sources of energy. Make us careful stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nations shall come to your light and kings to your dawning. Remove corruption and fear from the hearts of leaders and authorities. Lead governments to expand policies and resources that care for refugees and all migrants. Strengthen the work of peacemakers in conflicted areas around the world, especially those we name now either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Defend the cause of all who are in need, all facing poverty, and all who are oppressed. Come quickly to those who feel that their lives and livelihoods are fragile. Give them strength and lead them forth with hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; the family of Kay Hanson who passed away; 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). 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! (John 20:19, 21)

And also with you!

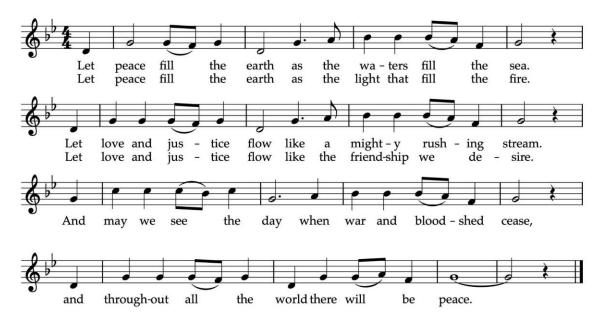
The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING The First Noel arr. P Radtke

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Let Peace Fill the Earth

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+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!

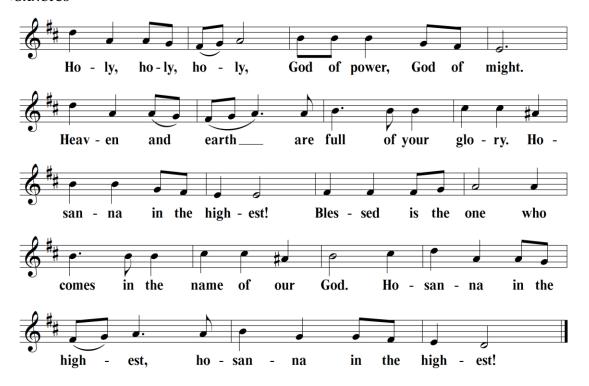
We lift them to our God!

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 because in the victory of Jesus Christ over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. With all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+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.

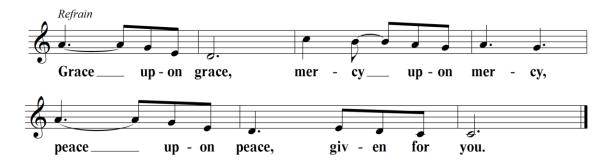
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



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 worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

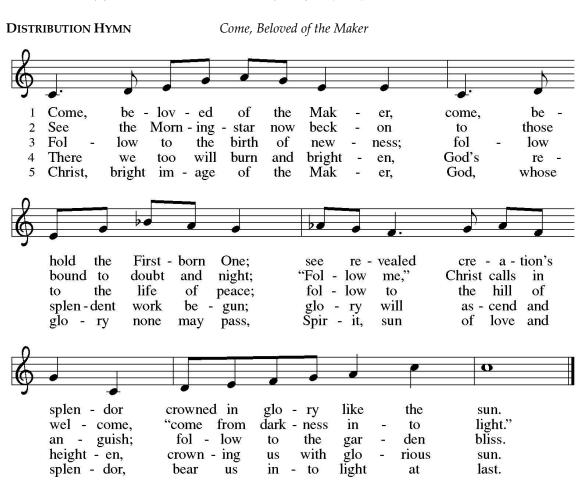
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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.





+BLESSING

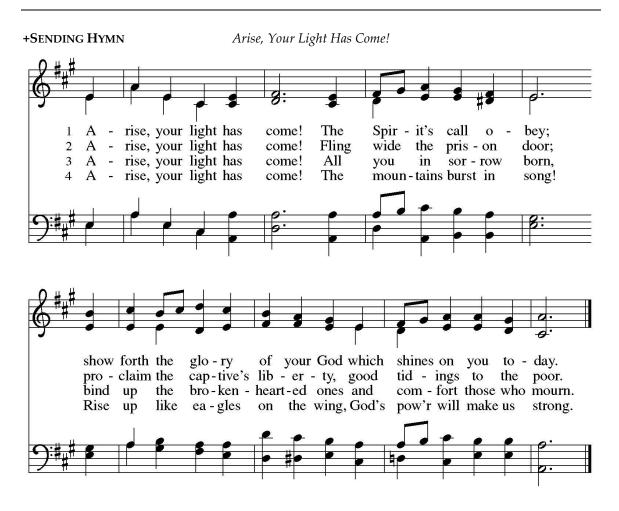
May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

+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



+BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Love your neighbors!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. Wayne L. Wold

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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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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork	
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister		
David and Sally Kohlstedt, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Roberta Shaw	
Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala	
	Coffee Servers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Pam Blomgren	Counters	Wayne Vetter	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen	
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PARISH INFORMATION

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY, STARTING JANUARY 10

Regardless of who you are, what you look like, or whom you love, James Orione believes that creating a space for everybody is very important. Society places many expectations and roles as to how, what, when, where, and why you are doing something instead of simply being. Through conscious movement connected to breath, you have an opportunity to learn how to be in this moment. Yoga is an opportunity to create, rediscover, and connect to the experience of being human and overcome the obstacles that stand in your path. 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.

MICRO-AGGRESSION/INCLUSION WORKSHOP JANUARY 13, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

On Saturday, January 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., there will be one more workshop on microaggressions and micro-inclusions at Holy Trinity led by Joe Davis and David Scherer. This event is both for those who attended the workshops in the fall of 2022 and 2023 and for those who are new participants. There will be a brief review of the earlier workshops and then new material that explores racial microaggressions. As in the past, Joe and David make this learning event both deeply meaningful and fun. Sign-up in the Community Room or email your interest to Libby Olstad (libbyolstad@icloud.com).

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of some fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee alongside the Youth Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by January 15.

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, and approve the 2024 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

Sunday, January 21–Community Meal and Story Collection "On a Threshold of Justice: Stories of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church during the Uprising after George Floyd's Murder", 12:15 in the library Please join us in the library for soup and bread following 11:00 worship on January 21 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.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, January 8	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 9	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, January 10	12:00 PM	Yoga
	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-8:00 PM	Supervised Gym Time
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, January 11	7:30 PM	Yoga
Saturday, January 13	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Micro-aggression/inclusion Workshop
Sunday, January 14	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Children and 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 "Anti-Zionism vs. Anti-Semitism and Christian Zionism" Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg

Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg from Jewish Voice for Peace recently became known for confronting President Biden at an event in Northfield. Ordained in 2018, she is a rabbi with the progressive reconstructionist Jewish movement. She will talk about Anti-Zionism vs. Anti-Semitism and Christian Zionism. This is a timely opportunity to learn more about these current topics.

"Rosenberg has been described as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and in 2020 wrote a handbook on "trauma, healing and resistance" for Jewish leaders and activists." - *Newsweek*

January 14 "Climate Energy Saving Opportunities"

Diane McKeown of the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) will present on the significant grants available to individuals and organizations for green energy improvements.