

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 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 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.

Today's bulletin art is provided by Cayden Vaillancourt. Thank you, Cayden!

About his art, Cayden says, "The sun and campfire are symbols of light where we can see God.

The friends are enjoying the symbol of light through the campfire in the forest."

+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!

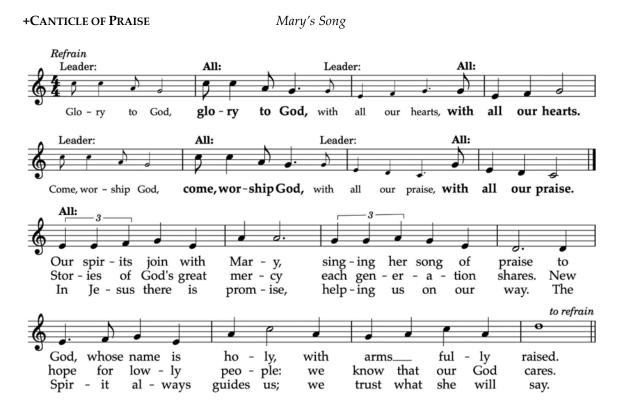
PRELUDE

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.**



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Amen.

O Radiant Presence and Promise, awaken us to your liberative light that shimmers in all peoples, places, and beings in this beautiful and complex world. Turn us from our fears and dwellings of self-protection and open us in the ever-expanding way of Jesus where peace comes from making justice, faith grows through bearing witness, hope lives in offering love. May we embody your compassion in our lives, take risks to deepen community and mirror your glory shining at the heart of all life. In the name of the Transfigured One,

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

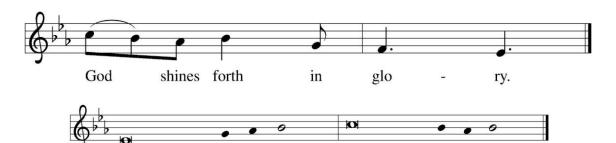
2 Kings 2:1-12

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

PSALM 50:1-6 Robert A. Hobby

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)





 $^{\mbox{\tiny 1}}\mbox{The mighty one, God the}$ $^{\mbox{\tiny 1}}\mbox{LORD, has spoken;}$

calling the earth from the rising of the sun $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$ to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory. Refrain

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above

to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."

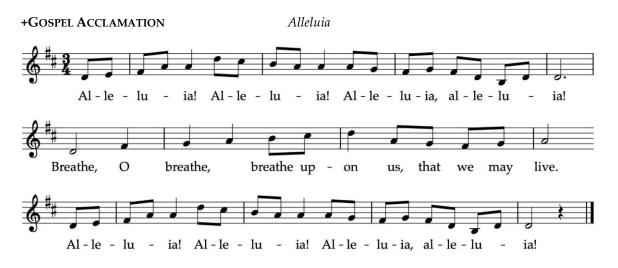
⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,

for it is God | who is judge. Refrain

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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



+GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

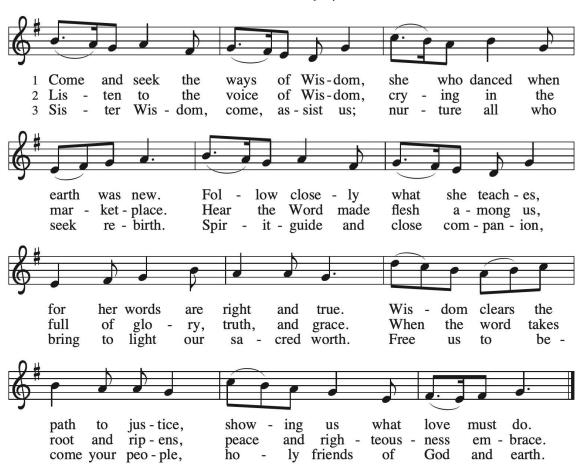
This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



+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 Carol Masters

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)

Gracious God, we are grateful for the sun's life-giving light returning incrementally in this season. We pray for the nourishing moisture needed for crops and growing to come. May the life beginning to stir in fields and gardens also stir our hearts as we search for better ways to tend to this earth and her people. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, Spirit of all faith, you call us to new understandings of your love. May we learn how to listen to our brothers and sisters of other faiths or no faith and how to claim what unifies us in common purposes and caring. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, God who brings forth light from darkness, help us to cherish what is good and beautiful in humanity. Enable us to grow in wisdom to challenge habits of exploitation or apathy in this age and to grow in the willingness to heal earth's wounds. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Counseling Spirit, we pray for our leaders in this time of wars and climate crises, as they struggle to come to diplomatic solutions and end senseless destruction. Inspire them, inspire us to learn new paths toward reconciliation. May any ideas of genocide and ecocide cease. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of health and wholeness, bring healing and renewal to any among us who are suffering, especially Mary Ann Sheets's sister, Lorrie Blain; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Mary Heltsley's nephew Michael Frey; Caren Hiatt's sister-in-law, Shannon; Annie Hines's son, Nick; Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Arnie Johanson, in hospice care; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). God of grace,

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, "Hear 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 Schmücke dich arr. Anton Wilhelm Leupold Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

11:00 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
Adult Choir

Amanda Husberg arr. David Sims

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward towards the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

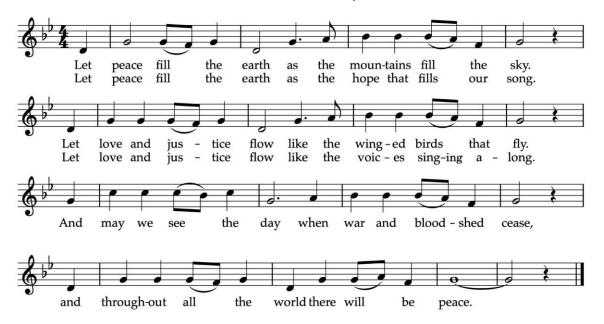
Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth. But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross, and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs. Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

+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!

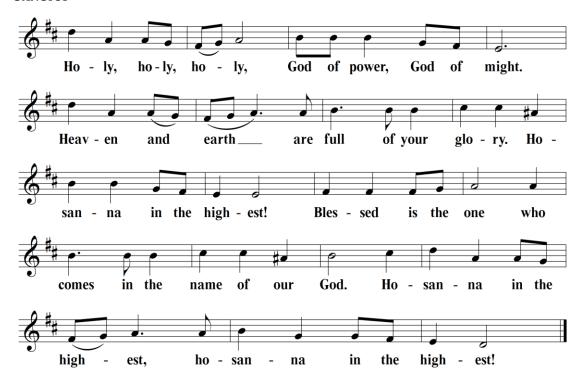
Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks 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



+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.

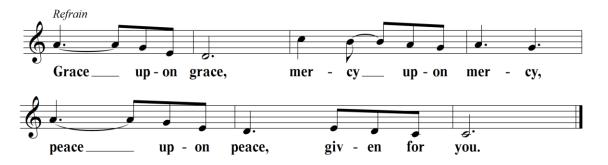
Give us today our daily bread.

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



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.

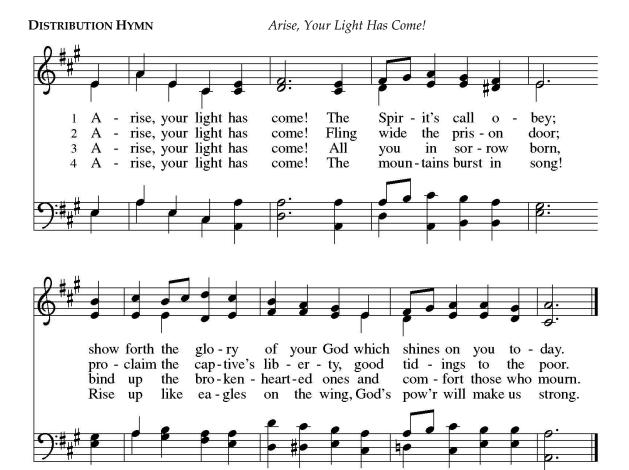
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

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

HEALING STATION

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.





+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



+BENEDICTION

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! You are already made whole.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Wojtkiewiecz Rise, Shine, You People! arr. David Cherwien

You are encouraged to attend the Pancake Breakfast for a time of conversation and PANCAKES!

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

11:00 AM

8:45 AM

Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork		
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez		
Crucifer				
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke		
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter		
Linda Berglin	Communion	Dennis O'Brien, Sue Roberts		
Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim		
Julie Cahoy	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Roberta Shaw		
Chris Engen	Counter	John Sulzbach		
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PARISH INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST YOUTH FUNDRAISER TODAY

Join us for the relaunched annual pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. today. Confirmation students and their families will host the event.

Suggested donation for tickets is \$10. Kids 4 and under eat free.

We will have freshly made pancakes, and real maple syrup as well as sausage and orange juice! This is a fund-raising event for the youth in our congregation. Proceeds from the event will help youth attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the Sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us for a free soup supper in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m. Soup for Ash Wednesday will be provided by Soup For You!

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES BEGIN FEBRUARY 21

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesdays during Lent for the following opportunities:

- Lenten supper from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open gym time with adult supervision from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
- Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room; people of all ages are invited to worship.

INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Our building is used a lot! Come and help us with some tidying, sorting, purging, dusting, and other indoor work. Let's make it shine! We'll work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon. There will also be pastries and coffee in the morning and snacks in the afternoon. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 18.

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 10:00-10:45 a.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by February 18, so we know to look for you.

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday, February 26-March 1. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S.). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for all or part of the week.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 12:00-1:30 P.M.

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library on Sunday, March 3. Lunch will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor David or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

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

RISE & REPAIR COALITION DAY AT THE MN CAPITOL, MARCH 12

Please plan to attend the Rise & Repair Coalition Day at the MN Capitol on March 12, 2024. The bill that our Indigenous Justice Committee initiated and has worked on for many years is part of this coalition. The bill creates an ongoing native fund fed by a small surtax on real estate sales. The coalition is promoting about a dozen bills that will advance indigenous rights and climate justice, with a platform that includes five categories of policy work. You can also <u>subscribe to their newsletter</u> for updates and calls to action. Check out the table in the Community Room for a brief summary of some of the great legislation this coalition is supporting this year and plan to attend!

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, February 12	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 13	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, February 14	12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	12:00 PM	Yoga
	5:30 PM	Family Friendly Ash Wednesday Activity
		in the Community Room
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, February 15	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	7:30 PM	Yoga
Friday-Sunday,		Family Retreat at Hudson (Wisconsin) YMCA
February 16-18		
Sunday, February 18	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Youth Recital in the Sanctuary
	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 Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser—No Adult Forum

February 18 "Youth Recital"

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during the annual youth recital.