

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 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.

+invites the congregation to stand

Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Julian Schroeder. Thank you, Julian!

Today's guest preacher, Robert Two-Bulls, serves as the Missioner for the Department of Indian Work (DIW) and Multicultural Ministries for the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Robert acts as a resource and bridge between ECMN and its 11 DIW Faith Communities. In addition, he serves as a hub for the Multicultural Ministry Network. He also serves as the Vicar of All Saints Indian Mission in the diocese and is an adjunct lecturer at the Vancouver School of Theology Native Ministries Consortium. Robert is co-founder of First Nations Kitchen in Minnesota. He previously served as Missioner for Native American Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. After receiving a bachelor's degree in American History at the University of Maryland, Robert obtained a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Utah and priest in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

GATHER

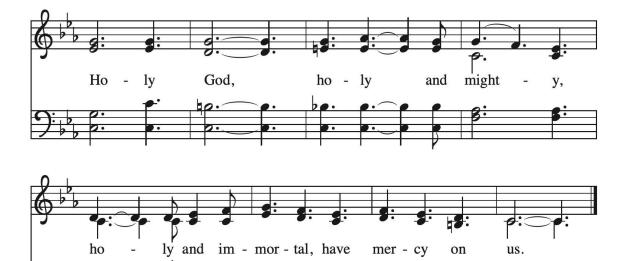
PRELUDE

Savior, When in Dust to You

setting, Aaron David Miller



+KYRIE



For self-centered living and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness. **Refrain** For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves. **Refrain** For the misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others. **Refrain**

+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

As a mother protects her young, O God, you watch over us with a love both fierce and tender. Though we fall into temptation and sin, you sent a rainbow promise – not to destroy your creation but to bear the heartache of our sinfulness. Such love is beyond our comprehension. Center us each day in your love that passes understanding. In Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

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

PSALM 25:1-10 Linda Cable Shute

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):





To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;

let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. Refrain

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. Refrain

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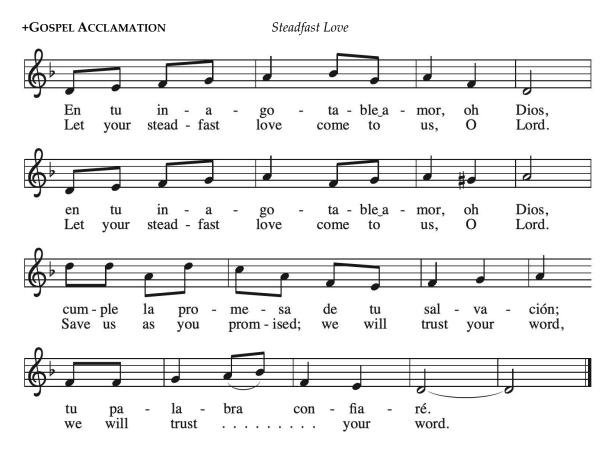
All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness

to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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



+GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

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

SERMON



+Intercessions Joyce Besser

We come today remembering God's covenant to all that we are children of God. We are loved, forgiven, called to a lifelong journey with God, the earth, our faith community, our neighbor, the greater community, and the world. May we open ourselves to growth in faith that we might always walk in the way of Jesus.

(silence)

We give you thanks that all of your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. By your Spirit, we are enabled to live in hope and work for a better tomorrow. Some days the violence, the divisions, and the needs we experience and read about threaten to overwhelm us. May we ever be mindful to turn to you in need. God of a covenant of love,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church to be prophetic, here at Holy Trinity and everywhere, in nudging everyone to renew their baptismal covenant with God to be an active participant, in whatever way they are able, being the Kingdom of God. Since we the people are the church, enable us to nudge and support one another as well. God of a covenant of love,

Hear our prayer.

We come in prayer and tears for innocent lives lost and still being killed in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and other parts of the world. We remember those around the world living with violence, poverty, homelessness, and it all seems too much. God, where are you? We need you; we call on you. Lead and guide us to care and act as we are able. God of a covenant of love,

Hear our prayer.

May we ever grow in caring for all of your creation. The earth falters for our failure to address the needs of the creatures of the land and air and waters. All are part of God's creation. All of earth! Bring us ever fuller awareness of "water is life," necessary for all things to live and thrive and grow. Make us good stewards. God of a covenant of love,

Hear our prayer.

God, there are those with needs calling for our prayers. Through Jesus, you brought healing and wholeness to people with all manner of needs. God's promise is to be with us in all circumstances and we lift our prayers for those named aloud or in our hearts and those who love them. We pray for Mary Ann Sheets's sister, Lorrie Blain; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Annie Hines's son, Nick; Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Arnie Johanson, in hospice care; the family of Jamie Bistram upon the death of his grandmother, Pearl; the family and friends of Allene Qualheim, upon her death; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Grant peace, healing, and newness of life to all in need. God of a covenant of love,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of a covenant of love," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Help us always to discern how we might seek and see the opportunities to be instruments of your presence and love in caring for our earth and all people and creatures who live on it. For each of us, may our way of life become the way shown in Jesus and in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated.

MEAL.

OFFERING

8:45

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

setting, Benjamin M. Culli

11:00

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter L. Pelz

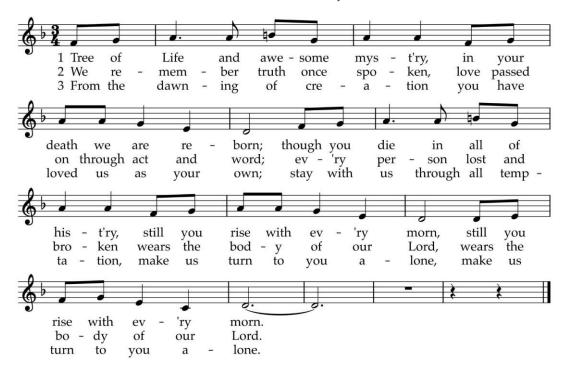
Adult Choir; James Nysse, Clarinet; Bob Aldrich, Guitar

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation
And on thee do I wait all the days.
Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths,
Lead me in thy truth.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **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, offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+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.

(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.

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 a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

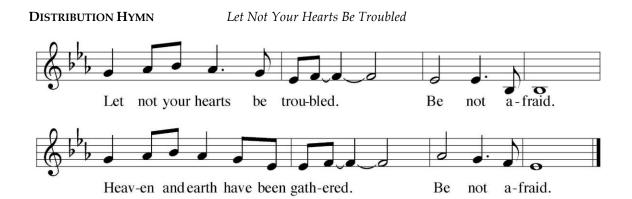
Let Your Peace Rain upon Us





ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam. Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN O God, We Call God, call, God, call, from O we deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side for you. we yearn



+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

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

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and \pm give you peace.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors! Thanks be to God.

Please share a sign of peace with others as you leave the worship space.

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

Robert Two Bulls	Guest Preacher	Robert Two Bulls
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Ann Schrooten	Cantor	Ann Schrooten
Caren Hiatt	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad
	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Amy Froiland-Parada, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Kris Christians
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Roberta Shaw, Connie Adams
Chris Engen	Counters	Deb Helmel, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WORSHIP IN THE BARTSCH ROOM ON FEBRUARY 25

Worship services on Sunday, February 25, will be held in the Bartsch Room. There will be scaffolding in the sanctuary over the weekend for installation of new lights.

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 6:30 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, IN THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. Join us in the sanctuary 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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21	12:00 PM	Yoga
	5:30-6:30 PM	Playtime in the Gym
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:45 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper
	7:00 PM	Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, February 22	7:30 PM	Yoga
Sunday, February 25	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum (Bartsch Room)
	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	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 "Youth Recital"

POSTPONED. Due to the holiday weekend and overlapping scheduling of activities this weekend, the show will be postponed into the spring. Watch for details of when the rescheduled show will be, how to sign up or support our young talent! Contact Phil Radtke for more details.

February 25 "Creation Care"

Join us for a presentation by Buff Grace of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light on the major changes to the community solar garden program made by the 2023 legislature.