

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 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 cover art was provided by Peter Schroeder. Thank you, Peter!

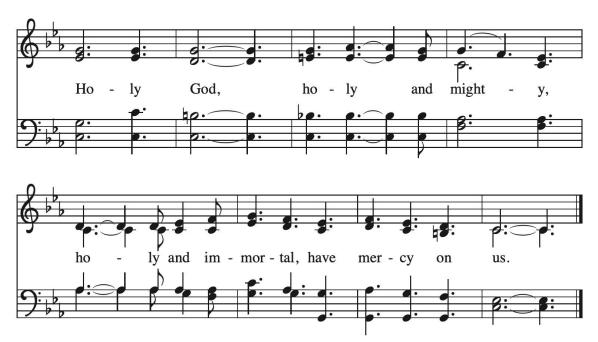
+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER



+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.**



+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**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with your disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

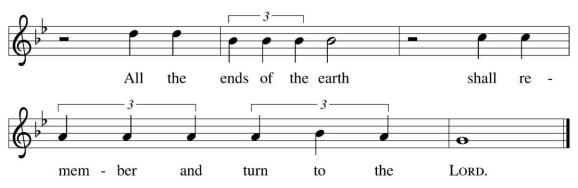
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

PSALM 22:23-31

Mark Mummert

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD'S face hidden from them; but when we cry out, the LORD hears them.

Refrain

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. Refrain

Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD. Their descendants shall serve the LORD whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!" **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

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

Steadfast Love +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Dios, En tu in go ta - ble_a mor, oh a stead - fast love Let your come to us, 0 Lord. ta - ble_a -Dios, en tu in mor, oh go a stead - fast Let Lord. 0 vour love come to us, ción; cum - ple de la pro me - sa tu sal va -Save us prom - ised; we will word, your as you trust fia ré. tu pa la bra con -will your word. we trust . .

+GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

By Grace God Calls Us into Life



+INTERCESSIONS

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)

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved We pray for Katie Murray's mom, Pat Wilson; 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; 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.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. 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."**

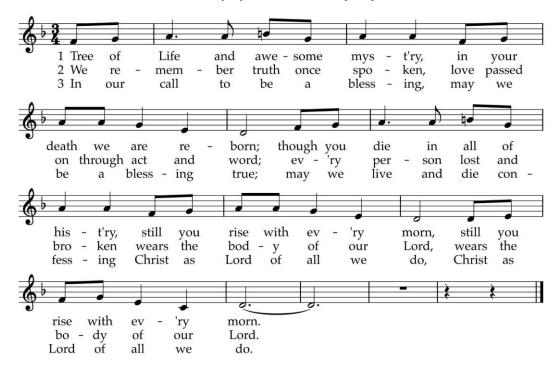
Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL					
OFFERING	8:45	Loving Spirit	setting Greg Bottomley		
	11:00	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Adult Choir	John Carter		
	When I surv	ey the wondrous cross on which the prince	of glory died,		

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all; my soul, my life, my all.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



+OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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:

+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.

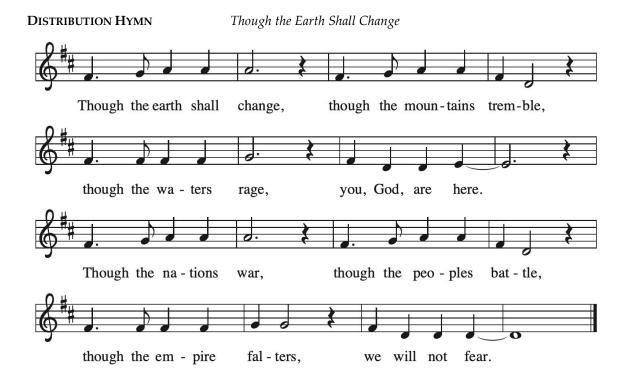
(11:00) For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

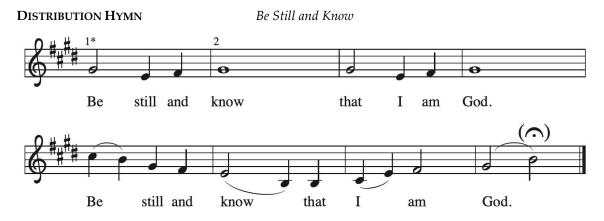
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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.





+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

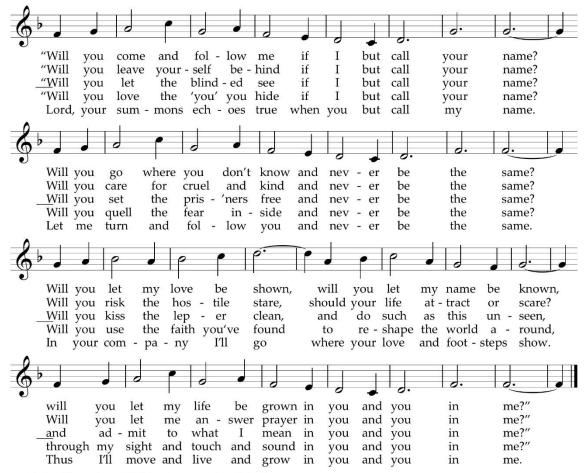
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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.



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+BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **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
David Larson-Martínez	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Pam Blomgren	Communion	Matt Floding
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson, Nicki Hines
Pam Blomgren	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor David Larson-Martínez, Associate Pastor Doug Mork, Part-time Associate Pastor Kathy Ekwall, Communications & Congregational Coordinator Nolan Gusdal, Building Maintenance Phil Radtke, Cantor Kaia Ellis, Financial Administrator

STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator* Erik Gerhardt, *Accompanist* Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian* Dana Simms, *Custodian* Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

LEADERSHIP

Katie Schroeder, Council President Sandra Hisakuni, Council Vice President Anne Beschnett, Council Secretary Scott Cole, Council Treasurer

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING TODAY 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!

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.

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

In *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive—which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room. Plan to gather on the evening of April 15 for an informal discussion. Sign up by March 3.

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 26	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, February 28	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 29	7:30 PM	Yoga
Sunday, March 3	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
	12:00-1:30 PM	New Member Orientation
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

Adult Forum

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

TODAY "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.

March 3 "Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice" Michele Braley, Executive Director

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice was created by neighborhood volunteers almost 20 years ago. The murder of George Floyd and the unrest made a lasting impact on the role of restorative justice and SLRJ in your community. Michele Braley, who has led SLRJ for more than 15 years, will share some of the successes, challenges, and opportunities for restorative justice and SLRJ as we work together to reimagine public safety and community care.