



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 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 cover art is provided by Leo Wald. Thank you, Leo!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

Daniel Pinkham

+GATHERING HYMN

Restore in Us, O God



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

+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

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,' and the second system contains 'ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.' The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the Kyrie.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: **Refrain**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: **Refrain**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: **Refrain**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: **Refrain**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who draws near to those who suffer and, in dying, reveals the way to eternal life, write your law upon our hearts and draw us to yourself. Make us again and always your people. Teach us to let go of what we think we need, that love and justice might be our singular aim.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

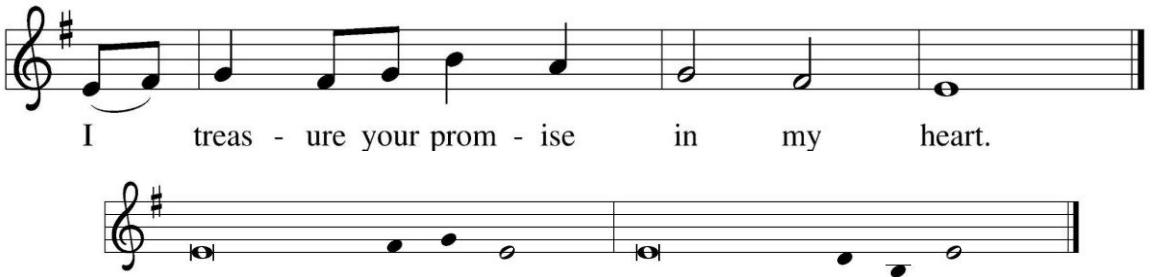
FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

PSALM 119:9-16

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



⁹How shall the young keep | their way clean?

By keeping | to your word.

¹⁰**With my whole | heart I seek you;**

let me not stray from | your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise | in my heart,

that I may not | sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are | you, O LORD;**

instruct me | in your statutes. Refrain

¹³With my lips | I recite

all the judgments | of your mouth.

¹⁴**I take greater delight in the way of | your decrees**

than in all man- | ner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on | your commandments

and give attention | to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is | in your statutes;**

I will not for- | get your word. Refrain

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Steadfast Love

En tu in - a - go ta - ble a - mor, oh Dios,
Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

en tu in - a - go ta - ble a - mor, oh Dios,
Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

cum - ple la pro - me - sa de tu sal - va - ción;
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word,

tu pa - la - bra con - fia - ré.
we will trust your word.

+GOSPEL READING

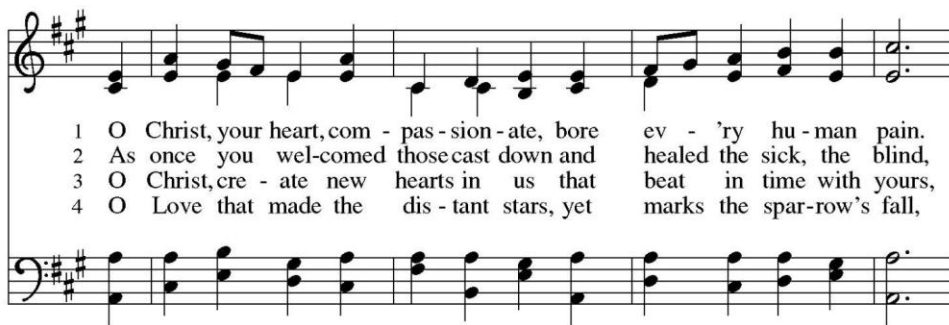
John 12:20-33

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

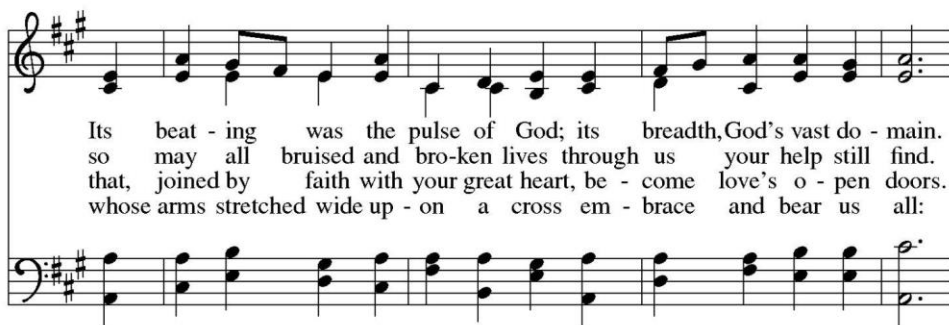
SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

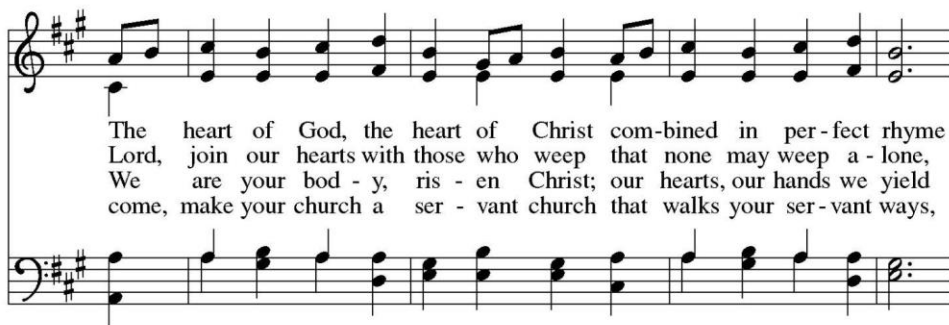
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



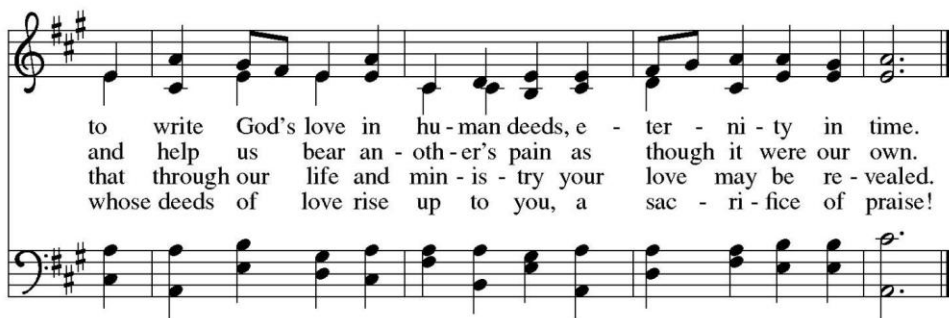
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of community and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

This morning we welcome Mattea, Travis, Coretta, Ruby, Colton, and Alyson into the ministry we share. Through the Holy Spirit, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in Christ's meal, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in community among God's people in this place? If so, please say, "We do."

We do.

People of God, today this body is expanded to include these individuals. We delight in the ways, known and yet unknown, they will both contribute to this community and transform it. Do you promise to support them as they grow in faith, pray for them in their life in Christ, and warmly welcome these siblings and the gifts they bring? If so, please say, "We do."

We do.

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these new members. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants and unify the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

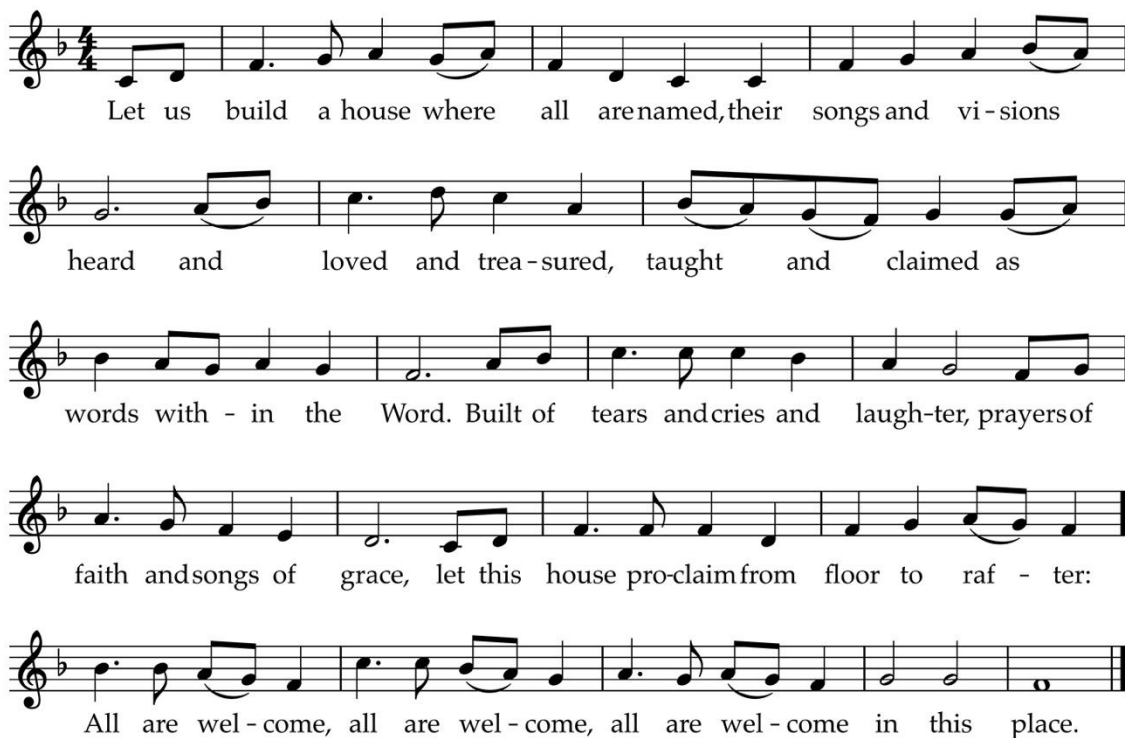
Let us welcome these beloved children of God into the ministry we share:

We welcome you into this community of faith. We receive you as members of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may celebrate these new members with applause!

+HYMN OF WELCOME

All Are Welcome



Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi-sions
heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:
All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi-sions'. The second staff continues with 'heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as'. The third staff continues with 'words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of'. The fourth staff continues with 'faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:'. The fifth staff concludes with 'All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.'.

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)

Almighty and Merciful God, you have made covenant with us. You have promised and declared that you are and will be our God and that we are and will be your people. For this promise and assurance, we give you our thanks. Help us to embrace all that you have written in and on our hearts. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and Merciful God, the Psalmist recognized that our hearts as well as our minds and lives are not always very clean. They are also not very clear. Our hearts are conflicted, our minds confused, and our lives are often messy. Help us to see in the mirror how much we need your help, guidance, and direction. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and Merciful God, the Psalmist also declared that you delight in truth deep within me, within us. Our vision often sees more discord than truth, more distress than joy, more pain than wholeness. Give us your vision that we might see beyond the cloudiness of our imagination to your deep wisdom. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and Merciful God, with the Psalmist we implore you to hide your face from our sins and to blot out all our wickedness. This is a tall order. Hide your face from our sins of pride, our sins of prejudices, our sins of not bearing one another's burdens, our sins of not standing up and speaking truth to power, our sins of allowing—and profiting from— income and racial inequality. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and Merciful God, restore to us joy in your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We give you thanks for Mattea, Travis, Coretta, Ruby, Colton, and Alyson, our newest members. We pray for Matt Floding; Michael Scanlan; 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; Joanne Chadwick; Jan Mehlhoff's friend Margie Guelker; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with
"In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."*

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

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

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

OFFERING

Abide with Me
Bell Trio; Pat Farris, flute

arr. Cathy Moglebust

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different parts of the hymn. The first staff has three lines of lyrics, the second staff has three lines, the third staff has three lines, and the fourth staff has three lines. The music is simple and melodic, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 God of all our fear and sor - row, God wo

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
live be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
mor - row, love as near as ev - 'ry breath, love as

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bo - dy of our Lord.
near as ev - 'ry breath.

+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:

+SANCTUS



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

+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



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the

mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que
world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . .

qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, ten pie -
take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us, have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
mer - cy up - on us. Grant us your peace. A - men.

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.

(11:00) DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM *In This Sacred Space and Time*
Adult Choir

Ricky Manalo

In this sacred space and time we gather near and far.
We welcome all who search for God who dwells within our hearts.
In this sacred space and time where friends and strangers meet,
the Spirit's breath now makes us one, in Christ we are complete.

For in this gathering we sing a hymn of praise:
Christ's sacred presence in our midst.

For in this gathering we share a sacred meal:
Christ's sacred presence we become.

For in this gathering we welcome you at home:
Christ's sacred presence has no bounds.

For in this gathering our lives become transformed
to share Christ's presence in our world.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Spirit Intercedes for Us

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with

sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'End' written above it. The melody is simple and uses eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

+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

To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold

*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.*

1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's
2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as
3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our

won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied
liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all
treasure and our song, in faith we

grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.
thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.
cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.

Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with
The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the
In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the

Christ from death we rise, drawn through the
veil of sin and grief, and in their
world be - loved and whole. In love re -

night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant
place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and
main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -

life, in - to a - bun - dant life.
peace, and robes of joy and peace.
told, God's won - ders still un - told.

+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 ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Théodore Dubois

*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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LITURGY: ACS *SETTING ELEVEN*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Amy Hanson, Jean Swanson	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
	Ushers	Kathy Hallander, Rod Johnson
Aaron Hanson, Carol Berg	Communion	Karen Kunze, Wayne Vetter
Bob and Jane Aldrich	Coffee Servers	Arlene Helvig
Chris Engen	Counters	Deb Helmelt, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ONE MORE LENT SOUP SUPPER AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICE MARCH 20

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesday, March 20, 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.

APRIL 3 & 10: LECTURES ON BEING CHRISTIAN IN AN ELECTION YEAR LIKE THIS ONE

Join us on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, and again on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William H. Lamar IV, Pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, D.C. Both presenters will be zooming in to present and talk with us, followed by treats in the Community Room.

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST MONDAY, APRIL 8

You are invited to a Dialogue Breakfast on Monday, April 8, featuring Larry Rasmussen, a Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Here at Holy Trinity, Larry Rasmussen will speak about the themes in *The Planet You Inherit: Letters to my Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing*, his newest book.

WHAT: Dialogue Breakfast with Larry Rasmussen

WHEN: Monday April 8, Time to be determined

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st St, Minneapolis, MN

WHERE TO REGISTER (for food planning): <https://forms.gle/cpz6g7p13NbDTtqX7>

EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (office@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

YOGA AT HOLY TRINITY

This week is the final week for the current yoga session at Holy Trinity. The final classes will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 12:00 p.m. and on Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL APPEALS FOR 2024

Each year we endorse special needs at our annual meeting that deepen our congregational life and reach out into a wider world that requires our attention. **The two appeals proposed this spring underscore the reality that food scarcity, even starvation, remains a pervasive and persisting problem.** We have an opportunity to address evident needs in our immediate community through a new collaboration that will make us one hub of food services. We also endorse the highly effective, ongoing work of our ELCA World Hunger Program that reaches across the nation and throughout the world.

Kitchen Rehabilitation

The kitchen has been maintained over the years but requires refurbishment for even more intense and regular use. Bethany Lutheran Church, which for years accommodated “Soup for You” in the Seward neighborhood, closed its doors. The community organizers who provide free lunches five days a week there have asked if we would house their operation at Holy Trinity. At our annual meeting you agreed.

Additional support is needed for us to deep clean equipment, integrate their equipment, upgrade plumbing and electrical, replace aging cupboards, and add new functionality. Preliminary estimates for this work price it at approximately \$30,000.

Soup for You currently serves an average of 50 guests per day or 13,000 guests per year. Our goal is to provide a clean, safe, welcoming space for this work to continue, as well as grow this community to include many in our congregation and from our neighborhood. Holy Trinity member Tom Skold says that “hospitality is our superpower.” Through these updates, we hope to provide space and hospitality for many years to come.

World Hunger

The ongoing wars in Gaza and North Africa and indeed throughout the world have created displacement and dire food shortages as people are forced to migrate into foreign spaces unwilling or unable to provide adequate food and housing. Simultaneously, changing climate continues to deepen poverty in many parts of the world where water access dwindles, and more land becomes arid. The ELCA World Hunger Program continues to respond to poverty and hunger across our country and other nations through direct food aid as well as projects intended to address root causes of hunger.

Please find the “donate” button on our website (www.htlcmpls.org) to support either or both of these special appeals.

A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—PALM SUNDAY

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—MAUNDY THURSDAY

All are welcome to gather for Dinner Church at 6:00 p.m. as we begin our observance of the Three Days. The meal and worship will be interwoven. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir will help lead music for the service.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing, and Andrew Winfield will grace us with music on cello.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—VIGIL OF EASTER

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. A small group ensemble and soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Community Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 18	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 19	11:00 AM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20	12:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 5:45 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Yoga Playtime in the Gym Children's Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Soup Supper Lenten Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, March 21	8:00 AM 7:30 PM	Encore! at Turtle Bread Yoga
Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday

TODAY "Welcome New Members" **In the Community Room**

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the many people joining this congregation.

March 24 "Bridging Healing and Hope"

Anar is a non-profit based in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their work is centered on advancing the psychosocial wellbeing and resilience of children in Palestine. Through community-based services that include creative expression, their aim is to break the cycle of oppression and intergenerational trauma and build community capacity for resilience and hope. Sarah Myers, formerly of Augsburg University, will share her connections with this hopeful organization.