

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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 Gio Kelly. Thank you, Gio!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

O Filii et Filiae

Josse-François-Joseph Benaut

+GATHERING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

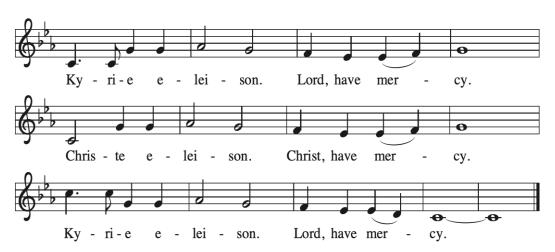
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



+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.**

+KYRIE



+GLORIA



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of rich, black soil and luxuriant growth; you call us to find our depth in you. Teach us to abide in you. Open our hearts to strangers. Give us courage to embody your first

love for us. Make us agents of your hospitality, justice, generosity, and compassion, through Jesus Christ, the true vine.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

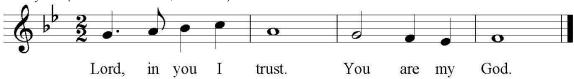
FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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

PSALM 22:25-31 Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



I come with praise before the Lord, release me from all strife; The poor will feast at tables full and find eternal life. **Refrain**

The far flung corners of the earth shall turn to God and sing; And nations of the world shall rise to hail the Lord as King. **Refrain**

The mighty on their knees will bow; as mortals, they discern That, as from dust God gave them breath, to dust they shall return. **Refrain**

Descendants of the coming years who walk the paths well trod Will sing to children yet unborn the mighty acts of God. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: I am the vine, you are the branches

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (John 15:5). Alleluia

+GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON



+Intercessions Larry Farris

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)

God of love, we count calories and steps; help us to count our blessings. We are grateful for warming days and the greening earth, for the fragrance of newly turned garden soil, for birds singing your praises morning and evening, for the blessing of morning coffee. We give you thanks for the peacemakers, the justice seekers, the lovers of enemies, the people who accept us even when we're not at our best. For a good night's sleep, a folly forgiven, a lesson learned, a grace known, we give you thanks and praise. Generous God,

Hear our prayer.

God of justice, we pray you will turn the hearts of those who think the planet has worth only when it is plundered; who believe violence is the only path to conflict resolution; who are sure those who have are deserving and those who have not, are not; who see differences as the cauldron of fear rather than the fountain of possibility; who think any lie justified if it helps achieve an end; who think devotion to You a waste of time. Reconciling God,

Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, make us not only to speak of love, but to incarnate it. Make us good stewards of our gifts that we might bear fruit we can share freely. Make us teachable that we might surrender the certainty of our opinions and seek the kingdom that is yours. Make us to offer You our fears and anxieties that we might find hope beneath them. Faithful God,

Hear our prayer.

God of healing, we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the dying, the grieving and the lonely, the oppressed and imprisoned, the despairing and the broken, and lift all to your tender mercy. We bless you for our congregation – our beautiful babies, exuberant children, questioning youth, faithful adults, and gracious elders. Mindful of all in need, we lift before you this day Deb Anderson's Uncle Rick; Bob Norheim; Matt Floding; Katie Murray's mom, Pat Wilson; Mary Ann Sheets's sister, Lorrie Blain; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Joyce Hanson; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Joanne Chadwick; Jan Mehlhoff's friend Margie Guelker; the family of Jim Hartsoe, whose funeral was held here yesterday; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Compassionate God,

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	8:45	Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ	setting, Wolfgang Rübsam	
	11:00	Prayer for Today Children's Choir	Margaret R. Tucker	

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere, Who fear or pain or doubt; Whose homes are gone, and hopes run out. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere Who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere Who live in comfort, love and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease; But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere
To come closer together in plenty and need,
And to make our world your home, indeed.

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

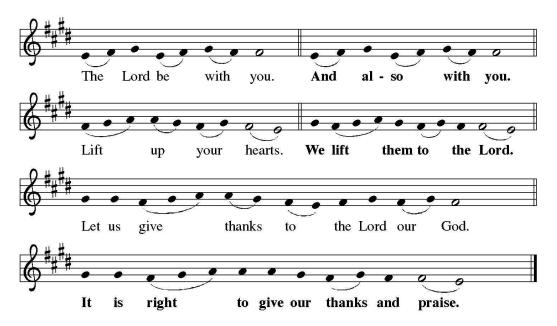


+OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

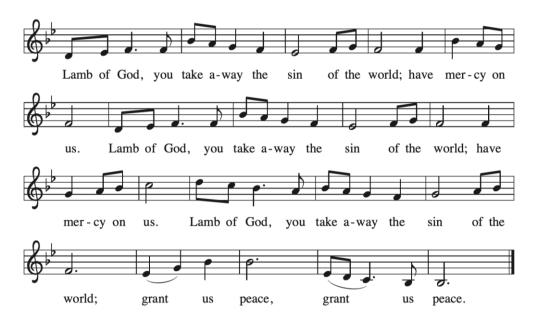
Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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.



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.

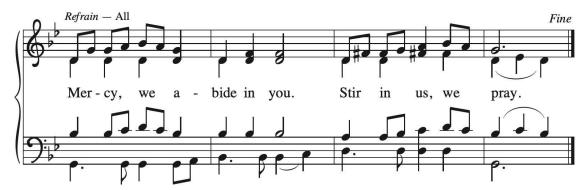
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Mercy, We Abide in You



Cantor/Choir: In peace, may we assemble. In peace, may we unite. In peace, may we be whole. Move within each heart. **Refrain**

For all who suffer in war, for all who struggle for comfort, for all who slumber in ease. Move within each heart. **Refrain**

We are broken, longing for peace, forgiveness, flowing among us. May we be reconciled. Move within each heart. **Refrain**

+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

GRADUATE BLESSING (11:00)

Linden Kung and Kristen Townsend, and their parents or guardians come forward.

Today we have the privilege to recognize and give thanks for graduates in our congregation, including these two students who are graduating from high school. Linden and Kristen attended Sunday School and confirmation classes at Holy Trinity, have worshiped with us in this place, and now are moving from high school and into a new chapter of life.

Graduates, as we mark this exciting time of transition along your journey of life and faith, we offer you our love and blessing.

Let us pray.

God of our beginnings, we give you thanks for Linden and Kristen and the gifts they have offered our community. We ask your blessing upon them as they stand at the threshold of a new adventure. Remind them always of your unconditional love. Give them the wisdom to seek your way and to proclaim your peace and justice. As they follow their unique calls to serve in your world, support them with your eternal grace.

Amen.

Graduates are invited to kneel. Parents/guardians place the shawls on their child's shoulders and lay hands on them in blessing.

Dear friends in Christ, there was a day when your parent held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will follow God's call to new communities, learnings, and experiences. As you go out into the world, may this prayer shawl be a reminder of their love and the nurture of this Christian community.

Parents/Guardians: Child of God, child of mine, we bless you and thank God for the gift you have been to us. Through you, we have come to better understand the nature of God's love, joy, and forgiveness. We are grateful for who you are and what you mean to us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. May this shawl remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. And in times when we cannot wrap you in our arms, wrap yourself in this blanket and know that you are never alone.

Graduates rise. Parents/Guardians kneel. Graduates place their hands on parent/guardian in blessing.

Linden and Kristen, with thanksgiving and love, I now invite you to bless the adult accompanying you.

Graduates: You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I bless you this day for all the ways you have given me life through the years. I honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom, and your selfless love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I thank God for blessing my life with you, and I bless you in Jesus' name.

Parents/guardians rise.

Graduates, wherever your journey leads, you will not travel alone. However you choose to serve God and the world, may the delight of your loved ones, the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing. Let the church say:

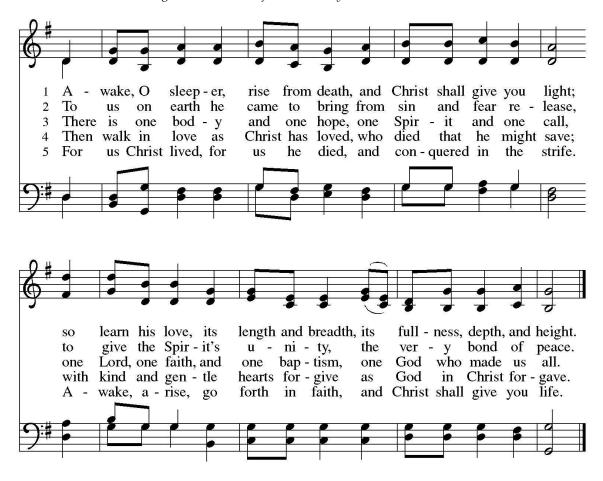
Amen.

Congregation may honor the families with applause.

+SENDING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper

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

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. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Divertissement Gordon Young

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"Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" Text: Delores Dufner, OSB; b. 1939.

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622. Text © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc.

"Where Charity and Love Prevair" Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt. Music: TWENTY-FORTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842. Text © 1960 World Library Publications

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING TWELVE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez		Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
		Crucifer	Aedan Herman
	Andrea Hansen	Cantor	Andrea Hansen
	Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Carol Masters
	Aaron Hanson, Sue Roberts	Communion	Nicki Hines, Karen Kunze, James Nysse
	Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
	Julie and Tom Cahoy	Coffee Servers	Kathy Benson, Connie Adams
		Counters	John Sulzbach
		Closer	Bob Hulteen

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH EXTRA SERVICES

Thank you to everyone to helped with the services for Arnie Johanson, Anne Curtin, Mary Paavola, Allene Qualheim, and Jim Hartsoe over the past weeks. Whether you served, ushered, baked, cleaned up, or helped during the service, you provided a valuable service to the families of the deceased. Thank you! You can find your empty containers in the Community Room kitchen.

YOGA CLASSES AT HOLY TRINITY

Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Classes are open to everyone—members and non-members. Invite a neighbor. Classes will be in the Bartsch Room.

BIG MEETING NIGHT THURSDAY, MAY 2, IS CANCELED

Due to the synod assembly, which involves all three pastors, Big Meeting Night on Thursday, May 2, is canceled.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for May. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help with communion, ushering, altar guild, serving coffee, or baking communion bread.

GLORIA RINGERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.

Gloria Ringers and members of the Children's choir will celebrate the end of their season by presenting a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living in Arden Hills at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the concert.

INVITATION TO SHARE UPRISING STORIES MAY 15, 6:00 P.M.

Gather for a meal, and to see, hear, and share stories of Holy Trinity and Longfellow during the Uprising! As part of the Uprising Story Project, in partnership with Dr. Amy Levad from the University of St. Thomas, we will host a photo exhibit that captures moments of our community from the summer of 2020. We will also introduce a "Story Booth" in which community members can record conversations with each other about their experiences. John and Kay Buzza, Tre Tellor, Bob Hulteen, and Zoe Martinez have agreed to demonstrate the booth by recording their conversations at this event. Hear their stories and consider sharing your own! For more information, contact Dr. Amy Levad (Amy.levad@stthomas.edu). To get an estimate of participants and to help with meal planning, please sign up in the Community Room.

PENTECOST SUNDAY WITH THE MINNESOTA SWAHILI CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION MAY 19, 11:00 A.M.

On Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost), we will have a joint service with the MN Swahili Christian Congregation. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be preaching. This is a tradition we are bringing back after a hiatus due to COVID. Following the service, our two communities will come together to share a meal. The MN Swahili Congregation will be bringing chicken and rice, which is a traditional dish they often share in community. We invite our members to bring salads and desserts to contribute. Feel free to define "salads" expansively. **There will be one service only that day**. Youth and adult education classes will take place at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. The summer season affords us the opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from "the other service." Come join us at 10:00 a.m.!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP AUGUST 9-13

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). It's now time to start the planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our Boundary Waters camping adventure is scheduled for August 9-13. We are planning to go in at Lake One, a large lake with many route and camping options. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Community Room. The total cost is approximately \$175 per person. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Please consider joining us this year. Call or email with any questions or for more details (Julie 612-618-3814 or Tom 612-616-0507 / jtcahoy@gmail.com).

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, April 29	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 30	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, May 1	12:00 PM	Yoga
	5:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Adult Choir
Thursday, May 2		Big Meeting Night is Due to Synod Assembly
	7:30 PM	Yoga
Sunday, May 5	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 "St. John's Bible"

A monumental achievement, *The Saint John's Bible* commissioned by Saint John's Abbey and University is the only handwritten and illuminated Bible since the advent of the printing press more than 500 years ago. The renowned calligrapher and illuminator Donald Jackson, in collaboration with scribes, artists, and theologians, has woven word and image into a Bible for the new millennium. Illuminating Scripture from a contemporary perspective, it incorporates imagery from multiple traditions and regions.

May 5 "Teen Mental Health" Amy Froiland-Parada

Watch for more information in next week's newsletter.