

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 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 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 cover art is a photograph of a quilt made by Sharon Englund.				
+invites the congregation to stand				
	GATHER			
Prelude	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	Maureen Howell		

+GATHERING HYMN

Around You, O Lord Jesus

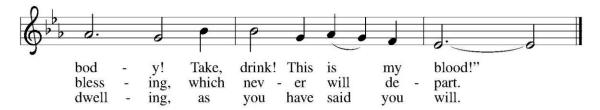
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



- 1 A round you, O Lord Je sus, your own you gath er still
- 2 We hear your in vi ta tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for ev er; un til our fi nal breath







+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.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

FIRST READING

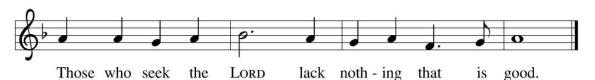
Proverbs 9:1-6

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

PSALM 34:9-14

David Cherwien after Jean Sibelius

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach your reverence for the Lord. Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? **Refrain**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

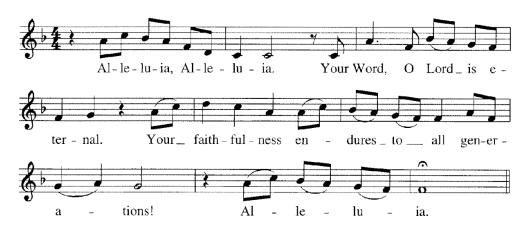
good. Refrain

Ephesians 5:15-20

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+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

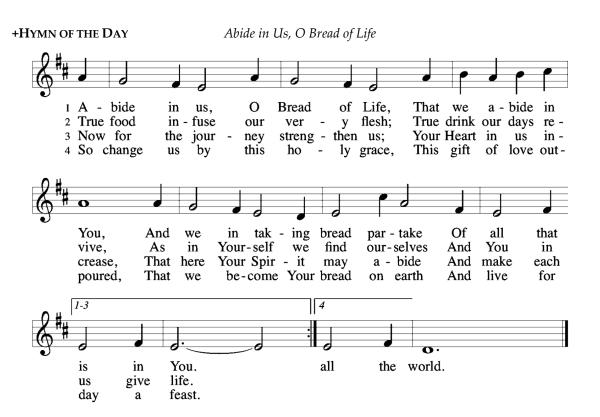


+GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

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

SERMON



Please be seated.

Torsten Thomas Martens

Child of Bruce and Lisa Martens

Sponsors: Nick and Leigh Kramarczuk, friends of the family

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PARENTS: We present Torsten Martens for baptism.

Lisa and Bruce, will you, with God's help, strive to share your love, faith, wisdom, and understanding with Torsten and make for him a home where he may learn the way of Christ and join in Christ's work of love, peace, and justice? Will you share with him the church's life—worship, the Lord's Supper, and fellowship? Will you help and encourage him to live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We will.

Nick and Leigh, will you seek to nurture Torsten in the Christian faith as you are able and help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

We will.

Will you, members of this congregation who form the community of love in which Torsten will grow, keep him and his caregivers in your hearts and in your prayers, and support them in the journey of life?

We will.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we gather together clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. It's all yours—the earth and the sky, the fruit trees, the sun and the moon, the wild animals, and everything that creeps upon the ground.

By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us. We give you glory for Gitchi Gami, Long Lake Dam, Flathead Lake, and the Mississippi River, for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, and above us. Our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. Hagar discovers your well, Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At the river your Child was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into this water and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Blanket us with your grace. Enfold us with your peace. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+A CREED FROM WOMEN AND WORSHIP

We believe in the living God, the Mother and Father of all humankind who creates and sustains the universe in power and in love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate on earth, who showed us by both words and work, suffering with others, conquest of death, what human life ought to be and what God is like.

We believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, the sacraments, the community of the church and all that we do. Amen.

Please be seated.

BAPTISM AND SEAL

Torsten Thomas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Loving God, we thank you for the life of Torsten and the new life you give to us through Christ. Sustain him with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless him that he may come to know what you have made known. Give him grace to grow in faith and life, wisdom and understanding, and joy in your everlasting presence. **Amen.**

Torsten, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Through baptism God has made us members of the community of faith that is centered in Christ Jesus. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

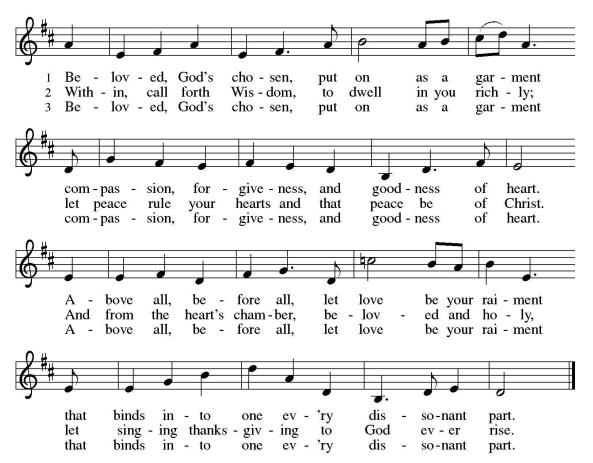
We welcome you, Torsten, into the community of faith. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

Asperges (sprinkling with water) is offered during the hymn as a reminder of baptism.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Beloved, God's Chosen



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)

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Empower workers and their organizations, especially our partner CTUL, in their struggle for more justice. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort, especially Wayne Vetter; Shawn Barry; Katie Murray's mom Pat Wilson; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Cori Gershon; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; Arlene Mirelez, who has entered hospice; the family of Joyce Hanson, whose funeral was held yesterday; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). We celebrate with Bruce and Lisa Martens upon the baptism of their son Torsten. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Merciful God," to which the congregation will respond, "Receive 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.

And also with you.

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

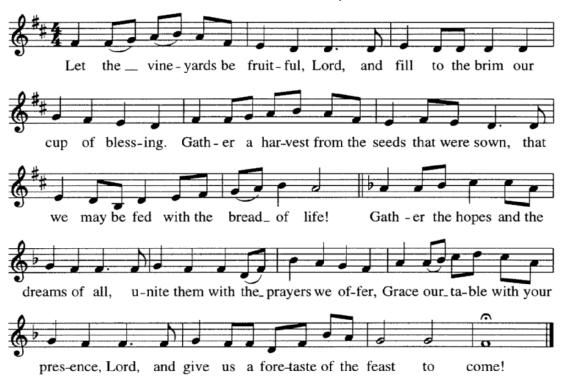
*The Lord's Prayer*Abs Trewin, soloist

Josephine Forsyth

+Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, 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.

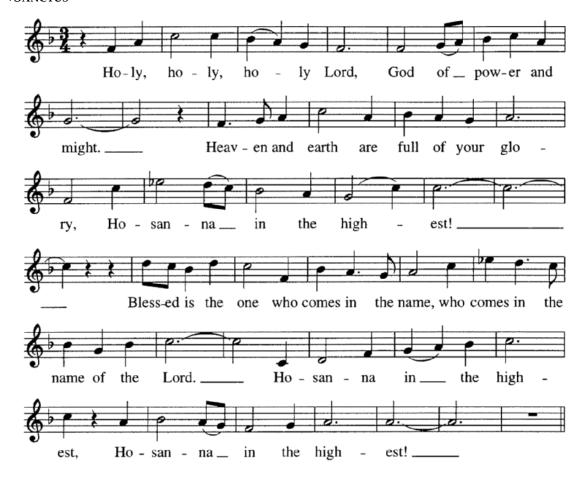
Lift up your hearts.

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 give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. He entered our world and our human story, revealing your love and showing compassion even to those who crucified him. On this day he overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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.

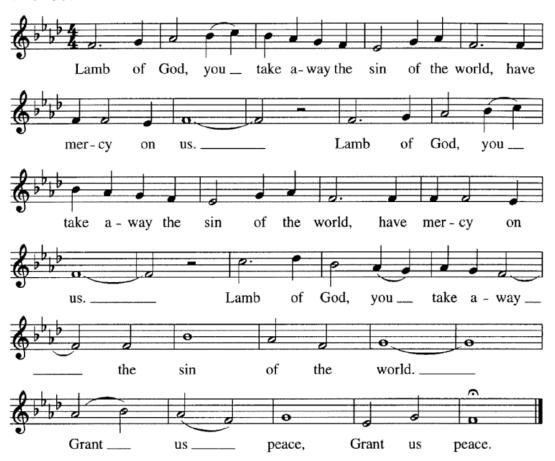
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

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.

Today's communion bread comes from Laune Bread at 3605 E Lake St, Minneapolis, MN

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 ANTHEM

Psalm 142 Abs Trewin, Soloist Ned Rorem

I cried unto the Lord with my voice;

with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me:

refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto Thee, O Lord: I said,

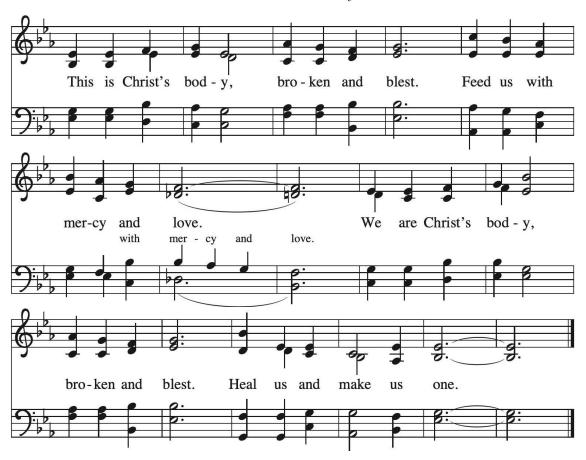
Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name:

The righteous shall compass me about; for Thou shall deal bountifully with me. I cried unto the Lord; unto the Lord did I make my supplication. Attend unto my cry.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

This Is Christ's Body



+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, 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

Voices Raised to You

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

From where we are, to where you need us,

Christ be beside us.

From what we are, to what you can make of us,

Christ be before us.

From the private dreams we cherish, to God's redemption of the world's life in us, through us, in spite of us,

Christ be beneath us.

Through the streets of this world, to the gates of heaven,

Christ be above us.

Surround us with your presence, O God, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us in your love. **Amen.**

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Benedictus from Missa Brevis Sung in Latin Abs Trewin, soloist

W. A. Mozart

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

At this time 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 SETTING TODAY: CUP OF BLESSING by Rachel Trelstad Porter

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Doug Mork	
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez	
Crucifer		
Cantor	Phil Radtke	
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf	
Communion	Zoe Martinez, Sean Gosiewski	
Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman	
Coffee Servers	Amber and Adam Lewis	
Counters	Pam Blomgren	
Closer	Bob Hulteen	

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

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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

CHURCH INFORMATION

MONDAY-THURSDAY, AUGUST 19-22 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to learn important stories, songs, and themes in our Christian tradition! Children ages 7-12 are encouraged to attend. Older children can volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed to help with child supervision, preparing/serving lunch, and pitching in as needed. To volunteer or register, contact Pastor David (david@htlcmpls.org).

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ALEX JURY AUGUST 22, 11:00 A.M.

Alex died very unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 7 at the age of 39. His wife, children, and brothers will be in town for a service in celebration of his life at Holy Trinity on Thursday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m. The Jurys extend a warm invitation to any Holy Trinity members to celebrate his life on August 22.

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Our final Pop-up Choir of the summer! Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed! This will be an intergenerational Pop-up choir offering music accessible to both young and old.

ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC AT WABUN PARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 12:00 P.M.

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Wabun A Picnic Area, 4655 46th Ave. S., Minnehaha Falls Park. Plan to join us at 12:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for potluck. A playground and splash pad are next to the picnic area.

RING OUT! AUDITIONS THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Ring Out! is a new group founded by Logan Olson, who also directs Holy Trinity's Gloria Ringers. Ring Out! is an LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble with roots at Holy Trinity. The group will rehearse at Holy Trinity and share our bells. Auditions are Thursday, August 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information about auditioning or other ways to support the organization, visit their website at <u>ringoutmn.org</u>.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, IS THE FINAL DAY OF THE SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. Next week (September 8) we will be back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m.

REQUEST FROM LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Longfellow would like 50 backpacks filled with school supplies for young moms. You can bring them to the church office or to Zoe Martinez's front porch by Friday, August 30. School starts September 3. Each back should have 3 spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, highlighters, hair ties, comb, hairbrush, hand sanitizer, lip balm, and wipes. Please help these young moms to start the new school year. Talk to Zoe Martinez (zoenan52@yahoo.com) if you have questions or need more information.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1:30 P.M.

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATION YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE, GLORIA RINGERS, AND CANTATE YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Welcome to a new season of singing and ringing! Beginning September 4, Wednesday nights will be filled with music again.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Choir family meal

5:45-6:45 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal

5:45-6:30 p.m. Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m. Gloria Ringers rehearsal

6:45=7:30 p.m. Cantate rehearsal

Contact Cantor Phil Radtke (<u>pradtke@htlcmpls.org</u>) or Handbell Director Logan Olson (<u>lolson@htlcmpls.org</u>) if you have any questions.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, August 19	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, August 20	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, August 21	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, August 22	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Vacation Bible School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Life for Alex Jury
Sunday, August 25	9:00 AM	Pop-up Choir Meet in Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Congregational Picnic at Wabun Park
	2:00 PM	Swahili Worship Service

MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

ABS TREWIN, VOCAL SOLOIST

When I was little, I wanted to do everything my older brother Sean did, including and especially anything involving music. It didn't take long for my independent journey of music to blossom into a lifelong love affair. Much like my faith journey, my personal relationship with music has informed my musical relationships with others, and vice versa. Through music, I was able to meet beloved friends such as James Nysse and Logan Olson (whose musical journey led us all to Holy Trinity) as well as my partner Colton Baldus. I stay involved in music because I continue to find community in musical spaces, and music gives me a feeling of confidence and strength to continue living my best life. "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33