



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 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 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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Joanna Phillips, violin

arr. Robert Wetzler

+GATHERING HYMN

Hope of the World

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



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

+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

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
Last time, to Coda ⊕

high - est, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on

1. earth. 2. earth. For

You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry ev - er - last - ing, A - men! _____

D.S. S *al Coda* ⊕ **Coda**

_____ earth. And peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Source of life, you feed us with love that lasts. Find us in our wandering, speak to us the word of life, liberate our hearts from violence and let us stay with you; through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

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

PSALM 34:15-22

Bruce Bengtson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. Refrain**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. Refrain**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Your Word, O Lord_ is e -
ter - nal. Your_ faith - ful - ness en - dures_ to ___ all gen - er -
a - tions! Al - le - lu - ia.

+GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

We're Children of God



1 We're child - ren of God; we're wel - comed and claimed.
2 We're child - ren of God who takes a - way sin.
3 We're child - ren of God and so our de - light



We're giv - en new birth, re - newed and re - named.
In Christ we a - bide; our life is in him.
Is liv - ing the life that's good in God's sight.



The world may not know yet to whom we be - long,
We of - fer for - give - ness, seek jus - tice and peace,
One day we'll be like him, trans - formed from a - bove



But we are God's child - ren and love is our song.
And reach out to o - thers, that love may in - crease.
To sing for e - ter - ni - ty God's song of love.

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)

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts, 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 Alex Jury, whose funeral was held this past week; 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*). Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. 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

God, You Hold Your Children Dear

Andrew Bruhn

Sung in Swedish and English; Stephanie Sulzbach, soloist
Pop-up Choir; Joanna Phillips, violin

*Gud som haver barnen kär. Se till mig som liten är.
Vart jag mig i världen vänder. Står min lycka i Guds händer.
Lyckan kommer lyckan går. Du förbliver, Fader vår.*

God, you hold your children dear. Look at me, so little here.
Watch me in my journeys, lead me. In your hands you safely keep me.
Joy may come and joy may go. Lord, you never change, I know.

+OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

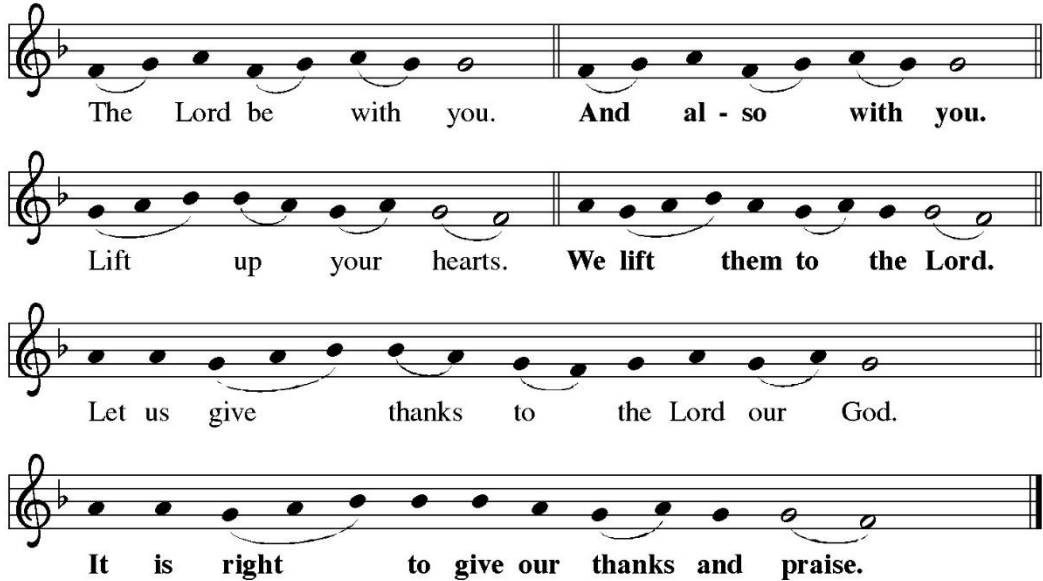
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread_ of life! Gath -er the hopes and the
dreams of all, u-nite them with the_ prayers we of-fer, Grace our_ ta-ble with your
pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come!

+OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 al - so 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. 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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of _ pow-er and
might. _____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
ry, Ho - san - na _ in the high - est! _____
_____ Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes in the
name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high -
est, 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way
the sin of the world.
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Eat This Bread

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Living Water

1 Gifts of riv - ers, lakes, and tor - rents, tid - al pools, and
 2 Liv - ing wa - ter, free - ly giv - en— all, who thirst and
 3 How could we re - frain from tell - ing, shout - ing from the



o - cean swells, rains to nur - ture new - born seed - lings,
 ask, re - ceive from the Christ who seeks and finds us
 moun - tain peaks, sing - ing hope with bold con - vic - tion



springs to feed the des - ert wells— none com - pare to
 near our wells of hope and need. Christ— who knows each
 through the by - ways, fields, and streets? We bear wit - ness



liv - ing wa - ter, flow - ing from its
 life's be - gin - nings, ev - 'ry mo - ment,
 to Christ's mer - cy, blessed and cher - ished



lav - ish Source, ev - er quench - ing
 deed, and thought— loves be - yond our
 as Christ's own. In the stream of



and re - stor - ing on its end - less, joy - ful course.
 un - der - stand - ing, loves be - yond what creeds have taught.
 liv - ing wa - ter, all are wel - come, loved, and known!

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

Spirit, Open My Heart

*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.*

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.

+BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*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

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Coffee Servers	The Hendrickson Family
Counters	Annie Hines
Closer	Roberta Shaw

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C H U R C H I N F O R M A T I O N

ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC AT WABUN PARK TODAY AT 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 WEDNESDAY, 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 ringoutmn.org.

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! Wednesday nights will be filled with music again. Choir families will gather for a meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m., Children's Choir will rehearse from 5:45-6:45 p.m., Jubilation Youth Bell Ringers will rehearse from 5:45-6:45 p.m., Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Cantate will rehearse from 6:45-7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 4. Contact Cantor Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) or Handbell Director Logan Olson (lolson@htlcmpls.org) if you have any questions.

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

Labor Day Weekend is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. On 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.

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

Tuesday, August 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, August 29	6:30-8:30 PM	Ring Out! Auditions
Sunday, September 1	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Worship Service