

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 provided by Rosie Martin. Thank you, Rosie!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Origami Doves

When we gather for worship our prayers rise up to God. Our community tenderly holds joy, sadness, worry, and everything in between. Starting September 15 and running through December 1, you are invited to write your prayers on pieces of paper that will be folded into origami doves by Juliann Breting Rohn and her friends. The prayer doves will become a part of an art piece that will be built over the coming months and which will live in the sanctuary. At any moment during the service, especially during communion, we invite you to write your prayers. The pieces of paper are on the table in front of the altar railing.

PRELUDE Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Johann Pachelbel

+GATHERING HYMN

Wisdom Parts the Way before Us

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.**

The Canaanite Woman's Song



Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

We shout for justice! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We beg for healing! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We cry for your help! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We demand your presence! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

Let us rise together.

Jesus says:

Great is your faith!

Let it be to you as you desire.

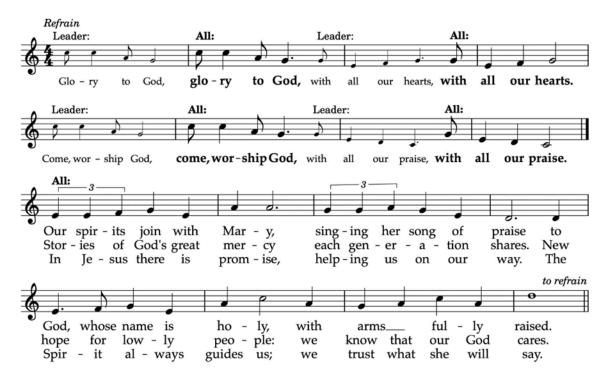
You are already made whole.

You are already made whole. (Matthew 15:21-28)



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of welcome, your people are called to be distinct not by width of separation but depth of hospitality and peace within our lives: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread; through Jesus Christ, the companion of many ways.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

SPECIAL APPEAL TEMPLE TALK

Word

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

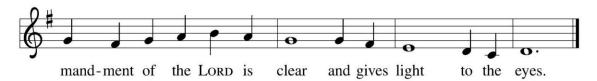
Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 19:7-14 Marty Haugen

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



The stat-utes of the LORD are just and re-joice the heart; the com-



The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul,

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statues of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **Refrain**

By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

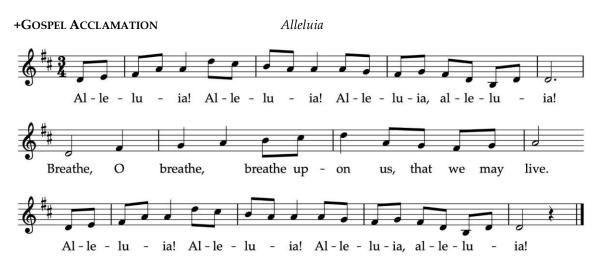
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my heart and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.



+GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Tell Again the Joyful Story



- 1 Tell a gain the joy-ful sto ry of the One who spins the world,
- 2 Yet she knows the deep-est wa ters, hears the ca dence of our tears,
- 3 So that we may join her danc ing, feed the hun gry, clothe the poor,



stirs the col-ors of the rain - bow, casts them in - to clouds she swirls. holds the sor-rows of the shad - ows, bears the weight of numb-ing years. sweep a-way de-bris of an - ger, si-lence des-p'rate shouts of war.



She who knows our birth-ing pains calls us to a birth a-gain In the mu - sic of her voice, wea - ry danc - ers may re-joice,



danc-es in the morn-ing's rap-ture! Hear a prom - ise in her laugh-ter! and a death that she might save us from a death that has en-slaved us, for she sends our sad - ness reel-ing in the rhy - thms of her heal - ing.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Joyce Besser

Let us gather in prayer acknowledging God's ever faithful presence among us. God is love — a love not only for us but for all peoples, for all of creation. We are called to listen to God's word and to enact this love always and in all ways.

(silence)

The sky declares the glory of God—not long ago beautifully evident in the huge moon and colorful movement of the northern lights. Harvest time is here and the earth in its abundance sings God's praise. We, too, would sing our praise and thanks for all earth's signs of God's love and presence. God ever with us,

Hear our prayer.

The world cries in pain. We are daily called anew to not become complacent to the cries of human lives and deaths everywhere. God help us, in all circumstances and whatever way we can, to take action to show your love and faithfulness for all. God ever with us,

Hear our prayer.

For all leaders in the church we ask for courage and strength to always be prophetic and truthful in preaching God's word and enacting God's love. We, the people, are the church called to hear and enact God's love for justice for the earth and all creation. We can overcome homelessness, hunger, and poverty. We can restore the earth by our choices and actions. May God grant us the will and the courage to do so. God ever with us,

Hear our prayer.

Is anyone discouraged? Hurting? Anxious? Doubting? Troubled? Without hope? Lost a loved one? Facing illness? Know that whatever your circumstance, God is with you. We pray especially for the family of Arlene Mirelez, who died last week and whose funeral was Friday; Kathy Ekwall's friend, Jim Farnes (and family), diagnosed with cancer; Amy Johnson; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Mary Petersen, recovering from a fall; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; 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; 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). God ever with us,

Hear our prayer.

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

May the words we speak and the actions of our lives reveal your love for all creation. Hear our prayers. May they be acceptable to you, our Redeemer and Sustainer. **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.

During the offering, everyone is invited to come forward to write your prayers on pieces of paper that will be added to the prayer doves. Paper for your prayers can be found on the table at the front of the sanctuary.

Come! Let us pray together.

OFFERING (8:45)

Prelude and Fugue in e minor

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

Let Us Pray for Understanding
Adult Choir

Marty Haugen

Let us pray for understanding, pray that Wisdom guides our days; gift beyond all earthly treasure, joy beyond all worldly pleasure:

Come, O Wisdom, teach our hearts to know your ways.

Spirit, clear and certain, she is kind, unique; precious is the gift that Wisdom offers.

She breathes forth the power of the Holy One, pure illumination of God's glory.

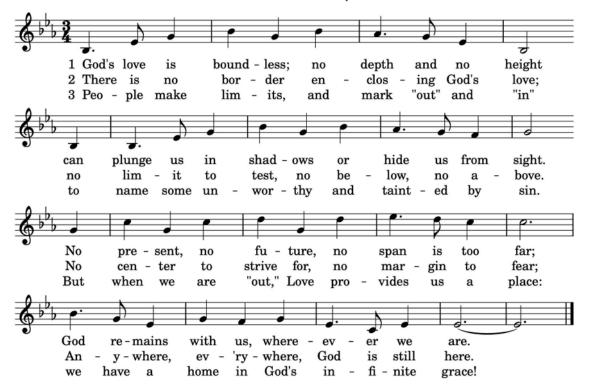
She is the reflection of eternal light, image of God's goodness, grace and power.

Dwelling in the holy souls of every age, she makes them the friends of God and prophets.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

God's Love Is Boundless

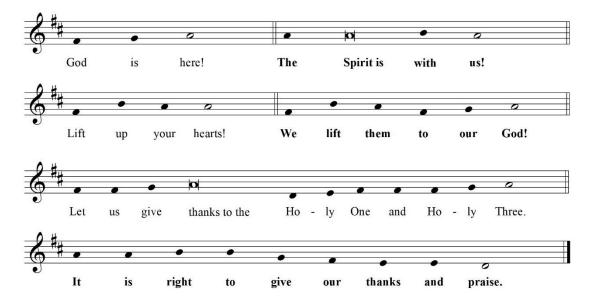
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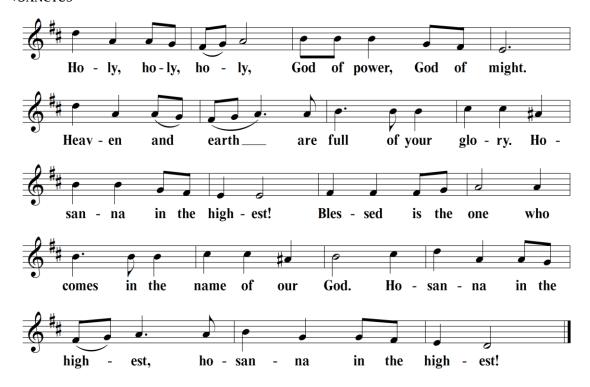
+OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen**.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



And now we give you thanks for all we have received through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life. Therefore with all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed.... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+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.

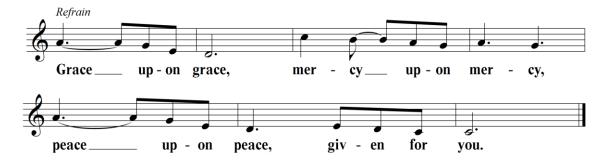
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain*. Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain*.

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.

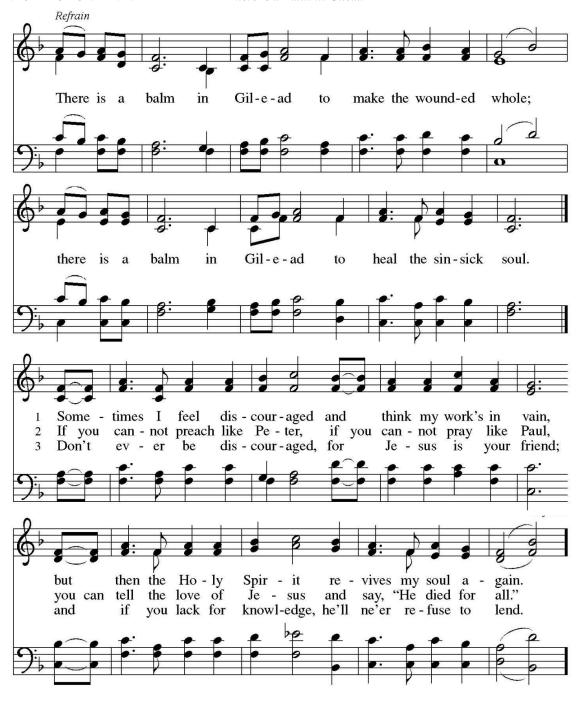
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

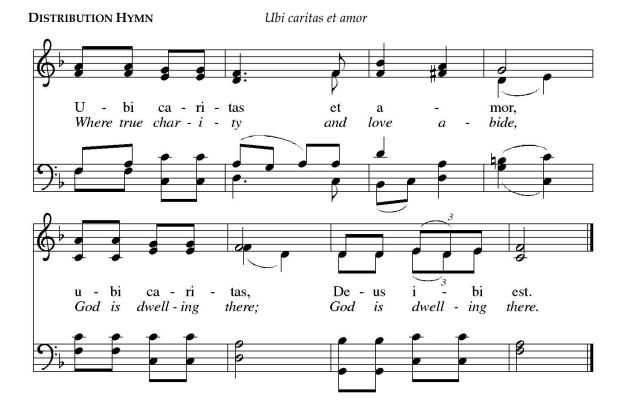
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead





+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

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

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Maestoso Aaron David Miller

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Helen Norheim
Pam Blomgren	Communion Servers	Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Skold
	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Nancy Madich	Coffee Servers	Nicki Hines
Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmel
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

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CHURCH INFORMATION

ORIGAMI FOLDING FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE TODAY

Have you ever folded an Origami form? Would you like to learn to fold a paper dove? Join Juliann at the Dove Table in the Sanctuary after the 11:00 worship service today to fold our prayers and hopes papers into doves for the growing sculpture in our worship space. This activity would be especially appropriate for older youth and adults of all ages.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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).

INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Come and help us with dusting, organizing, and cleaning some of our indoor spaces, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Join us for any amount of time that you are able. We won't make you scrape gum from the bottom of the pews. Sign-up in the Community Room.

OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Racial Justice committee will sponsor a workshop on October 12 on "Overcoming White Supremacy and Privilege," 9:00-11:30 a.m. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has often struggled to reckon with what it means to be a 98% white church in a country full of white body supremacy. In the wake of Dylan Roof (a white supremacist ELCA church member who killed 9 people at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC), the stakes are high for us to figure out how to develop new cultural patterns of Gospel Inclusion.

If you're teetering on whether or not to attend the October 12th workshop on "White Privilege and Supremacy" this short article (<u>Understanding the impact of white privilege and supremacy</u>) may encourage you to attend. Those of us who are white-bodied have much to learn. The workshop facilitators provide a safe and interesting place to expand our views and apply them to actions aimed at justice. Sign up in the Community Room.

FORUM ON INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS OCTOBER 13 AND 14

Grace University Lutheran in Minneapolis will have an Adult Forum on Indian boarding schools with two opportunities:

- Sunday, October 13, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Grace, 324 Harvard St. SE, in the peace chapel. (See https://graceattheu.org/contact-us-directions/directions-parking-map/).
- Monday, October14, 7:00-8:15 p.m., on Zoom (Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86069414273?pwd=TxXOuJSRCzuxKOi2GK3VSGmbhY6wnX.1

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 11, 2024. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2025 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, September 30	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 1	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
-	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, October 2	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Rehearsal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Open Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, October 3	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Indoor Property Work Day
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, October 6	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	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 "Longfellow Alternative High School"

Join us for an update on Longfellow Alternative High School and ways Holy Trinity members can continue to support their work.

October 6 Intergenerational Educational Experience

In lieu of the adult forum, Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Confirmation today, everyone is invited to an Intergenerational Education Hour. We will be focusing on "place," giving thanks for where our community finds its rootedness from which to branch out into the world. We will be blessing the building, walking around the neighborhood, visiting with our building partners, and enjoying fellowship. We apologize that due to the nature of the various activities happening throughout the building, there will be no simultaneous livestream of this event.