

by Jayar

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to All

We honor that we gather and worship on the Dakota Homeland.

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 Jayne Vaillancourt. Thank you, Jayne!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

+GATHERING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



+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.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

God, You Enfold Me
Cantate; James Nysse, clarinet

Giulio Caccini arr. Hal H. Hopson

God, you enfold me, God, you surround me,
God be in my feasting, O God, be in my thirsting.
God, be in my thinking, God, be in my speaking,
God, be in my watching, God be in my waiting,
God, be in my heart, God, be in my soul.
God, you uphold me, God, you protect me,
God, be in my sleeping, O God, be in my waking.
God, be in my grieving, God, be in my gladness,
God, be in my longing, God, be in my hoping,
God, be in my life, God, be my eternal home.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and your prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you.

Amen.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

PSALM 19 Michel Guimont

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



The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. Refrain

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **Refrain**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **Refrain**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favor in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good new to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives (Luke 4:18). *Alleluia*

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

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

SERMON



+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

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)

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery, especially Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Gerry Berglin; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Rev. Amy Schifrin; Michael Scanlan; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Juliet Williamson; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; Meghan Hendrickson; 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 of grace,

Hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," 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

Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found inside the back page of the bulletin.

Alleluia! I Will Sing Children's Choir David Waggoner

Alleluia! I will sing.
I'll sing a song of love and freedom, I'll sing a song of hope and peace
I'll lift my voice, I will sing! Alleluia!

+OFFERTORY HYMN

For Love and Mercy's Sake

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



The bro-ken words, the shat-tered praise, the mem-o-ries we wake





Love will not leave us com-fort-less for Love and mer-cy's sake.

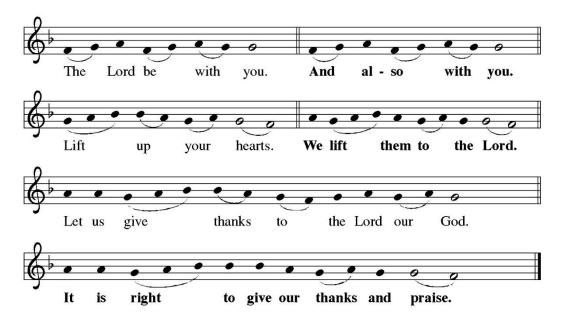


+OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



+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.

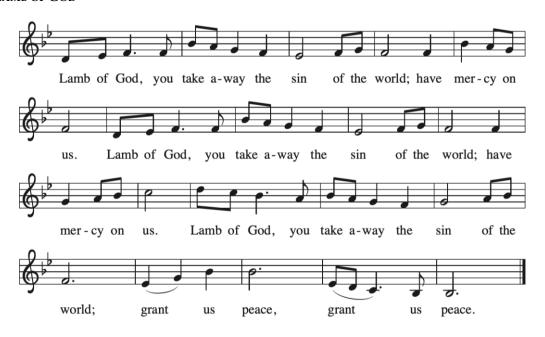
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

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 God Is Love is love. God God is love; let us love one an -God oth-er God first loved is love. us. as 8 God God is love. is love.



God Is Here Today



+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

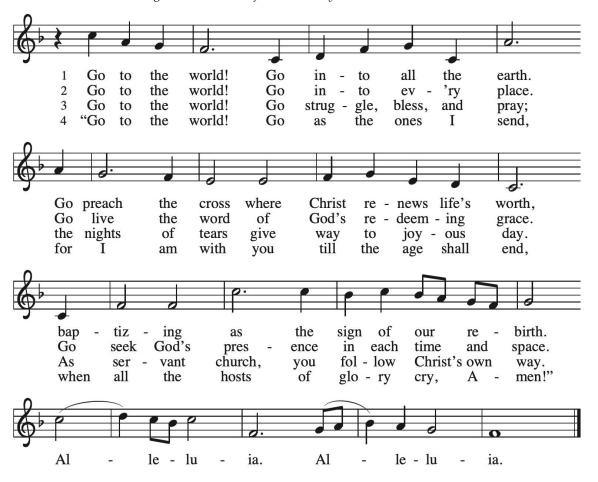
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Go to the World

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

The Spirit of the triune God

→ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Join us in the gym for lunch and the Annual Meeting.

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

"All Are Welcome" Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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"God Is Love" Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19. Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert
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"God Is Here Today" Text: Javier Gacías Mateo, b. 1956; tr. C. Michael Hawn, b. 1948

Music: DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ, Javier Gacías Mateo. Text © 1999 Choristers Guild

"Go to the World!" Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993. Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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"For Love and Mercy's Sake"Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm. Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional
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LITURGY: ACS SETTING TWELVE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen		
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez		
Crucifer	Bob Hulteen		
Cantor	James Nysse		
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm		
Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Melanie Townsend		
Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, DeWayne Townsend IV		
Altar Guild	Carol and David Berg		
Coffee Servers	Annual Meeting		
Counters	Pam Blomgren		
Closer	Roberta Shaw		

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

STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator* 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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 121st year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2025 budget.

FEBRUARY 2025: THE MODERN SAINTS BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

In *The Modern Saints*, Gracie Morbitzer depicts a wide variety of Christian saints in present-day context. In her contemporary iconographic paintings, their faces are lifelike, colorful, and expressive. Alongside the images are original reflections, compiled by Morbitzer and written by James Martin, Eve Tushnet, Tsh Oxenreider, Laura Kelly Fanucci, Christena Cleveland, and many others. Taken as a whole, this thick, beautiful book makes a powerful argument for the saints as edgy, relevant, and fully alive to God and the world. We'll gather one time for a discussion—date and time will be sent out to those who sign-up for the group! Sign up in the Community Room.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and desserts. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 2.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our 6-12th grade youth (confirmation and high school students) and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 which will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, and Sunday, February 2, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 – OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

Join us from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a morning with David Scherer and Joe Davis from the organization JustMove. This workshop is designed for both those who identify as white AND those who identify as persons of color. In the workshop we will:

- 1. Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
- 2. Deepen our awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberating patterns.
- 3. Increase our awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.
- 4. Build trust in multi-racial conversation.

David and Joe combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music, poetry, storytelling, and conversation.

Sign-up sheet is in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358. Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Committee

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We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!



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CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, January 27	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 28	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 29	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Sunday, February 2	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Realm Help"

In place of the Adult Forum time (9:00 a.m.), Kathy Ekwall and Caren Hiatt will be available in the library to help members get logged into the new volunteer and church management software, Realm. We will also be available for 30 minutes after the Annual Meeting, in the gym. This is a follow up to the overview given on January 12. All members will receive an email inviting them to Realm by Friday, January 24. This is in-person only due to the Annual Meeting.

February 2 "Library Open House" Annie Hines, Caren Hiatt, and Roberta Shaw, Librarians

All are invited to an open house on Sunday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a brief presentation at 9:00, then give you time to browse, ask questions, make suggestions, try for a door prize, and borrow a book or two. It's a good way to celebrate Groundhog Day and enjoy a groundhog cookie!