

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 16, 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 Michael Sorum. Thank you, Michael!

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Praeludiumum in F

Vincent Lübeck

Christ Is Living Choir, stanza 2

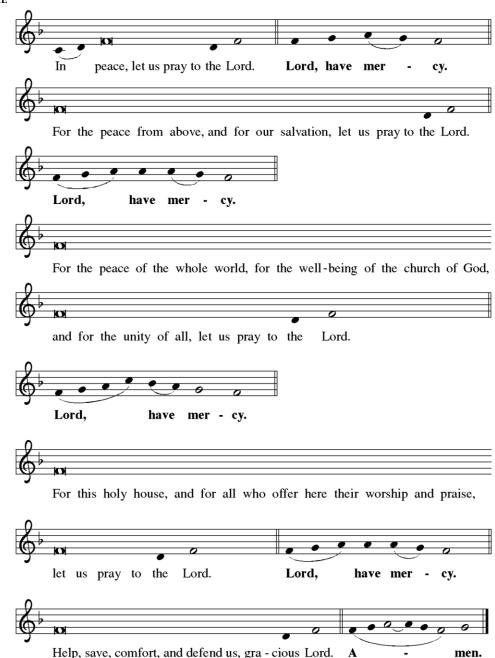
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+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.





This Is the Feast



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you root those who trust in you by streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, that we may find the blessing of new life in you through the power of Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

PSALM 1

Michel Guimont

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



Happy indeed are those who follow not the counsel of the wicked, nor linger in the way of sinners nor sit in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponder God's law day and night. **Refrain**

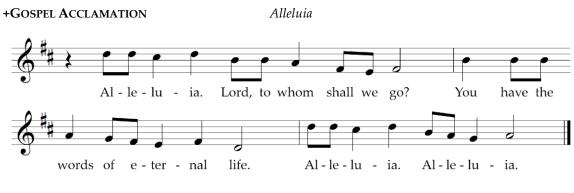
They are like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that they do shall prosper. Not so are the wicked, not so! **Refrain**

For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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



+GOSPEL READING

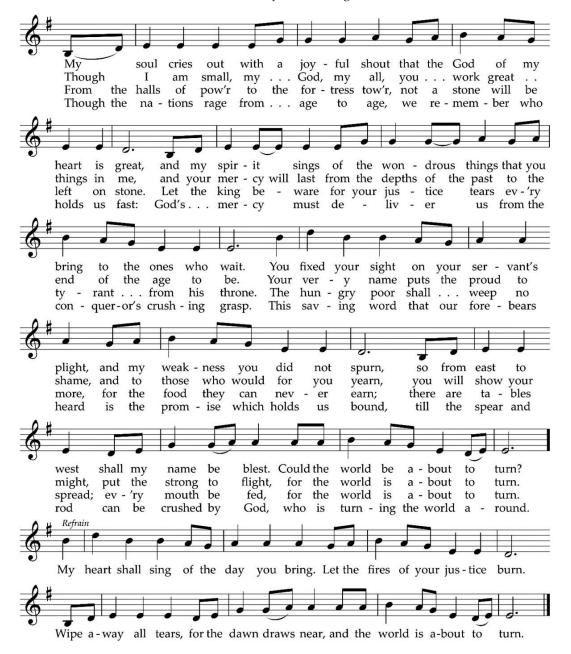
Luke 6:17-26

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of The Turning



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)

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their hearts may be softened by the plights of their neighbors, and that they will delight in the fountain of your truth. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way especially Betty Anderson; Carol Kelly; Liz Blood; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; 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; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; the family of Sara Jensen, whose sister died this 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*). Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in political times that feel challenging, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. 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 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 fellowship and love with those around you.

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 on the back page of the bulletin.

Hallelujah; Praise the Lord Adult Choir Robert Ray

Hallelujah; Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Let us praise the Lord Praise Him with stringed instruments. Praise Him with dance. Praise Him on the psaltery and harp. Everything that has breath ought to praise Him. Deep River



Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

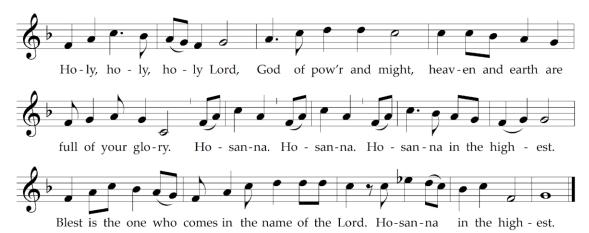
Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

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.

+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.

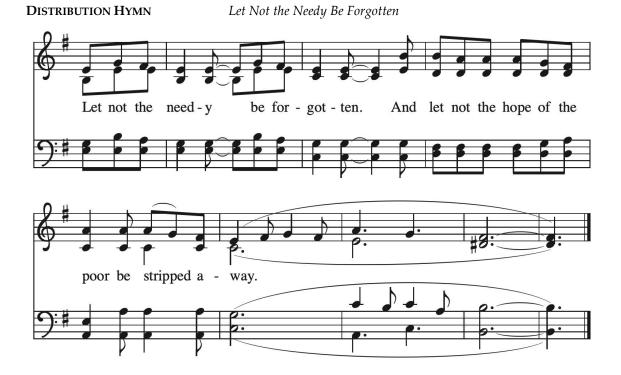
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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.



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN



+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,

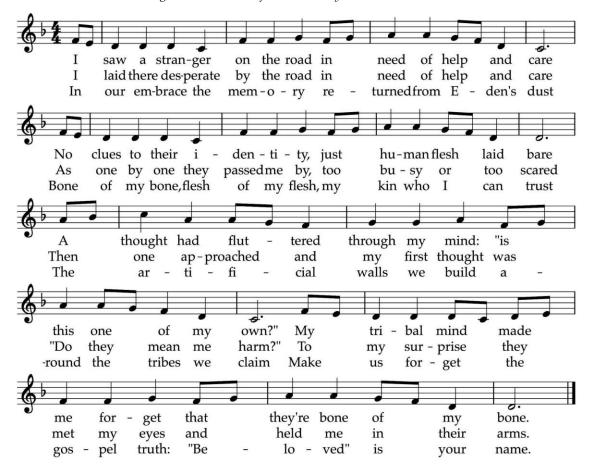
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

I Saw a Stranger

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 the God of Love who shared her love strengthen us in our love for others. May Jesus the Christ who shared his life grant us grace that we too might share our lives. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be faithful in our service.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Scherzo in G

P. Radtke

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: ELW SETTING THREE

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Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson (she/her), Pat Farris (she/her)		
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER, TRE TELLOR

Tre Tellor has lived in Minneapolis since 2018 (moving to Minneapolis for school at Augsburg University, studying sociology and theology), but was born and raised in Bloomington. Currently, Tre is the solidarity/ally organizer at CTUL, a worker's center that organizes low-wage and immigrant workers and helps to lead an organizing collective of young people in the Twin Cities. Tre first discovered Holy Trinity during the uprising, when he saw the mutual aid work and even used the church for shelter. After finishing college, and his time as a lay youth minister in Bloomington, MN, at another ELCA congregation, Tre joined Holy Trinity remembering the church's action during the uprising and experiencing our powerful mixture of liturgical tradition and social justice. Since joining Holy Trinity, Tre has found a faith home to connect with an inclusive inter-generational community, and a place to ground himself in grace, mercy, and hope.

INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Our building is used a lot! Come and help us with some tidying, sorting, purging, dusting, and other indoor work. Let's make it shine! We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon! There will also be pastries and coffee in the morning and snacks in the afternoon. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule. Sign up in the Community Room. Please also note, this will be a kickoff to our new monthly work day. We plan to host a monthly workday on the third Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more.

YOUTH RECITAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual recital. Musicians and dancers are welcome to sign up as art and talent comes in many forms! This will serve as our adult forum for the day. Sign up in the Community Room by February 16. For more information or questions contact Phil Radtke.

WASETI ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM IN WORSHIP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Waseti = We are Strong Enough to Inspire. Waseti Ensemble is an inspirational vocal group that is committed to using their energy, gifts, and abilities to inspire all people, regardless of race, creed, or any other categorical differences. Currently consisting of nine vocalists: Donna Cooper, Lisa Olson, Kate Johnston, Jeenee Lee, Jessica Tamba, Ty Collins, Wayne Doe, Lloyd Cooper, and Sam Reeves. Their passion is compassion, and they eagerly anticipate many more labors of love, through the fine arts, to effectively be the change we need to see.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23-IMMIGRATION RESPONSE TRAINING

On Sunday, February 23, we will be holding two immigration know-your-rights training courses specifically related to our life together as congregations in this building. More than 50 people have already expressed interest and there is a sign-up in the Community Room. The training will last about 90 minutes

- 11:00 a.m. (immediately following worship) in the Bartsch Room for Holy Trinity members and known allies with a few partner organizations
- 1:30 p.m. (immediately following the Swahili worship) in the Sanctuary for MN Swahili and Holy Trinity members only

SUNDAY, MARCH 2-NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Bartsch room. Breakfast will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor David or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

PENUMBRA THEATER'S "PARADISE BLUE" FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 7:30 P.M.

The Racial Justice committee invites you to the Penumbra Theatre's performance of "Paradise Blue" on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for seniors (65+), \$35 for adults, and \$10 for students. It's a showstopper musical drama, with a Detroit black community fighting for its future after a bewitching stranger arrives with ready cash. This play is also about finding connection, love, redemption, and sanctuary. The Star Tribune rated this show as one of the 8 highly recommended shows this season. Sign up in the Community Room for one of 20 tickets!

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

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, February 17	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, February 18	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion	
	6:30 PM	Executive Council	
	7:00 PM	Church Council	
Wednesday, February 19	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal	
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal	
	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	
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate! Rehearsal	
Thursday, February 20	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread	
	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	Indoor Property Work Day	
Sunday, February 23	9:00 AM	Adult Forum	
	9:00 AM	Youth Education	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	11:00 AM	Immigration Response Training	
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service	
	1:30 PM	Immigration Response Training	

Adult Forum

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

TODAY "The Northland Beckons: An Illustrated Haiku Journey" Sandra Hisakuni, author

Holy Trinity member Sandra Hisakuni will be presenting on her book, *The Northland Beckons: An Illustrated Haiku Journey*.

February 23 "Youth Recital"

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual recital.

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