

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 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 Amy Johnson. Thank you, Amy!

# GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE Partita on 'Grosser Gott' P. Radtke

#### +GATHERING HYMN

#### Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

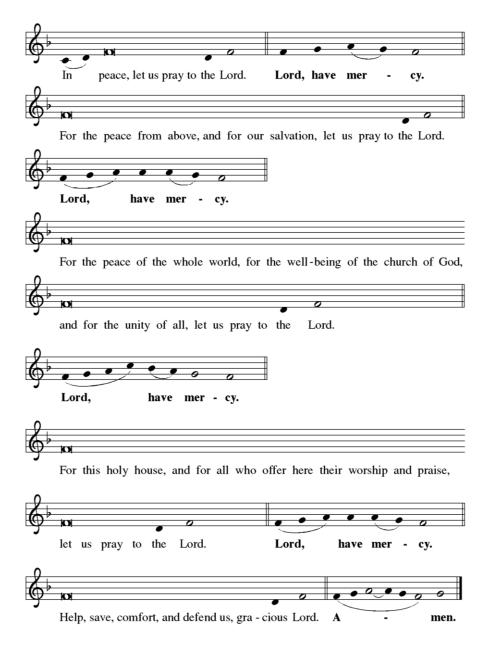
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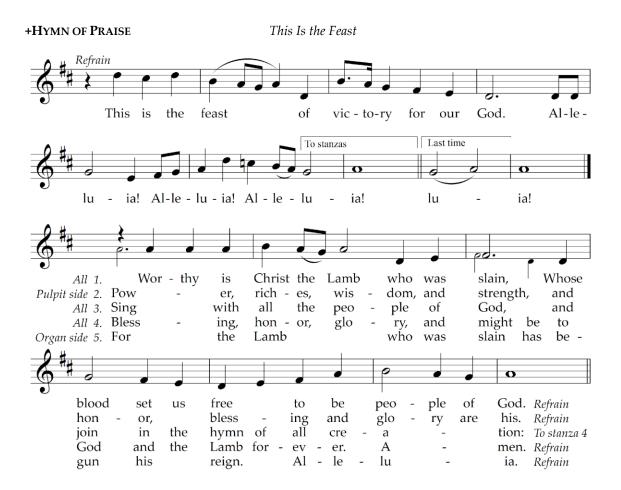


#### +GREETING

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

#### +KYRIE





#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### WELCOME

# Word

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

PSALM 138 Thomas Pavlechko

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rules of the earth will praise you, O LORD,

when they have heard the words of your mouth. Refrain

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

The Lord is high, he cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 *Corinthians* 15:1-11

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

#### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Alleluia

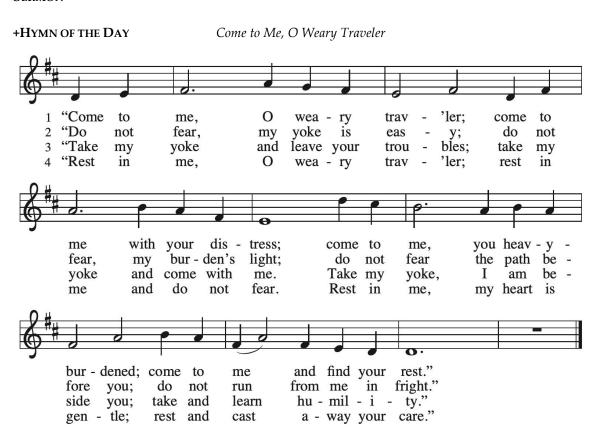


+GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

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

#### **SERMON**



#### +INTERCESSIONS

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)

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

#### Hear our prayer.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

#### Hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

#### Hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind especially 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 is nearing end of life; 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). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

# Hear our prayer.

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in 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 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.

We Shall Walk Through the Valley arr. Undine Smith Moore Adult Choir

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

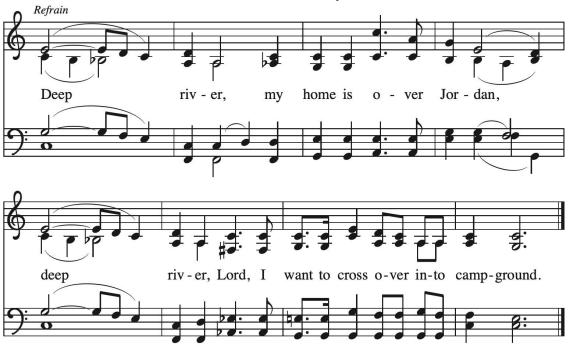
If Jesus, himself shall lead us, We shall walk through the valley in peace

There will be no trials there.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

# Deep River

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



Choir: Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Oh, **Refrain** 

Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll take my seat, and cast my crown at Jesus' feet. Oh, Refrain

#### +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.

#### +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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

#### +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 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.

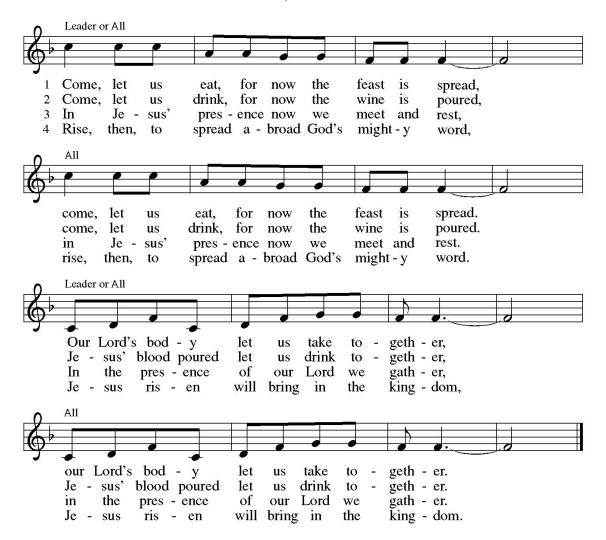
If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

#### **HEALING STATION**

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

#### Come, Let Us Eat





#### +BLESSING

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

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#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

*Please* be seated.

#### **SPARK POSITION BLESSING**

Spark Position workers are invited forward

It is with great joy that I ask us to recognize the work completed among us by our Spark Position temporary employees: Jamie Bistram, Dinkenesh Coltvet, Andrea Hansen, and Jody Liedholm.

The good work completed by them has set us on a solid foundation to continue the various ministries which serve our church community as well as our neighbors.

*St. Paul writes:* There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

People of God, I ask you to join me in blessing Jamie, Dinkenesh, Andrea, and Jody.

Congregation: We bless you, and we thank you, for sharing your gifts with us.

We have blessed you, as you have blessed us. Receive these gift cards as a token of this congregation's gratitude for all that you have done through your Spark Position roles.

The congregation is invited to celebrate with applause!

Please rise for our closing hymn.

# **SENDING**

#### +SENDING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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** 

Toccata on 'Great Day'

Adolphus Hailstork

You are invited to the Pancake Breakfast in the gym.

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895. Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851-1922

"Deep River" Text: African American spiritual. Music: DEEP RIVER, African American spiritual
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Music: GROSSER GOTT, 'Kotholisches Gesangbuch', Vienna, 1774

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)		
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork (he/him)		
Crucifer			
Cantor	Caren Hiatt (she/her)		
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rick Leidholm (he/him)		
Coffee Servers	Pancakes in the gym		
Communion	Roberta Shaw (she/her), Sean Gosiewski (he/him), Allison Johnson Heist (she/her)		
Ushers	Julie Cahoy (she/her), Tom Cahoy (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him)		
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)		
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)		
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)		

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James Nysse (he/him), Council Secretary George Henry (he/him), Council Treasurer

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY, 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

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 today as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering!

#### **BIG MEETING TODAY AT 11:30 A.M.**

While it has been wonderful to have the ability to meet online for committee work, some committees have expressed a desire to meet in person on occasion. With our new worship schedule, we now have an opportunity to experiment with new offerings, including quarterly in-person gatherings. Each quarter, we will hold a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30. Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us. Interested congregants are invited to sit in. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sundays, February 9, May 18, August 10, and November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The following committees are meeting today:

#### Adult Education Committee (Chair: Randy Nelson)

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: formulating policies that will guide the educational programs of the congregation for adults (e.g., adult forums, Johnson Symposium, occasional travel seminars); coordinating the development of specific educational experiences in implementation of the policies; providing for the care of the library, purchasing appropriate materials, and encouraging library use.

# Nurturing Relationships Committee (Chair: Helen Norheim)

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: coordinating the process through which members are integrated into the life, mission, and service of the congregation; supporting activities of special interest groups (e.g., Encore! First Fridays with Friends); coordinating efforts within the congregation for home-bound persons and those in special need (e.g., Lay Communion, Feeding the Spirit); providing for special congregational events that encourage relationship-building (e.g., retreats, game nights).

# Palestine/Israel Committee (Chair: Mary Engen)

The Palestine/Israel Team's goal is to educate Holy Trinity's members on issues related to the history and present realities of the Palestinian and Israeli people and lands; advocate for national policies that promote peace with justice in the region; and coordinate engagement with congregational partners.

#### Youth Committee (Co-Chairs: Nicki Hines, Andrea Hansen)

The responsibilities of this committee include the following: coordinating educational programs for children and their parents from Grade 6 through Grade 12 (e.g., Confirmation, summer program, religious instruction); coordinating the process of recruiting and training persons to function as teachers in the congregation's educational programs for youth; reviewing and evaluating resources used in the educational programs for youth; providing programming to support, encourage, and equip the congregation in vocations as a parent or partner; coordinating occasional intergenerational opportunities (e.g., retreats, classes, concerts).

Committee on Financial Stewardship (Chair: George Henry) Meets monthly 7:00 p.m., Zoom The responsibilities of this committee include the following: encouraging personal and corporate stewardship practices that are consistent with the teachings of the church; providing for interpretation of the work of the wider church and the use of benevolence monies; monitoring income and disbursements and provide for regular analysis and reporting of same to the congregation; supervising the insurance program of the congregation as it relates to properties and liability; providing for an annual review/audit of all financial accounts of the congregation and programs associated with it; coordinating the development of a budget for the congregation and its interpretation; making provision for the conduct of special authorized financial projects of the congregation; receiving and investing such monies, gifts, or bequests as are referred to the endowment fund by the Church Council with annual earnings from these investments allocated to the general budget of the church.

#### BIG MEETING BREAK OUT DISCUSSION TODAY AT 11:30 A.M.

You are warmly invited to a worship conversation today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as we explore the theme **Our Deepest Belonging** for the season of Lent. This is a one-time opportunity to reflect together on how we might shape our worship through music, prayers, preaching, and visuals. Whether you have ideas to share or simply want to listen, your presence is welcome—no commitment to a committee required! Phil Radtke will moderate the discussion. Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us (location TBD). We hope you'll lend your voice as we seek to strengthen our shared worship life.

#### 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 10	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 11	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, February 12	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Friday, February 14		Family Retreat
Saturday, February 15		Family Retreat
Sunday, February 16		Family Retreat
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	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 NO ADULT FORUM

All are invited to the pancake breakfast in the gym this morning.

# February 16 "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*.

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