

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

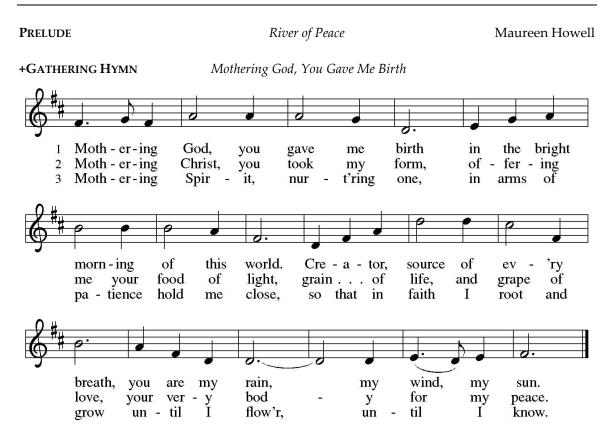
Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking *pastoral care*, please speak to a pastor today.

Today's cover art is provided by Russell Welle. Thank you, Russell!

+invites the congregation to stand

# GATHER

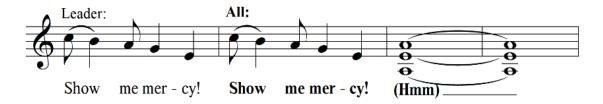


#### +GREETING

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

The Canaanite Woman's Song

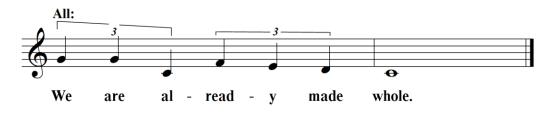


Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy!

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

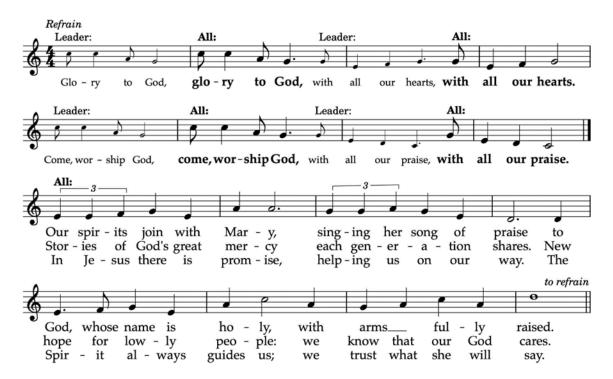
Let us rise together.

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

Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life: accompany us on the difficult path with the disappeared and the broken, the fearful and the vengeful, until we find the way to the city of our peace where we are accepted as we are; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated.

#### WELCOME

# WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

#### PSALM 27

Michel Guimont

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



The LORD is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **Refrain** 

O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek God's face." **Refrain** 

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my help! **Refrain** 

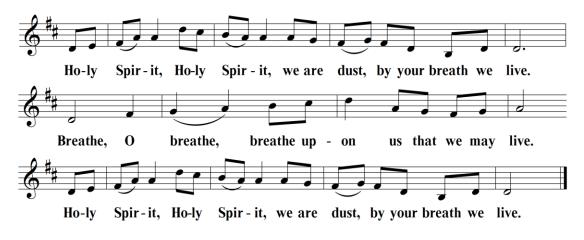
I am sure I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living. In the LORD, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the LORD! **Refrain** 

#### SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

#### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY



#### +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.

#### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of community and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

This morning, we welcome Abbie, Katie, Kevin, Sonora, Harris, Amanda, Emmeline, Esther, Dave, Jess, Carol, Bob, Page, Michael, and Kelly into the ministry we share. Through the Holy Spirit, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in Christ's meal, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in community among God's people in this place? If so, please say, "We do."

We do.

People of God, today this body is expanded to include these individuals. We delight in the ways, known and yet unknown, they will both contribute to this community and transform it. Do you promise to support them as they grow in faith, pray for them in their life in Christ, and warmly welcome these siblings and the gifts they bring? If so, please say, "We do." *We do.* 

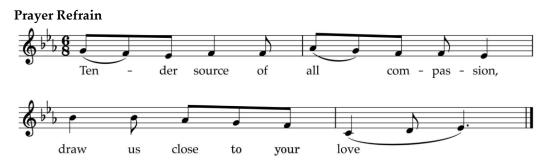
Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these new members. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants and unify the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

## Amen.

Let us welcome these beloved children of God into the ministry we share:

We welcome you into this community of faith. We receive you as members of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may celebrate these new members with applause.



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 long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. **Refrain** (*sung*).

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. **Refrain** (*sung*).

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. **Refrain** (*sung*).

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need, especially Rev. Sekou; Casey Reynolds and her family; Betty Anderson; Carol Kelly; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Mike Kelly; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; 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*). May all know they are not alone. **Refrain** (*sung*).

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God, in your mercy," 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.** 

#### +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

You Are the One Adult Choir Thomas Keesecker

You are the green, the blossom in the grasses. You are the seed that travels in the air. You are the bread, the harvest of the vineyard. You are the joy of beauty everywhere.

You are the nest far higher than the eagle. You are the rock, the anchor of the soul. You are the love enthroned in highest heaven. You are the tree we see from far below.

You are the time we never knew before us. You are the Alpha, ages in the past. You are the hope, the days that lie before us. You are the love we know as life at last.

You are the cave that hides us in the mountain. You are the friend beside us in the night. You are the spring to feed us from the fountain. You are the sun to heal us in your light

You are the door that opens into treasures. You are the light, the beauty we will see. You are the sum of all the holy graces. You are the On, the holy Trinity. Amen.

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.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Hear Our Lenten Prayer

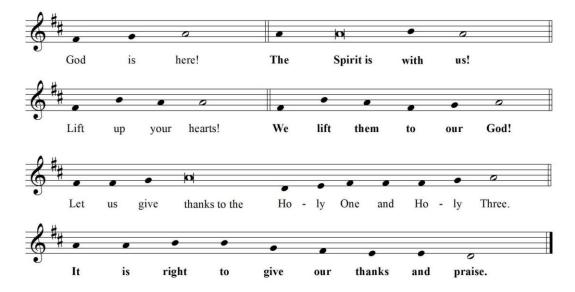
Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7) You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom.

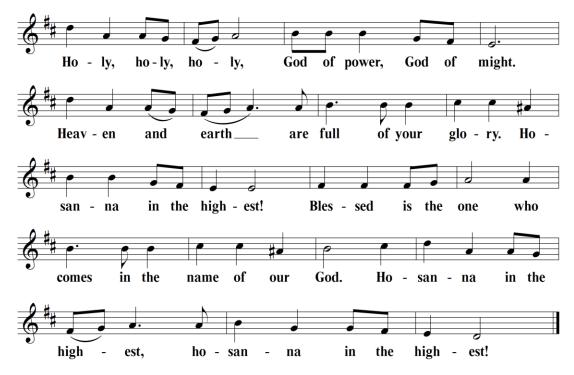
Amen.



## +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:



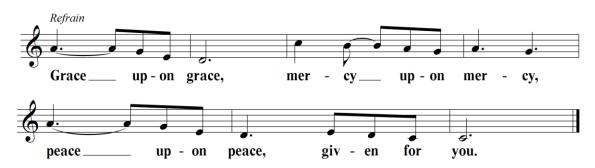


## +WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### +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.

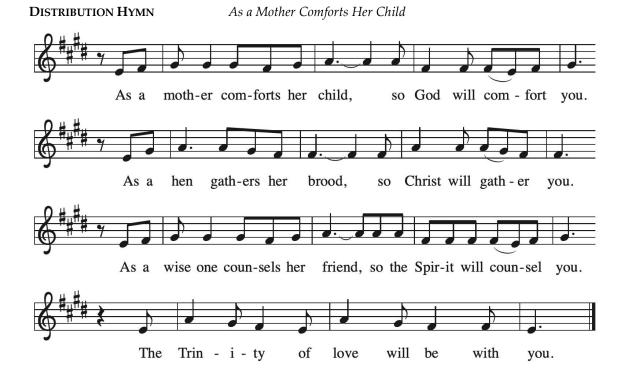
For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

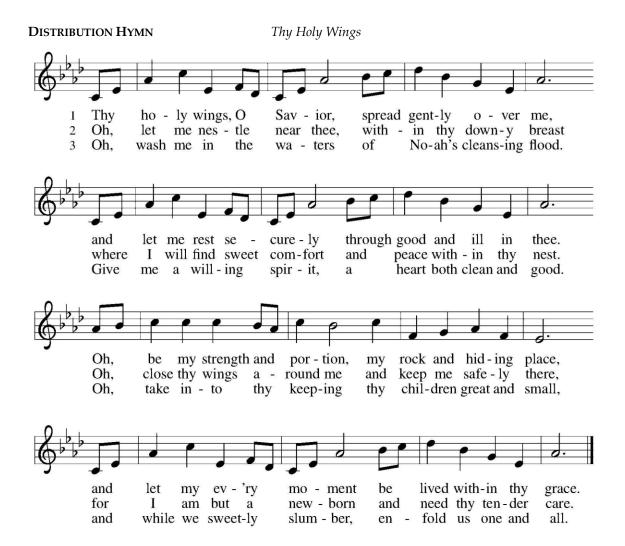
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

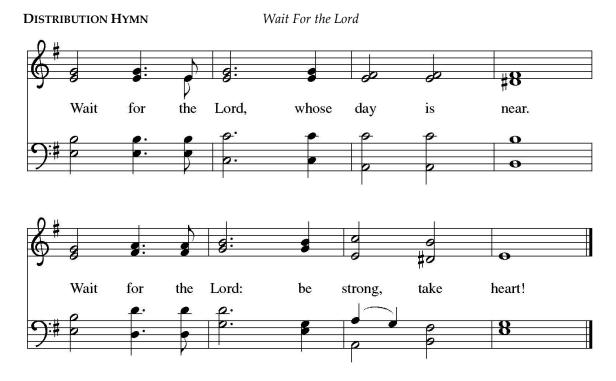
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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.







#### +BLESSING

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

## +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING

## +SENDING HYMN

Guide My Feet

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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Jubilate Deo

J. Wayne Kerr

## 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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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)	
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)	
Cantor	Cathy Alpizar (she/her)	
Assisting Minister	Kris Christians (she/her)	
Ushers	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Chuck Jordan (he/him), Helen Norheim (she/her)	
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her)	
Communion	Lori Lathrop (she/her), Aaron Hanson (he/him) Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him)	
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Sally Kohlstedt (she/her), David Kohlstedt (he/him)	
Counters	Deb Helmel (she/her)	
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)	
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)	

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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Here's your chance to sing in a choir. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed!

# LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- Lenten suppers from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room
- Service of Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. At each of our Evening Prayer service, we will hear a someone share a story from their own life on the theme of "Deepest Belonging."

*March* **19**—*Readings on the theme of Being Rooted: a reading from Wendell Berry and Colossians* 2:2-7 *Reflection by Russ Heitman/Special music by Phil Radtke* 

*March 26*—*Readings on the theme of Celebrating: "Blessings at Year's End" by Howard Thurman and Psalm 95:1-7 Reflection by Jess Yarger/Special music by Teresa Richardson, cello* 

*April 2*—Readings on the theme of Attuning to God: "The Practice of Paying Attention" by Barbara Brown Taylor and Psalm 130 Reflection by Madeline Burbank/Special music by Jan Mehlhoff, flute

*April 9*—*Readings on the theme of Hoping: Even If: Jan Richardson's "Blessing When the World is Ending" and Romans 8:31-39 Reflection by Fiona Carson/Special music by Laura Hicks, violin and viola* 

• Children's Choir will rehearse from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Jubilation Ringers will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m.

## MONTHLY WORK DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Volunteer to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more. Come anytime for whatever time fits your schedule between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

## SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED DURING LENT WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 19, 26, AND APRIL 2, 9

For each Wednesday during Lent, four households are needed to prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 4 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, one person is needed to pick up bread by 2:00 p.m. at Laune Bread on Lake Street (preordered and prepaid), and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday in Lent. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

## HOLY COMMUNION INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT MARCH 23, 9:00 A.M.

Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Confirmation will gather with people of all ages in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m. for some large and small group activities exploring Holy Communion.

## ISAIAH GATHERING MARCH 23, 11:00 A.M.

Holy Trinity young adults are invited to an ISAIAH Young Adult Coalition gathering in the library or via Zoom on March 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will discuss our shared vision for Minneapolis and what's at stake for each of us so that we build campaigns that meet the moment and meet our needs. Please sign up in the Community Room.

## APRIL BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DAVID (DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

Join Pastor David in a discussion of *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement* by Angela Y. Davis. Davis, who, in these collected essays, interviews, and speeches, illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world. She highlights connections and analyzes today's struggles against state terror, from Ferguson to Palestine. Facing a world of outrageous injustice, Davis challenges us to imagine and build the movement for human liberation, and, in doing so, she reminds us that "Freedom is a constant struggle." Sign up in the Community Room. Copies of the book will be available next week.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, MONDAY, JUNE 16-FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Holy Trinity will join other South Minneapolis congregations in an ecumenical, joint Vacation Bible School/day camp. Building Beloved Community Day Camp will be June 16-20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. Camp is for entering K-middle school, with high schoolers able to serve as leaders (and they will earn a stipend). As a sponsoring congregation, HTLC encourages all families to participate. If the cost is a barrier, please contact Pr. David. Find more information and registration portals for kids, adult volunteers, and youth leaders, at this website: https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, March 17	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 18	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, March 19	5:30-6:00 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Lent Soup Supper
	6:00-6:55 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Lent Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 20	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Monthly Work Day
Sunday, March 23	9:00 AM	Intergenerational Event/Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	ISAIAH Gathering
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

## Adult Forum

9:00 a.m. each Sunday

## TODAY "Welcome New Members"

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Grace Basler, Sandra Hisakuni, and Sheryl Undem will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the people joining this congregation.

## March 23 Intergenerational Event: Holy Communion and Justice in Palestine and Israel

We look forward to a three-pronged event! Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Confirmation will gather with people of all ages in the Community Room and the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for some large- and small-group activities exploring Holy Communion which gives us strength to go out into the world to work for justice. All ages will also join the Palestine-Israel Committee in the Library to meet with Maddi Froiland, Director of Sumud (formerly Peace Not Walls), who will discuss their work as an ELCA organization in addressing the needs of the Palestinian people.

# DONATE

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





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