

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 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 Ruby Atkinson. Thank you, Ruby!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Prelude

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

settings, Benjain M. Culli

+GATHERING HYMN

Before the Water Nourished Earth

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

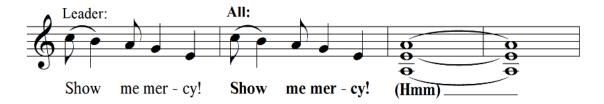


+GREETING

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

+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!**

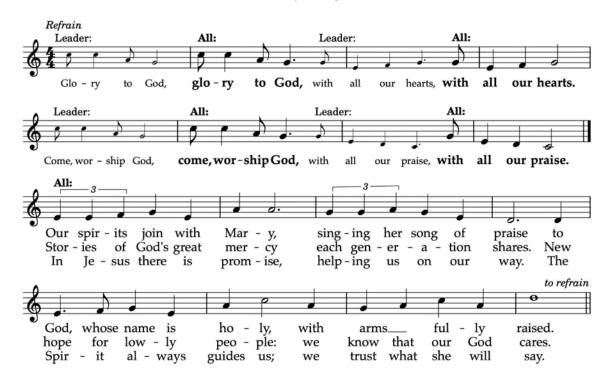
Let us rise together.

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

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

PSALM 63:1-8

Thomas Keesecker

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



O God, you are my God; eager- 1 ly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there ' is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your ¹ holy place,

that I might behold your power | and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than ¹ life itself;

my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long ¹ as I live

and lift up my hands | in your name. Refrain

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹ est of foods, and my mouth praises you with ¹ joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you up- ¹ on my bed,

and meditate on you in ¹ the night watches.

⁷For you have ¹ been my helper,

and under the shadow of your wings I 1 will rejoice.

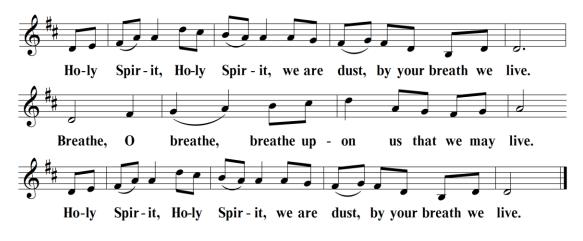
⁸My whole being ¹ clings to you; your right hand ¹ holds me fast. Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+GOSPEL READING

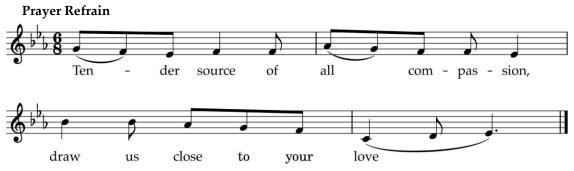
Luke 13:1-9

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY





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)

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. **Refrain** (*sung*).

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. **Refrain** (*sung*).

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. **Refrain** (*sung*).

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion, especially Pastor David's mom Margarita Martinez, receiving ongoing treatment; Rev. Sekou; 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*). **Refrain** (*sung*).

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING

God Bestows on Every Sense Pop-up Choir Anthony Giamanco

God bestows on every sense beauty as hope's evidence: signs of what the earth will be just beyond what we can see.

Catch a fleeting glimpse of grace in an unexpected place: just a taste, the smallest crumb of the banquet yet to come.

Vibrant pictures in our dreams, brushed with crystal color schemes, vanish from a waking mind, leaving just a trace behind.

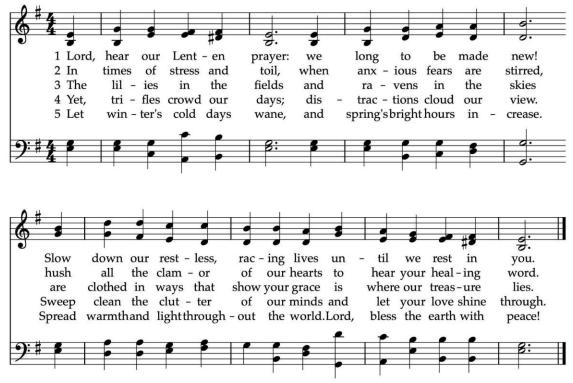
In a burnt and blackened field broken ground begins to yield tiny, fragile sprouts of green: hints of forests yet unseen.

God makes all creation new, turning back what people do, building up what we destroy, singing sorrow into joy.

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 this 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

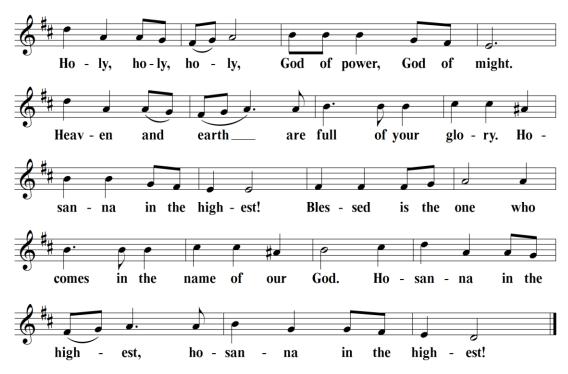
God is here! The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts! We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three! It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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:

+SANCTUS



+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.

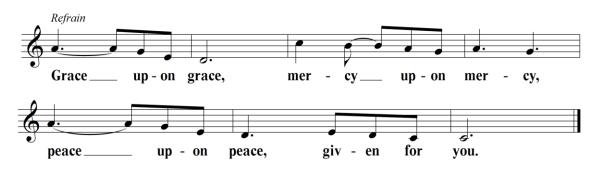
Amen!

+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.

Donald Reeves

COMMUNION INVITATION

We break this bread for those who love God, For those who follow the path of the Buddha And worship the God of the Hindus; For our sisters and brothers in Islam, And for the Jewish people from whom we come. We break this bread for the great green earth; We call to mind the forests, fields and flowers Which we are destroying, That one day, with the original blessing, God's creation will be restored. We break this bread for those who have no bread, The starving, the homeless and the refugees, That one day this planet may be a home for everyone. We break this bread for the broken parts of ourselves, The wounded child in all of us, For our broken relationships, That one day we may glimpse the wholeness that is of Christ.

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.

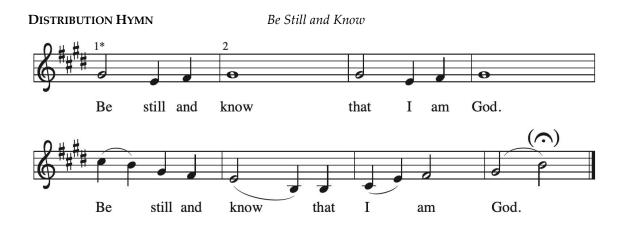
If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

All Who Are Thirsty







+BLESSING

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

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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 God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit + to live in the new creation.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

setting, Paul Manz

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: SIGHS TOO DEEP

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Cantor	Paul Rasmussen (he/him)	
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf (she/her)	
Communion	Linda Berglin (she/her), Abs Trewin (they/them), Bob Hulteen (he/him)	
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Altar Guild	Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him)	
Coffee Servers	Katy Benson (she/her)	
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Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)	
Closer	Rod Johnson (he/him)	

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

GRATITUDE FOR DENNIS NORDHOLM

Dennis Nordholm has held the evening and Sunday morning custodial position for 8 years. He decided to resign the position at the beginning of March. His wishes were to not have a public recognition, but we would still like to express our gratitude for his time and dedication in tending to the needs of building and those who use it. We invite you to sign the card for Dennis in the Community Room.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 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 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.

SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED DURING LENT WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 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.

ISAIAH GATHERING TODAY

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.

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. 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 are available in the Community Room.

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/.

Monday, March 24	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 25	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 26	5:30-6:00 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper
	6:00-7:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Lent Evening Prayer Service
Sunday, March 30	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Adult Forum

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

TODAY 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.

March 30

Watch for more information next week.

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