

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 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.

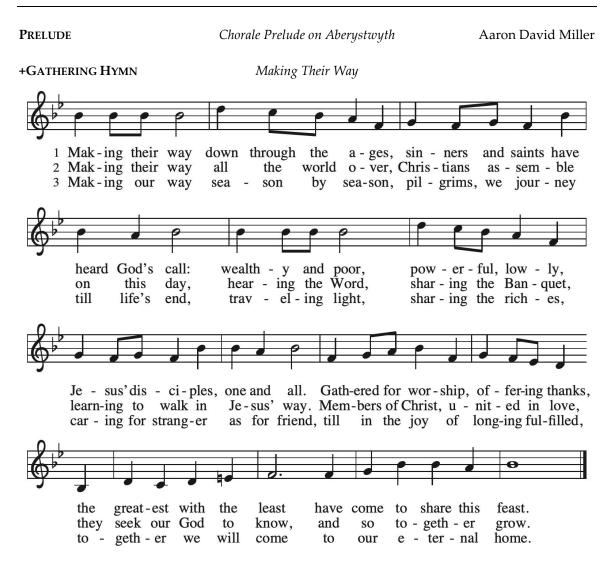
Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

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

Today's cover art is provided by Robin Olsen Biebighauser. Thank you, Robin!

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

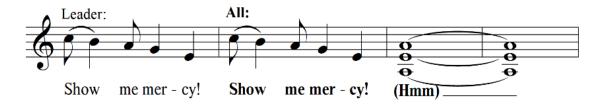


+GREETING

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!**

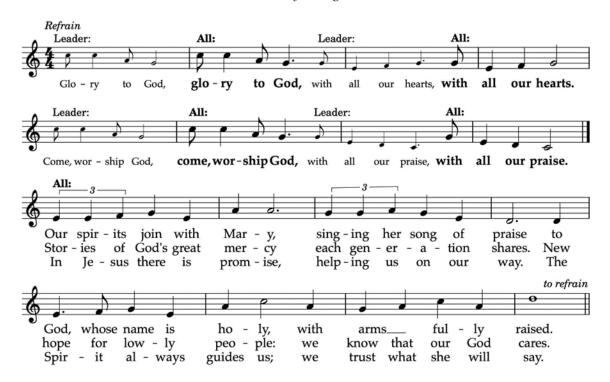
Let us rise together.

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

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

PSALM 126

William Bradley Roberts

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



Those who sowed with

reap with songs of

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Refrain

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb. Refrain

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. Refrain

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY



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+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

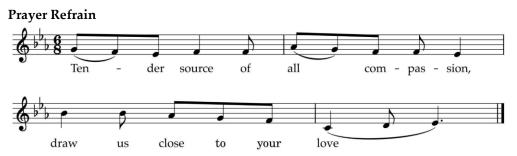
Let us profess our faith:

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.



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)

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. **Refrain** (*sung*).

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. **Refrain** (*sung*).

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. **Refrain** (*sung*).

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need especially Margaret Peterson; Bruce Axelrod (Uncle Bruce; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother, Allison; 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.**

+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

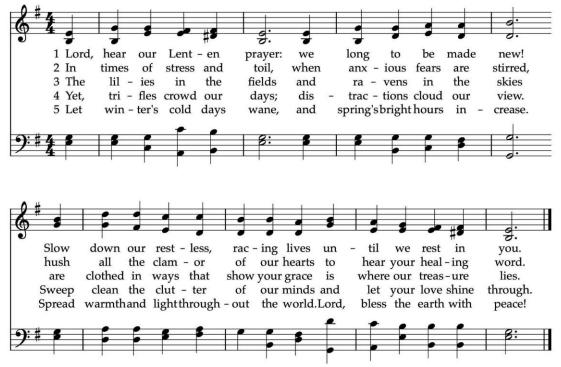
My Song Is Love Unknown Gloria Ringers arr. Cathy Mokelbust

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

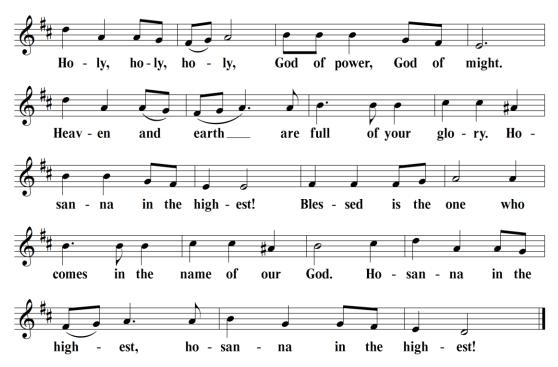
God is here! The Spirit is with us!

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.

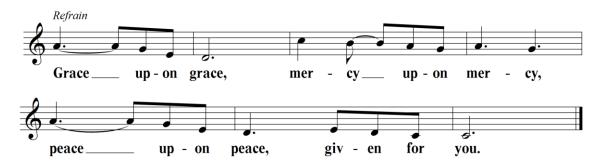
Amen!

+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.

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.

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.

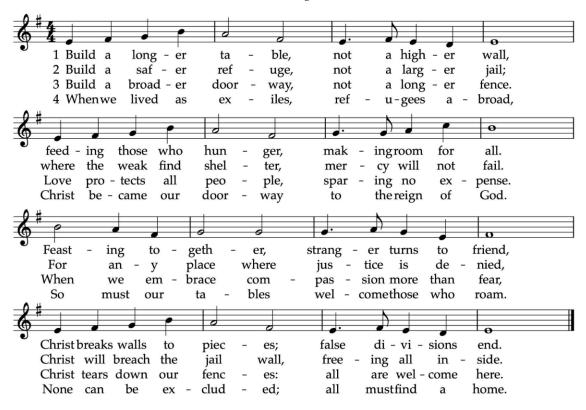
DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery Gloria Ringers

arr. Julie Stitt

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Build a Longer Table





+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

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

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.



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+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

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

Guest Preacher	Jon Anderson (he/him)		
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)		
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)		
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold (he/him)		
Ushers	Kathy Hollander (she/her), David Broberg (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him)		
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her), Jean Swanson (she/her)		
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Kathy Skold (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)		
Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson (she/her), Nancy Madich (she/her)		
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Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)		

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FINAL LENT SOUP SUPPER AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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

- Lenten supper 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."

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*

• April 9, 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.

SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 13

A letter was emailed and mailed to the congregation this week sharing important news about a decision before our congregation and to invite you to participate in an upcoming meeting where we will discern our next steps together. At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, March 18, we voted to call a congregational meeting to consider the sale of the former MIGIZI parcel at 3017 27th Avenue South and the donation of the proceeds to Pangea World Theater. You can find more details about the background of this and the proposed plan in the letter that was sent via email March 26th and physical mail recently.

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting for Palm Sunday, April 13, immediately following worship. We encourage you to attend this important meeting, participate in the discussion, and help shape the future of our shared commitment to justice and community development. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and engagement in this vital work.

EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (<u>office@htlcmpls.org</u> / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP, 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). Registration is open and filling up! 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: <u>https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/</u>.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR THREE LIBRARIANS!

A month ago, we lost a great Lutheran theologian and historian, Martin Marty. You will find a collection of some of his many books on the library cart in the Community Room.

Have you enjoyed the great children's artwork on our Sunday bulletins? Some of the originals are displayed on the wall in the youth library. We will occasionally change them out so you can see more of them.

We have acquired many books lately; they are on the wire rack in the library. Here are a few titles:

- The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage, Richard Rohr
- Free Yourself from An Abusive Relationship: Seven Steps for Taking Back Your Life, Andrea Lissette and Richard Kraus
- Spirit Wheel: Meditations From an Indigenous Elder, Steven Charleston
- Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith, Mariann Edgar Budde
- Our Brother's Keeper: the Indian in White America, Edgar Cahn
- Crying in H Mart: a Memoir, Michelle Zauner
- Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation, Kristin Kobes DuMez
- Take My Hand: a Novel, Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- The Personal Librarian: a Novel, Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- Crying in H Mart: a Memoir, Michelle Zauner
- *The Women: a Novel,* Kristin Hannah

Monday, April 7	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 8	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, April 9	5:30 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper
	7:00 PM	Lent Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, April 10	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Monthly Indoor Property Work Day
Sunday, April 13	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
Palm Sunday	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 "Now That I Am Old, What Do I Wish I Knew When I Was Young?" Roberta Shaw

In the second session of this series, Roberta Shaw will briefly reflect on the winding path of her faith journey. Then, with the help of some prompts, we will share our experiences, questions, doubts, and certainties. Because we seldom hold fast to the teachings/beliefs of our early childhood, and may begin asking questions at an early age, people of ALL ages are invited to attend and participate in whatever way is most comfortable. We all perceive the presence of a holy one differently–as individuals, through various ages and stages. Holy Trinity is a safe place to voice whatever is our spiritual reality.

April 13

Watch for more information next week.

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