

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 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 Francis Kelly. Thank you, Francis!

GATHER

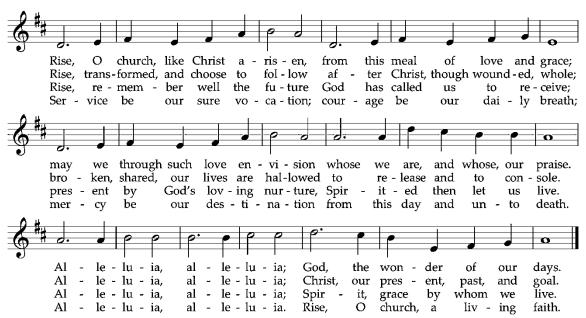
+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare setting, Franklin D. Ashdown

+GATHERING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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

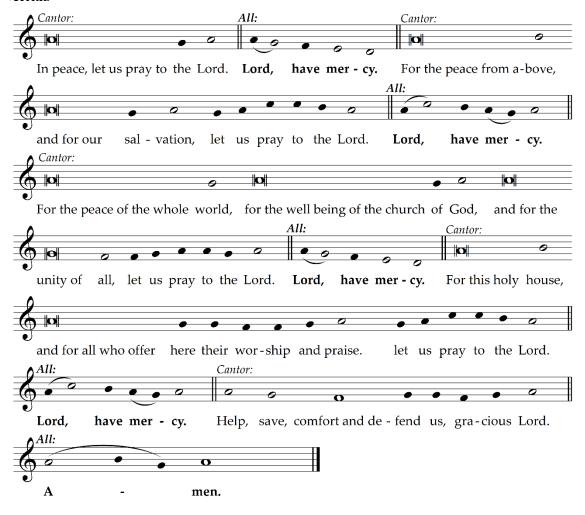


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+GREETING

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



+HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of comfort and compassion, through Jesus, your Son, you lead us to the water of life and table of your bounty. May we who have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be strengthened by your grace to care for your flock.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

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

PSALM 23

Robert Buckley Farlee

Refrain (First time: cantor, then **all**)



The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. **Refrain**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Refrain**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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



Alleluia!



+GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth birth Moth - er - ing the bright 1 God, you gave me in Moth - er-ing Christ, of - fer - ing you took my form, Moth - er - ing Spir - it, arms of in nur t'ring one, of this world. Cre - a - tor, of morn-ing source 'ry ev food of light, grain . . . of life, of me your and grape pa - tience close, hold me so that in faith Ι root and breath, rain, wind, you my are my my sun. bod love, your ver for my peace. У Ĭ un - til flow'r, know. grow til un

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF GRATITUDE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

For the wonders of your creation,

We praise you, O God.

For the opportunity to explore, study, and grow in relationship,

We praise you, O God.

For those who guide us: teachers and volunteers,

We praise you, O God.

It is our joy to pause and to affirm the leaders from this congregation who have, throughout the past academic year, faithfully facilitated Godly Play, Trinity Village, and Confirmation; who have committed themselves to journeying alongside our youngest; and who have continued to nurture and to pray for our congregation's youth.

These teachers and volunteers have helped this community to fulfill the promises we make to our youngest members when they are welcomed into the life of this congregation.

These leaders have helped our youngest to engage in conversations about the church's life and witness. They have opened the Holy Scriptures and wisely interpreted the stories for this time and place. They have done the hard work of connecting faith and daily life, thus acting as prophets for love, peace, and justice in the world.

Today we say thank you to all of you for your willing hearts, selfless service, curious exploration, and prophetic presence. May your witness inspire all of us to take seriously our commitment to education and inspiration for all ages. With our gratitude, please receive this blessing:

We give thanks to God for your presence among us. We thank you for being faithful in your calling to teach and lead our youngest. May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you with favor, and may you have a summer of deep rest. Amen.

The congregation may celebrate these Sunday School and confirmation teachers with applause!

+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

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)

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care especially Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Sally Parks; Kris Christians' dad Milan; Rick Lathrop; Joyce Besser; Bruce Axelrod; Mike Miller; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother, Allison; Carol Kelly; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Mike Kelly; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Katie Murray's mom Pat; 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). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."

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 friendship 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.

Nada me falta Adult Choir

Mark Sedio

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; you make me lie down in green pastures. To cool, fresh, clear water you lead me to drink; my suffering soul you revive.

You guide me along the pathway of life, though death's fearful shadow surrounds me. Your loving hand chases the evil away; your staff and your crook are my guide.

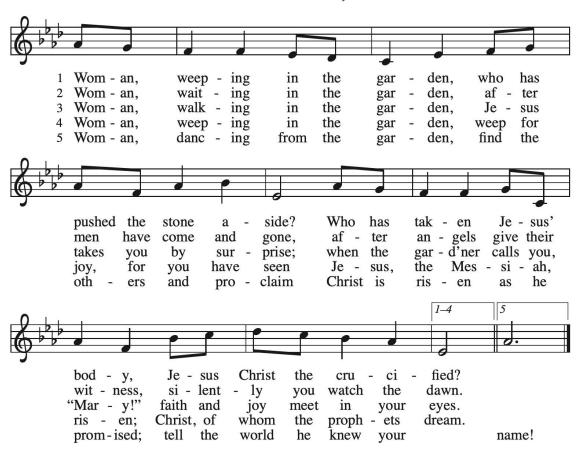
A table you set in the sight of my foes; you anoint me with rich smelling fragrance. My cup overflows with such bountiful gifts; such wonderful kindness to me!

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days I am living. In your safe, strong dwelling my home shall be for now and the rest of my life.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

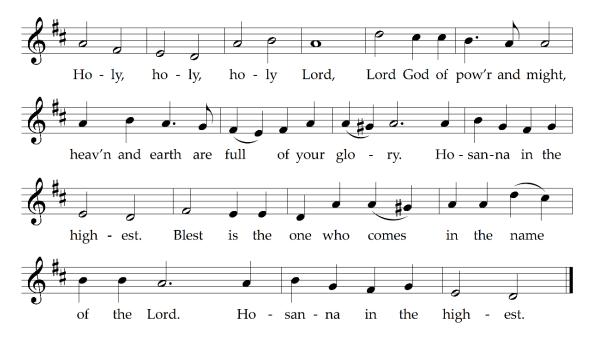
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+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.

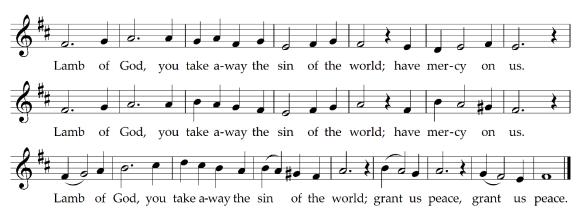
Give us today our daily bread.

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

Their Faith and Dedication



- 1 Their faith and ded i ca tion in class-room, lab, and field,
- 2 Their cour age, strength, com pas sion in ral lies in the street,
- 3 Their pres-ence, con so la tion in let ters, meals, and prayer,



the art - ist's new cre - a - tion, the la - bor and the yield, the an - swered call to ac - tion, the wea-ry, blis - tered feet, the wait - ing room and sta - tion, the res - cue from de - spair.



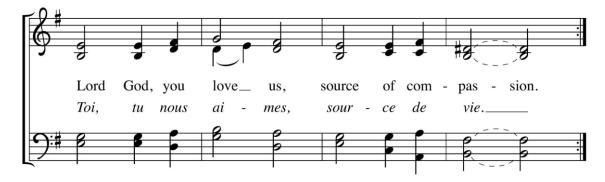
the of - fice, shop, and kitch - en, the proj - ect launched with pride, the voic - es hoarse from sing - ing, the chal-lenge of each stride, Their lives a home and bless - ing where Love and grace re - side.



the good and hope-ful vi - sion— the saints who work be - side. the pur - pose and the giv - ing— the saints who march be - side. Our grat - i - tude ex - press - ing for saints who stand be - side.

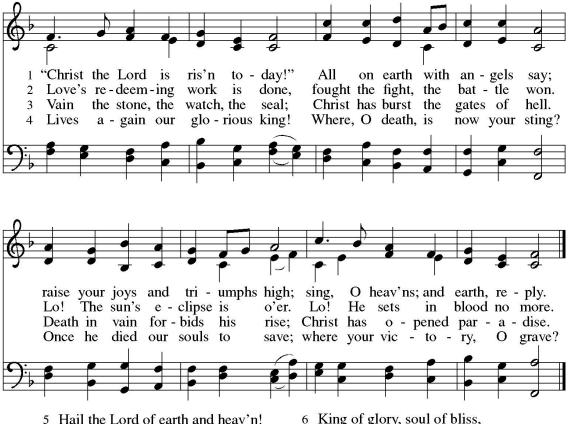
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord God, You Love Us



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

+BLESSING

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

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

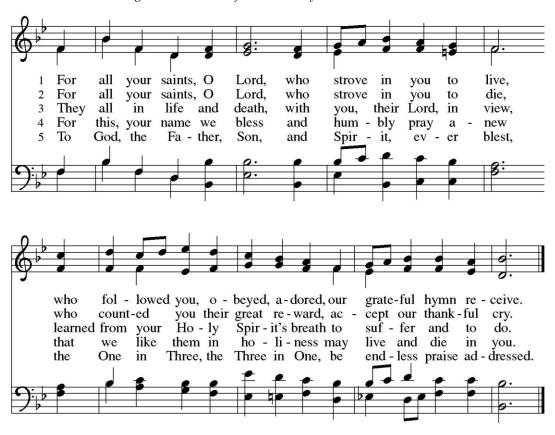
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord

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

+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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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

HERB HANSON HONORED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Member Herb Hanson was honored at this year's synod assembly for the 70th anniversary of his ordination as a pastor! We give thanks for Herb's service as a clergyperson and celebrate that he has been such a wonderful, encouraging member of this congregation.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR ORGAN MAINTENANCE

Our organ was acquired in the mid-1970s, which means it is celebrating its 50th birthday with us this year. The pipe organ needs some tender loving care to keep it singing. Upon consultation with the Obermeyer Organ Company, we estimate all this work can be done for approximately \$25,000. We hope that congregants and friends might consider an extra gift this holy season to share in the cost. To donate, click the "donate" button at www.htlcmpls.org. Please select "other" for the designated fund and specify which appeal you are giving to (e.g., Organ Care Special Appeal). You may also give a general gift to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.

MAY BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG: THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL BY JIM WALLIS

Pastor Doug's book group will meet Thursday, May 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sky Room, to discuss *The False White Gospel*.

JUNE 2025–JOIN PASTOR INGRID IN READING THE SERVICEBERRY

How can we live in greater harmony with one another and the natural world? Robin Wall Kimmerer, botanist and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, invites us to reflect on this question in her book *The Serviceberry: An Economy of Abundance*. Through the lens of the humble serviceberry tree, Kimmerer weaves a profound and thought-provoking meditation on reciprocity, gratitude, and the shared abundance of creation.

Join us as we delve into this beautiful work, exploring how Kimmerer's wisdom can deepen our faith and inspire new ways of being in community. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group (date TBD). Let's grow together!

CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION SATURDAY, MAY 17

End of year celebration! All 6-12th grade youth are invited for a day of biking, nature, and delicious food! We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. and pedal from the church to the beautiful Minnehaha Falls, where we'll enjoy lunch together at Sea Salt Eatery. Bring your bike and a lock, your appetite, and your sense of adventure—it's going to be a blast! Parent pick-up will be back at the church at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 18-LAST DAY OF ADULT FORUM FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom for the adult forum. Participants from the Southwest Minnesota Indigenous Sites Tour will share experiences from the trip.

SUNDAY, MAY 18-LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Confirmation (grades 6-9) has completed classes for the year.

SUNDAY, MAY 18-BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

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, with a simple lunch provided. Committees can decide whether to opt in based on their own needs and preferences. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sundays, May 18, August 10, and November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 5:30 PM (RAIN DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 13)

All are invited to join Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for the first of four evening group bike rides this summer. This ride will be an easy 10- to 15-mile roll around Lake Nokomis beginning and ending at church and will include a stop at The Painted Turtle eatery for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room.

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: https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, May 12	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 13	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, May 14	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Families Supper
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Youth Ringers 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, May 15	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Saturday, May 17	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Confirmation and High School Youth End-of-year
		Celebration
Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:30 AM	Quarterly Big Meeting with lunch
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY "Cuba Experience" Teresa Butel

Teresa will present on her recent experience in Cuba.

May 18 "Southwest Minnesota Indigenous Sites Trip"

Trip participants will share how the experience impacted them (e.g. myths that were shattered, emotions felt being on those lands, challenges to faith from the shared experience). We will also mention a future opportunity for an Indigenous Sites trip in northwestern Minnesota.

D O N A T E

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