

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 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

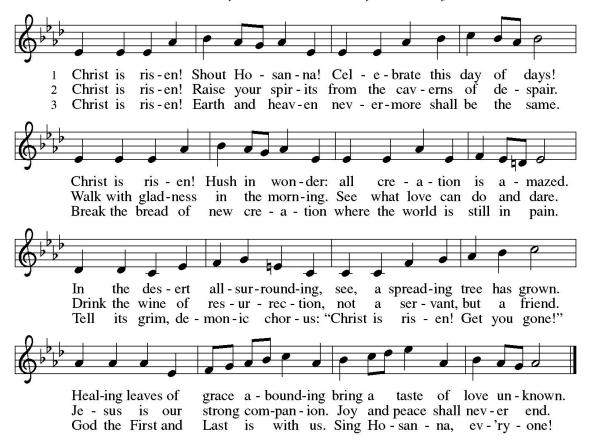
+invites the congregation to stand

Prelude

+GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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



+GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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 the new fire, and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and undo the knots we carry; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Living Grace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

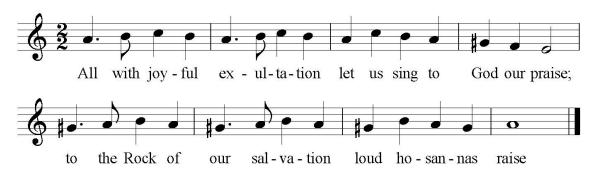
Acts 9:1-6

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

PSALM 30

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: choir, then all)



LORD, we sing with joyful voices; Your great power can lift and save; By your healing touch, revive us, life restore beyond the grave. **Refrain**

Praise to you, our sure salvation, You, the Holy One above. End the night so dimmed by anguish, with your light of peace and love. **Refrain**

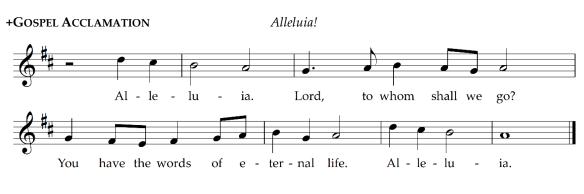
Change our sorrow to rejoicing, clothe with gladness all despair; Cause unsteady feet that stumble now to dance beneath your care. **Refrain**

Dry the tears we shed in mourning, give us steadfast hope always; Fill our hearts with expectations; fill our songs with thanks and praise. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

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



+GOSPEL READING

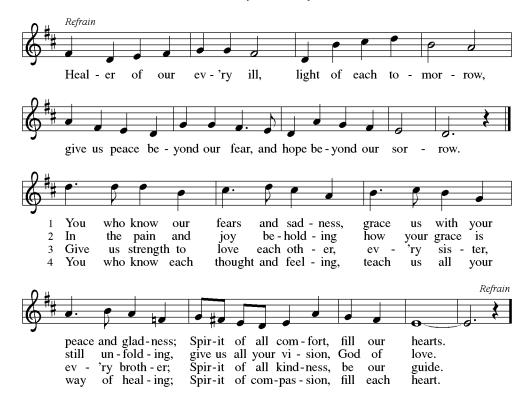
John 21:1-19

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

SERMON



Healer of Our Every Ill



Please be seated.

GRADUATE BLESSING

Lydia Belusa-Niesen and Jade Masiée-Albers and their loved ones come forward.

Today we have the privilege to recognize and give thanks for graduates in our congregation, including Lydia Belusa-Niesen and Jade Masiée-Albers, graduating from high school.

Lydia and Jade, as we mark this exciting time of transition along your journey of life and faith, we offer you our love and blessing.

Let us pray.

God of our beginnings, we give you thanks for Lydia and Jade and the gifts they have offered our community. We ask your blessing upon them as they stand at the threshold of new adventures. Remind them always of your unconditional love. Give them the wisdom to seek your way and to proclaim your peace and justice. As they follow their unique calls to serve in your world, support them with your eternal grace.

Amen.

Graduates are invited to kneel. Loved ones place the shawl on the child's shoulders and lay hands on them in blessing. Dear friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will follow God's call to new communities, learnings, and experiences. As you go out into the world, may this prayer shawl be a reminder of the love and the nurture of this Christian community.

Loved ones: Child of God, child of mine, we bless you and thank God for the gift you have been to us. Through you, we have come to better understand the nature of God's love, joy, and forgiveness. We are grateful for who you are and what you mean to us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. May this shawl remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. And in times when we cannot wrap you in our arms, wrap yourself in this blanket and know that you are never alone.

Graduates rise. Loved ones kneel. Graduates place their hands on their loved ones in blessing.

Lydia and Jade, with thanksgiving and love, I now invite you to bless the loved ones accompanying you.

Graduates: You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I bless you this day for all the ways you have given me life through the years. I honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom, and your selfless love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I thank God for blessing my life with you, and I bless you in Jesus' name.

Loved ones rise.

Jade and Lydia, wherever your journey leads, you will not travel alone. However you choose to serve God and the world, may the delight of your loved ones, the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing. Let the church say:

Amen.

Congregation may honor the graduates with applause.

+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)

Great Restorer, you refreshed us with sleep last night and have given us this new day. Every day you bless us with grace upon grace, mercy upon mercy, peace upon peace. We are grateful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Speaker of Truth, we struggle today to know what is "true." Thank you for the thousands of journalists who use their education and experience to bring us the news with integrity. Protect them as they face onslaughts and slurs. Give them courage to do their craft well. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Great Provider, so very many people are losing their jobs due to seemingly senseless slashing. This is so huge that it's hard to know how to pray about it. You know each one's needs. May they all find communities and resources to sustain them bodily, emotionally, and spiritually. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful Friend Jesus, on that morning long ago, you fixed breakfast for your close friends after they'd had a rough night. Then you gave them your instructions: If you love me, feed my lambs and tend my sheep. Since that morning, the world has seen millions of people who followed that command. Today we thank you especially for Pope Francis who did this so well. Help each of us, and our community collectively, to notice when we can feed and tend others and then to act on it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, some in our community are hurting for various reasons. Sometimes that joy that comes in the morning is in short supply. So we lift to you those who struggle, 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.

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

We Welcome Glad Easter Adult Choir

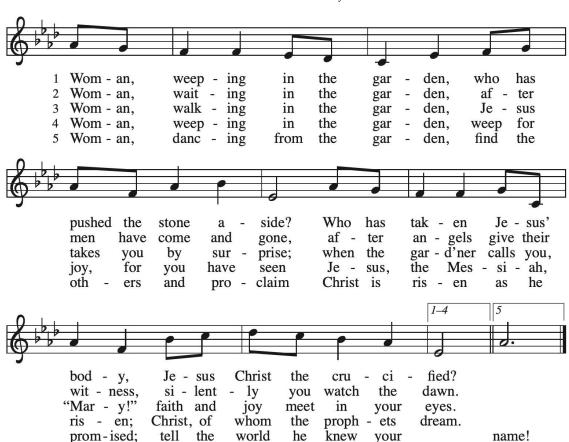
arr. Michael Bedford

We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose, And won a great victory over his foes. Then raise your glad voices , all Christians, and sing, Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We tell how the women came early that day, And there at the tomb found the stone rolled away. Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We sing of the angel, who said, "Do not fear!" Your Savior is risen, and he is not here." Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, you King.

We think of the promise which Jesus did give: "That he who believes in Me also shall live!" Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.



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

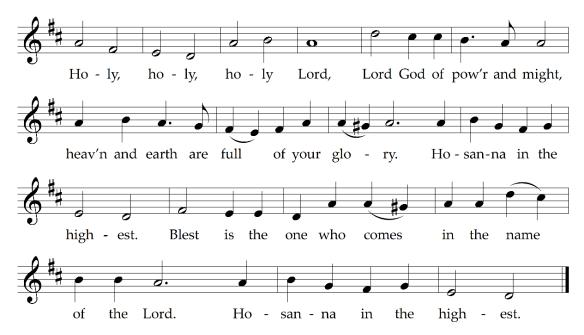
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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



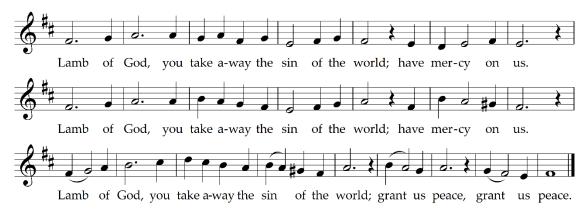
+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

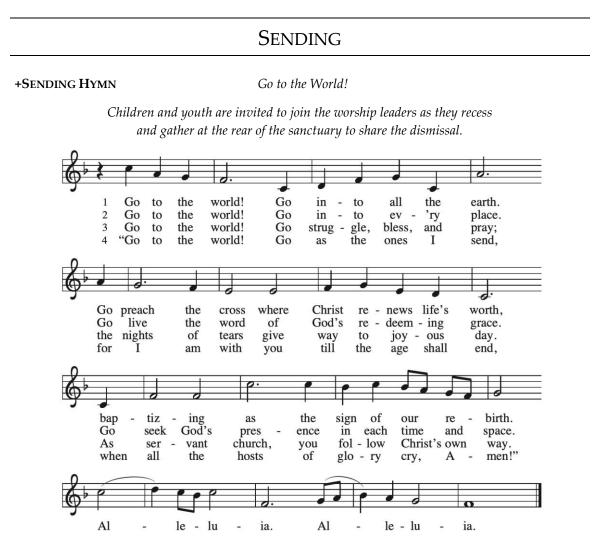


+BLESSING

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.**



+BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

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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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WELCOME BOB HULTEEN

We are delighted to announce that Bob Hulteen will fill our newest Spark position (full position description on the church website). He began his role on Tuesday, April 29. Bob brings a rich history with Holy Trinity and has been active in many, many areas of congregational life. His historical knowledge coupled with his skills in organizing, communications, systems, and people will allow him to hit the ground running. Welcome, Bob!

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

From Pastor Doug: I have always had strong ecumenical instincts. I appreciate all the work that has been done over the last century to bring Christian communities into new relationships and deeper respect for one another. At its best, ecumenism has never been about glossing over differences. However, the rise of White Christian Nationalism as one of the most powerful forces in contemporary American Christianity demands that we speak more clearly than ever about what we believe. Join me in reading Jim Wallis' new book and thinking together about what we believe and say about this God who loves us and calls us. Sign up in the Community Room.

PROPERTY WORK DAY RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, MAY 8

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, May 8, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. 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 5	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 6	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, May 7	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
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate! Rehearsal
Thursday, May 8	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Indoor Property Work Day
	4:00-7:00 PM	Outdoor Property Work Day
Sunday, May 11	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

Adult Forum

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Life in Palestine Today" Tracie Ortman, Executive Director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem

Join Tracie Ortman, Executive Director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, for a presentation offering insight into the daily realities of Palestinian life under occupation. This session is ideal for those with limited background knowledge who want to better understand the current context in which Palestinians live—or for those who would like an update on Dar al-Kalima University, its staff, students, and the work of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. Through powerful, personal stories from students and their families, you'll gain a deeper connection to the people behind the headlines—and discover meaningful ways to support justice, dignity, and the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine.

May 11 "Cuba Experience" Teresa Butel

Teresa will present on her recent experience in Cuba.

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