

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 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.

GATHER

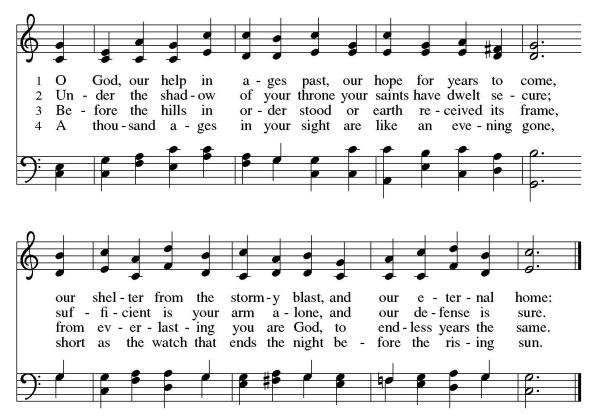
+invites the congregation to stand

Prelude Prière à Notre-Dame Léon Boëllmann

+GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

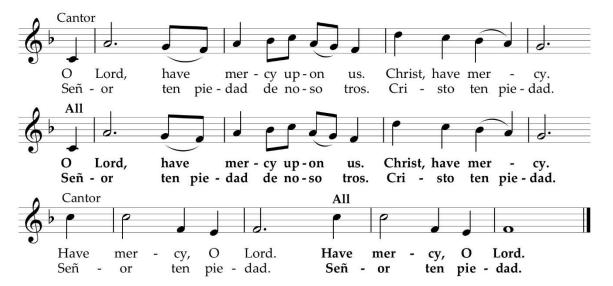


- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

+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



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Thief, you steal from us our dead complacent hearts and kindle a new flame: take from our hands the burden of worthless things, and make them ready to receive a greater gift: the love of a Servant King; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

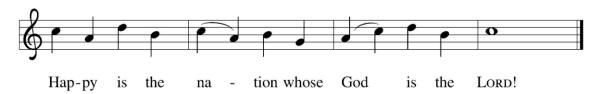
FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

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

PSALM 33:12-22 Thomas Pavlechko

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright. Praise the LORD with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp. Sing for the LORD a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds. For your word, O LORD, is right, and faithful are all your works. **Refrain**

You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth. By your word were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven. You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe. **Refrain**

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

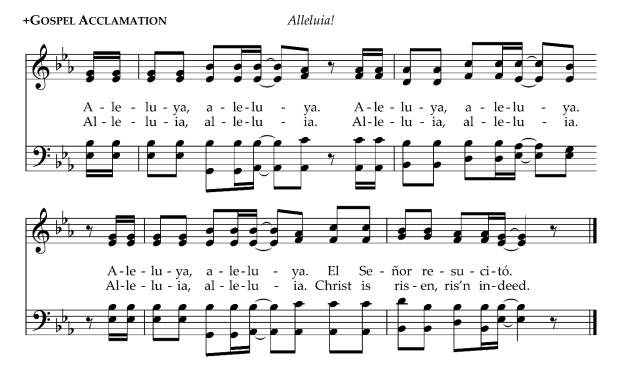
The LORD brings the will of the nations to nothing and thwarts the designs of the peoples. Your will, O LORD, stands fast forever, and the designs of your heart from age to age. Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

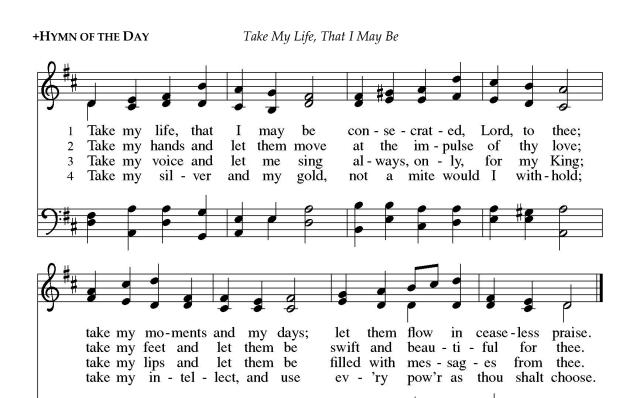


+GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

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

SERMON



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

+INTERCESSIONS Rick Liedholm

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)

Loving God, we thank you with full hearts for our beautiful world. You have given us such treasures to behold, the mighty mountains, the green meadows, the flowing rivers and magnificent seas, the golden skies we see in the morning, the stars that sparkle like jewels we see at night. Provide us with the wisdom to continually nurture our lands and oceans that all living things may flourish. Help us to see with your eyes that all things are precious and wondrous. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, we marvel at the multitudes of people that reside in our world. Give us the inner courage to treat everyone as neighbors, regardless of nationality and beliefs. We pray for the insight that accepting the differences between our brothers and sisters is not a sign of weakness, but one of strength. Bless all the countries of this world so that they find happiness in their lives. With you as our mighty guide, we know we come ever closer to the joys of a peaceable kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, we humbly ask that you bless and sustain the pastors and leaders of this congregation. The world we live in is full of complexities and we cannot help but feel overwhelmed at times. Give our leaders the fortitude to provide the guidance and consolation we need. Fill the hearts of this congregation that we may love and nourish all we encounter on our journey through life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, the people of this congregation ask for your comforting and healing spirit. We especially pray you bestow these blessings for Chris Amundson, recovering from a fall; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother Allison; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; Julie Cahoy's brother Mike McDonald who entered hospice this week; the family of Paddy, Chris Engen's sister, upon her death; the family and friends of Marge Guelker, upon her death; 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 our faith be as strong as Abraham. May we be worthy of your everlasting love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

We are thankful to you, O Lord, for your blessings and your boundless mercy. 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

P. Radtke

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

Tell Again the Joyful Story

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



- 1 Tell a gain the joy-ful sto ry of the One who spins the world,
- 2 Yet she knows the deep-est wa ters, hears the ca-dence of our tears,
- 3 So that we may join her danc ing, feed the hun gry, clothe the poor,



stirs the col-ors of the rain - bow, casts them in - to clouds she swirls. holds the sor-rows of the shad - ows, bears the weight of numb-ing years. sweep a-way de-bris of an - ger, si-lence des-p'rate shouts of war.





danc-es in the morn-ing's rap-ture! Hear a prom - ise in her laugh-ter! and a death that she might save us from a death that has en-slaved us, for she sends our sad - ness reel-ing in the rhy - thms of her heal - ing.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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, offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful 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 all the choirs of angels, 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.

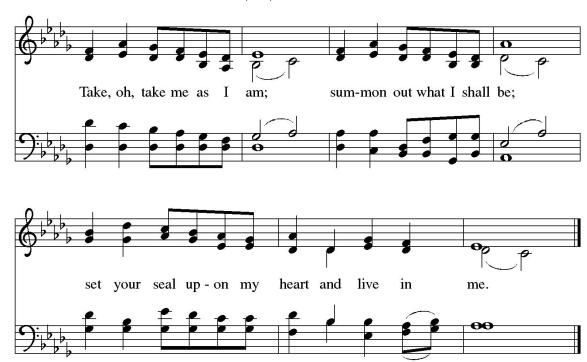
HEALING STATION

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

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Sharer of Good News, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Don't Fear, Little Flock

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

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Bouree I & II from cello suite III Kelly Waterman, viola

J. S. Bach

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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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)	
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Bulletin Art	Anna Kleven (she/her)	
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Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)	
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)	
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

Each quarter we are holding a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30 a.m., with a simple lunch provided. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 5:30 P.M. (RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 15)

All are invited to the August HT group bike ride! This ride will be an easy 15-mile roll through Hidden Falls and Crosby Farm Parks. The loop will begin at church and end with a stop for ice cream nearby! Sign up in the Community Room.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT: CHANTING THE PSALMS IN HOPE, WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 P.M.

Join Ann Schrooten on Wednesday evenings to lean into the ancient practice of chanting the psalms. Ann says, "In the coming days and weeks, our intention will be to sing through all 150 Psalms in order, beginning to end."

OUTDOOR YOGA WITH JAMES—WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 13, 20, and 27

James Orione believes that creating a space for everybody is very important. Society places many expectations and roles as to how, what, when, where, and why you are doing something instead of simply being. Through conscious movement connected to breath, you have an opportunity to learn how to be in this moment. Yoga is an opportunity to create, rediscover, and connect to the experience of being human and overcome the obstacles that stand in your path. Join us! Each 90-minute class begins at 7:00 p.m.

EXODUS LENDING CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF LENDING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Please join Anna Brelje, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, and Jeff Olsen Biebighauser on Thursday, August 14, for an anniversary celebration at 5:30 p.m. at Hook and Ladder in Longfellow. Signup in the Community Room for complimentary tickets and find full details at <u>exoduslending.org</u>.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 11:00 A.M.

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). The music for this Sunday will feature guitarist and true lyricist, John Swardson. You can learn more about him at <u>johnswardsonmusic.com/</u>. It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!

ALL CONGREGATION PICNIC AT WABUN PARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

As summer wanes, Holy Trinity families will gather for fun, food, and frolic at Wabun Picnic Area, 4655 46th Ave S, Minnehaha Falls Park. Plan to join us after worship (approximately 11:15 a.m.) and bring a dish to share for potluck. Details to follow in the Community Church.

AUGUST 18-OCTOBER 13, 2025—KATHY EKWALL ON SABBATICAL

"I am excited, blessed, and grateful to have a sabbatical this year. I have been working since I was 14 and in all but the last couple of years I've been in this role at Holy Trinity, I have had two jobs. Many of those years I had three or more jobs and/or classes. So, the thought of having several weeks off has been a bit hard to grasp. What was I going to do, so many possibilities. I have decided to take a big road trip. I'm planning to travel through several states, taking in sights, catching up with old friends, maybe making new ones, just living in the moment. I hope to find time for music, laughter, reflection, and rest. I look forward to seeing where the road takes me during this time. But I will also look forward to returning to work I love and a congregation that does so much good in the community." –Kathy Ekwall

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 12	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, August 13	5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Community Bike Ride Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten Yoga with James
Thursday, August 14	5:30 PM	Exodus Lending Celebration
Sunday, August 17	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Music and Lunch in the Garden Swahili Service

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