



ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 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

Abide with Me

setting, P. Radtke

+GATHERING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

+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.

+CONFESSION

The ELCA social statement Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action (2019) called for the development of accompanying worship resources. Pastor Ingrid was commissioned to write this confession and forgiveness for the Churchwide Assembly, which was held last month.

Eternal Life-Bearer, we confess our complicity in a world not of your making. While you envision communities built of mutuality, wonder, and neighbor justice, we are entangled in the sins of patriarchy. For generations, systems of oppression have harmed individuals and stunted our ability to imagine abundant life for all.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

Lover of the World, we acknowledge that sexism has shaped every corner of our lives. In our homes, schools, workplaces, townships, neighborhoods, and churches, women and girls have been silenced and sidelined, which is an affront to your divine goodness. We bring before you the cries of every age, trusting you to bear the pains we name and the suffering known only to you.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

Source of All, gender is not a monolith; it is vast, diverse, and beautifully infinite. We repent of the ways that women of color, women in same-gender relationships, trans women, and non-binary people have been subject to particularly virulent forms of discrimination and violence. We grieve that your sacred compassion has been corrupted by humanity's want to harass, dominate, and control.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

Mighty Deliverer, your vision is stronger than the fault lines of oppression that humanity has drawn. Your good and gracious news is for all regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, citizenship, marital status, age, education, ability, or any other distinction that has been weaponized and used to divide. Give us moral courage to interrupt acts that do not serve the common good and to dismantle the systems that harm.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

Creative Spirit, inequity is woven into the very fabric of our denomination. We lament the patriarchal language that dominates our sanctuaries, the gendered biases that persist in call processes and pay scales, and the stained-glass ceiling that often keeps female-identifying clergy from senior leadership. Inspire your church to treasure the expansive images made available to us in scripture and through the fullness of our lived experiences. Compel us to uplift those who have been subjugated.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

God Who Calls, you invite us into The Way—a way built neither on pride nor on shame but on creation’s interconnected flourishing. Unearth in your church a bold pursuit to make space for women and girls—their giftedness, their voices, their bodies, their choices, their dreams. For we know that you are always at work beside us renewing, repairing, and closing the gap between the world as it is and the world as it ought to be.

Forgive us, transform us, and make us whole.

+FORGIVENESS

Dear ones, sinners and saints, hear the good news: patriarchy, misogyny, sexism, homophobia, and white supremacy are not written on your hearts; instead, God ensures that love, grace, forgiveness, justice, and abundant life are imprinted there forever. As we have grieved, so let us now trust in Jesus Christ’s power to liberate this gathered assembly, the church, and the whole world. Through the Spirit, we shall be transformed for our promised future. Let the church say:

Amen, thanks be to God!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the Sabbath, may your presence and your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loose each other’s bonds; through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

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

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



My soul, give thanks to the LORD, all my being, bless God's holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the LORD and never forget all God's blessings. **Refrain**

It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion,

Who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's.

The LORD does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. **Refrain**

The LORD'S ways were made known to Moses; the LORD'S deed to Israel's children.

The LORD is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: The crowd was rejoicing at the wonderful things that Jesus was doing (Luke 13:17). Alleluia

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

Note: Historically, this text has been interpreted through an ableist lens, characterizing people's physical differences as problems to be fixed, instead of gifts to be celebrated. Our lived experiences affirm that we do not always want or need physical healing. Instead, we simply long for a world where all are welcomed—just as we are. This church affirms that all bodies are holy and beloved by God.

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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)

God of freedom, free our minds and hearts that we may be open to your promptings. May we not be bound by forces of fear in our world, nation, and neighborhoods. May our voices be clear in calling for justice and kindness in needful places and instances. You are mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, awaken in our leaders your tenderness for any who are poor or frail, young or elderly among us. May those who govern enact and enable decisions that strengthen those institutions built to sustain citizens' lives and well-being. You are mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Enlivening Spirit, we praise the glories of your creation that call from every breathing being, every locale, cranny, and crag of this earth. May environmental advocates not falter in prayers and work for clean air and water, healthful systems and nourishing food for all. Give us hope as we encounter current climate stresses and threats of a diminished future for our children; may we remain confident in your steadfast care. You are mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, we place in your loving care members of this congregation and their friends for whom life today is difficult, especially Michael Miller; Chris Amundson; 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; 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*). You are mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "You are mercy,"
to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Trusting in your continuing care for us and your whole creation, we ask these things and whatever you know of our needs, in Jesus' name.

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 Walks with Me

Benjamin Kornelis

Pop-up Choir

God was there with me on the day I was born, God walks with me;

Just a little baby cradled safe and warm, God walks with me.

God walks with me, every day for the rest of my life.

God will be with me when the sun shines bright, God walks with me;

God will be with me in the darkest night, God walks with me.

God will be with me when I'm old and gray, God walks with me;

I'm gonna praise God every day!

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

+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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

For those worshipping 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

Let My Spirit Always Sing
Stanza one; cantor



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
 2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
 3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
 4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
 gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
 chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
 an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Don't Be Afraid



Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and
I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

+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

Guide My Feet

*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.*

Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

+BENEDICTION

May the blessing of our Wonderful Maker,
who wove your body in the depths of the earth,
hems you in, behind and before,
and will knit you back together
be with you today and every day. (*Psalm 139*)

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Charles Callahan

Following the service, you are invited to Wabun Park for an all-congregation picnic!

*"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880*

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"Be Still, My Soul" Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855. Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius

"Let My Spirit Always Sing" Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020. Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924-2019

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING TWELVE

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ALL CONGREGATION PICNIC AT WABUN PARK TODAY

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.

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."

***Note: Beginning September 4, this group will meet on Thursdays at the same time.*

OUTDOOR YOGA WITH JAMES—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 7:00 P.M.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE HOSTS DISCUSSION THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Turbulent times in our country challenge most of us and we look for signs of hope and potential for meaningful actions. While we know there are no quick fixes we watch for actions to make our nation more humane. What can I do, how will I find courage to act and when do I need to stay silent for my own safety?

Join us for a conversation about these questions on August 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Becketwood Undercroft Chapel with pizza and drinks provided. To get to Undercroft Chapel, enter Becketwood (4300 W. River Pkwy.) from River Pkwy. Turn left into the parking lot; the chapel is off of the parking lot. You do not need to enter the main building to access the chapel. If you have time, read the [short article](#) by Cameron Trimble before the meeting. Printed copies are available in the Community Room.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LONGFELLOW STUDENTS

Our goal is to fill 50 backpacks and donate them to the students at Longfellow high school. A good backpack is necessary since it also serves as a diaper bag. The filled backpacks can be dropped off at the church office or on Zoe Martinez's porch by Friday, August 29.

Each backpack should be filled with 3 spiral notebooks, 3 folders, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, highlighters, markers, colored pencils, scissors, hair ties, comb and hairbrush, hand sanitizer, lip balm, wipes, and a water bottle. For more information, contact Zoe Martinez.

BOOK STUDY WITH BOB HULTEEN AND ALEX BRANDT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land by Norman Wirzba, a Wendell Berry devotee and professor at the Duke Divinity School, has crafted a deep dive into the intersection of and interaction between our relationships to land, community, and spirituality. He gives pragmatic suggestions that renew a deeper connection to dirt.

Alex grew up on a farm in Northwest Iowa and now works for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Bob was born on a farm near Bemidji and was radicalized by agrarian movements in North Dakota, where he grew up. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group on Tuesday, September 16, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

ADULT RETREAT FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3 - SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5

The Adult Retreat will be held at the Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery in Maplewood from October 3 to 5. Our theme this year is "Building community starts with belonging. What are we called to do in response?" The rooms have two beds; shared rooms are preferred (two people to a room with a shared bath). \$110 total for the weekend for room and meals. Single rooms are an option (\$50 per night) after double rooms are filled. Scholarships are available. See Pastor David. Sign up in the Community Room by September 14.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

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| Tuesday, August 26 | 11:00 AM | Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday, August 27 | 7:00 PM 7:00 PM | Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten Outdoor Yoga with James |
| Thursday, August 28 | 5:30-7:00 PM | Racial Justice Discussion at Becketwood |
| Sunday, August 31 | 10:00 AM 2:00 PM | Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service |

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