

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 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

+GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

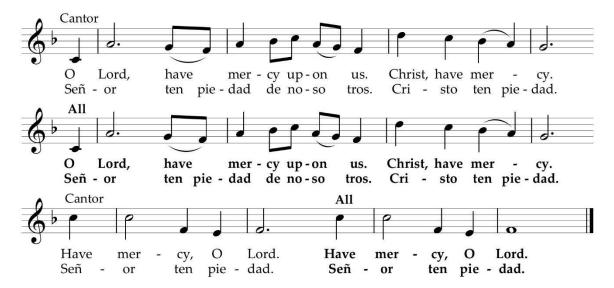
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



+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

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are, what we do, and what we say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK FOR EXODUS LENDING 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Word

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

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

PSALM 49:1-12 Michel Guimont

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



Hear this, all you peoples, give heed, all who dwell in the world,

People high and low, rich and poor alike!

My lips will speak words of wisdom. My heart is full of insight.

I will turn my mind to a parable, with a harp I will solve my problem. Refrain

Why should I fear in evil days the malice of the foes who surround me, people who trust in their wealth, and boast of the vastness of their riches? **Refrain**

For the rich cannot buy their own ransom, nor pay a price to God for their lives.

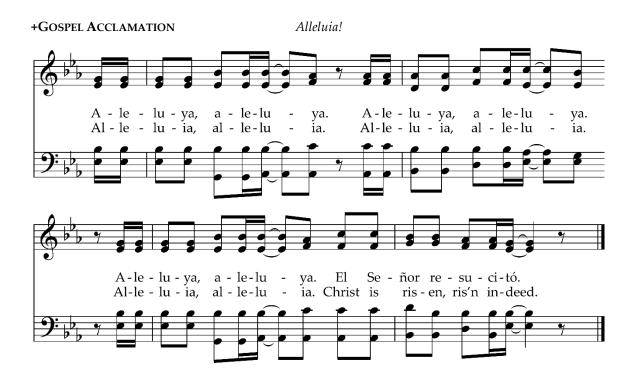
The ransom of their souls is beyond them.

They cannot buy endless life, nor avoid coming to the grave. Refrain

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

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



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

God, We Gather As Your People



+INTERCESSIONS Randy Nelson

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)

Listening God, you have made us little lower than the angels, but that does not protect us from poor choices or bad decisions. We seek satisfaction in that which finally cannot fulfill us. Give us the grace and courage to acknowledge our problematic choices and the wisdom to discern what will strengthen the bonds of the community that holds us. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Forgiving God, you have shown us a more excellent way in the life that Jesus lived, but we are reluctant to commit our lives to the service of each other or the well-being of our neighbor. Help us learn how to live beyond ourselves. We pray especially for the future ministry of our newly elected Presiding Bishop, Yehiel Curry. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, the issues that we face, both personally and in the world, are challenging and often seem overwhelming. Remind us that the universe is in your hands and that we are expected only to be faithful and do what we can: love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. Give us hope in your continued promise to be with us always. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, be mindful of the members of this community for whom life is difficult as we remember them before you this day. We pray especially for 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; Chris Engen's sister Paddy who is nearing the end of her life; Julie Cahoy's brother Mike McDonald who entered hospice this week; 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."

All these things and whatever else you see that we need we ask you to grant us as part of your continuing care for your creation. **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

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.



How she cheers each ris ing day, flings the sun light ray by ray, She who knows our birthing pains calls us to a birth a gain In the mu - sic of her voice, wea - ry danc - ers may re-joice,



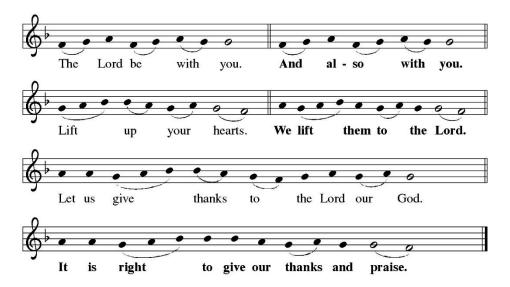
danc-es in the morn-ing's rap-ture! Hear a prom - ise in her laugh-ter! and a death that she might save us from a death that has en-slaved us, for she sends our sad - ness reel-ing in the rhy - thms of her heal - ing.

+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



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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life



+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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. 'Lutheran Book of Worship'
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 'Geistliche Kirchengesänge', Köln, 1623

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"Tell Again the Joyful Story" Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, "Trente quarte pseaumes de David', Geneva, 1551

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"Send Forth Your Spirit" Text" Text and music: Marty Haugen, based on Psalm 104:30

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"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1690; tr. composite
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LITURGY: ACS SETTING ELEVEN

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)		
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)		
Altar Flowers	John and Stephanie Sulzbach		
Bulletin Art	Anna Kleven (she/her)		
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)		
Crucifer			
Cantor	Lydia Belusa-Niesen (she/her)		
Assisting Minister	Carol Masters (she/her)		
Ushers	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him)		
Communion	Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Lori Lathrop (she/her)		
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)		
Coffee Servers	Kris Christians (she/her)		
Counters			

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Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her), Lead Pastor
David Larson-Martínez (he/him), Associate Pastor
Doug Mork (he/him), Part-time Associate Pastor
(on sabbatical until August 25, 2025)
Kathy Ekwall (she/her), Communications &
Congregational Coordinator
Nolan Gusdal (he/him), Building Maintenance
Phil Radtke (he/him), Cantor
Kaia Ellis (she/her), Financial Administrator
Sue Roberts (she/her), Publications Coordinator

Closer

STAFF, CONTINUED

Edgar Alvarez (he/him), Custodian Dana Simms (he/him), Custodian Logan Olson (he/him), Gloria Ringers Director Andrew Winfield (he/him), Accompanist

LEADERSHIP

Anne Beschnett (she/her), Council President Sandra Hisakuni (she/her), Council Vice President James Nysse (he/him), Council Secretary George Henry (he/him), Council Treasurer

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WELCOME NEW EVENING CUSTODIAN

We are pleased to welcome Edgar Alvarez to the staff as evening custodian. Edgar was born in the metropolitan area of Guatemala City and currently resides in Minneapolis with his family. With over two decades of experience in nonprofit organizations and more than eight years coordinating community development programs, Edgar has built a career rooted in service, advocacy, and empowerment. He is known for his ability to synthesize practical and theoretical



knowledge as a popular community educator in his work that has focused on issues of transitional justice for wartime violence and access to housing, land, and water. As a professional historian, he is currently pursuing a master's degree in territorial and urban development. Outside of his professional life, he enjoys the natural beauty of Minneapolis' rivers and lakes, spending time with friends and family, listening to music, engaging in outdoor sports, and reading—especially about the people's history of the Americas. He is excited to join the team at Holy Trinity and contribute to the community and missions to build a more just world.

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 6, 13, 20, and 27

Regardless of who you are, what you look like, or whom you love, 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!

If you have your own mats, blocks, blankets, straps, or bolsters, please bring them. We have more than enough for those who need them. Classes are free and open to everyone — members and non-members. Invite a neighbor. 90-minute class begins at 7:00 p.m.

BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP AUGUST 10, 11:30 A.M.

Each quarter we are holding a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30 a.m., 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 Sunday, August 10, 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.

EXODUS LENDING CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF LENDING

Our community is the fabric of Exodus Lending, which is celebrating its 10th year of lending in 2025! The Exodus Lending story is a beautiful patchwork of relationships, values, and collective actions for the common good. It is a story of the fight together for economic justice in Minnesota. It's been a decade of stitching together a lending framework that models what we know our world could be. In these 10 years, Exodus Lending has saved 955 individuals \$2,818,651 in predatory lending fees and interest, and it is now offering small dollar loans to financially marginalized individuals! 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. Sign-up in the Community Room and find full details at exoduslending.org.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 5	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting
Wednesday, August 6	7:00 PM	Yoga with James
	7:00 PM	Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten
Thursday, August 7	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, August 10	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:30 AM	Big Meeting (with lunch)
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

DONATE

We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!







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