

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 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.

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

PRELUDE Canzona, BWV 588 J. S. Bach

+GATHERING HYMN

O God beyond All Praising



+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.**

+COMMUNAL LAMENT ON GUN VIOLENCE

In response to gun violence plaguing our nation, our state, and our city, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts using the words of Psalm 10.

Let us pray: O God, when evil feels inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice, you seem hidden and far away.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

There is wickedness in our world, O God. Disrupt it.

We have witnessed the harm and suffering of your beloved children through gun violence.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

We pray for all affected by gun violence at Cristo Rey High School, the Whittier neighborhood, downtown Minneapolis, and Annunciation Roman Catholic Church and School.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you see.

You see our troubles and grief. You hold our pain.

We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you listen.

You listen to our desires. You calm our troubled hearts.

We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

God will rise up and comfort us.

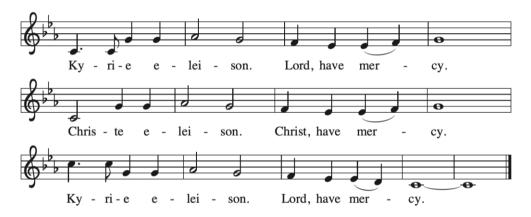
We no longer have to be afraid.

Let us trust in this promise

And hope in justice for oppressed and afflicted.

Amen.

+KYRIE



+PRAYER OF THE DAY - PSALM 69

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.
Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

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

PSALM 112 Thomas Pavlechko

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



The righ-teous are mer-ci-ful and full of com-pas - sion.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous and merciful and full of compassion. Refrain

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. **Refrain**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor. The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; The desires of the wicked will perish. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; For I am gentle and humble in heart (Matthew 11:29). **Alleluia**

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

We

How Small Our Span of Life



- How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
- And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
- Christ, you left e ter ni ty to plunge in time's swift stream, 0 thank you, God, for kind-ling faith

that lights our tran - sient years,



sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath, a tick of time on earth is caught in vour e - ter - ni - ty. our share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem. il lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



o-cean's deep, a drop with-in the grain up - on the shore, While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space, filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end for hope that sees a life be - youd the swift - ly pass-ing days;



light be - fore we sleep to see the sun flash of no more. while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace. with your ris - en life that ours may time trans-cend. and touch us and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to for love, both hu - man praise.

+INTERCESSIONS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us bring our prayers with confidence and trust.

(silence)

Holy One, our hearts are heavy in the face of gun violence. We grieve the lives shattered, the fear that ripples across communities, and the pain of knowing that the shooter was a member of the trans community. In this complexity, we grieve alongside all in shock and sorrow. We condemn the violence of one person, stand with those who are unjustly stigmatized, and affirm that trans lives are beloved. Receive our cries of sorrow, God of heartbreak, and transform our laments into compassion, courage, and solidarity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving One, you have made us in your image, encompassing many genders, identities, and expressions of love. Even in moments of tragedy and confusion, we proclaim the beloved worth of every trans person. Lead us to resist stigma, to stand firm in love, and to be sanctuaries of affirmation and hope. Invite us to do and be this, even as we grieve the senseless loss of life, are stunned by the tragic normalization of gun violence, and live on with the traumatic pain of survivors. Be near to our communities these days as we seek to act. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence, especially Michael Miller; Chris Amundson; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; the family of Breon Hutchins-Spratt, upon the death of her mother Allison; 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 these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **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 Reflection 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

Be Still, My Soul

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you have gathered us at your table where we are promised a feast to come. We come wearily, asking that you give us courage this day. May the bread and wine become for us that which you have promised: liberation from death for all.

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.

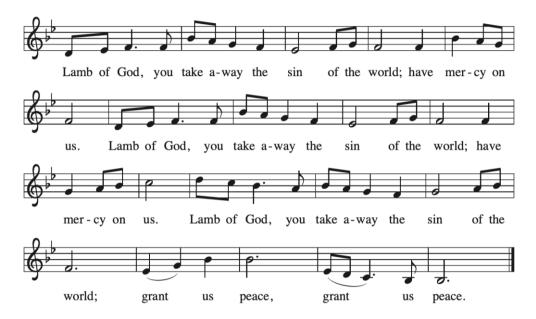
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In the Singing



- 1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,
- 2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



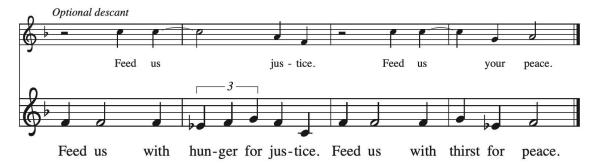
in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble, in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,





DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice



+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, True Body and True Blood, we have received from your humanness the promise of your divinity. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. Give us courage this day. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



+BENEDICTION

Go forth, proclaiming with words and actions that trans lives – that all lives – are sacred, beloved, and to be respected.

May God who created us in diverse beauty bless you, May Christ who accompanies those who suffer give you courage, May the Spirit who binds us together in love fill you with peace.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATION, GLORIA RINGERS, AND CANTATE REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) is open to kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade and rehearse most weeks during the school year and sings in worship every 4-5 weeks. Children's choir rehearsals focus on basic music and singing skills as well as the importance of being leaders during worship. Jubilation (5:45-6:30 p.m.) is open to children entering 6th through 12th grade who want to learn and play handbells. Jubilation rehearses most weeks during the school year and plays in worship 4-5 times per year. Gloria Ringers (6:30-8:00 p.m.) is the adult handbell ensemble and rehearses weekly during the school year and plays in worship every 6-7 weeks. Cantate (6:45-7:30 p.m.) is a choir open to children entering 6th through 12th grade and sing in worship every 6-7 weeks. Sign-up in the Community Room or send an email to Phil (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) for vocal choirs or Logan (lolson@htlcmpls.org) for handbell ensembles. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS AND GYM TIME RETURN

Each Wednesday when youth ensembles are in session, volunteers—supported by staff—will serve a community meal in the lunchroom from 5:00-6:00 p.m. After dinner, the gym will be open for all ages from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with adult supervision provided. We warmly encourage parents and guardians to consider enrolling their children in the youth ensembles—and perhaps even joining the bell choir themselves! Whether or not you're involved in music-making, the weekly meal and gym time are open to all and have become a beloved part of our shared life together. You're invited to come enjoy good food, connect with others, and simply be part of the community. Some parents also gather at Arbeiter Brewing during this time for conversation and connection over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. You're welcome to join there too!

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

Join Ann Schrooten on Thursday* 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.

BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All are invited to join Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at a location TBD at 5:30 p.m. and ride for 10 to 15 miles, including a stop for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room. (If it rains, we'll meet on Friday, September 12.)

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.

SHARE THE BOUNTY!

Are your gardens overproducing, your CSA giving you too much abundance or have you overbought at the Farmers market? The Creation Care Committee would like to give you an opportunity to avoid food waste and share your abundance. We will have a table in the Community Room on Sundays, Bring your extra produce on Sunday morning to share. We will share with congregation members in both HT and Swahili congregations. What is left will be shared with Soup for You! and their guests. Share instead of wasting or composting.

THANK YOU FROM ZOE MARTINEZ AND LONGFELLOW SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for their contributions of backpacks and school supplies for Longfellow moms. Holy Trinity donated 50 backpacks. The joy of receiving these filled backpacks will be a great way to help these moms start school. Thank you!!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, September 1		Building closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, September 3	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Open Gym
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate!
Thursday, September 4	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
-	7:00 PM	Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten
Sunday, September 7	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
Renewal Sunday	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:00 AM	Celebration on the Front Lawn
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

September 7 "The Way It Looks from Here" Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

As we begin a new program year, Pastor Ingrid will offer reflections on congregational and community life in a special Adult Forum titled "The Way It Looks from Here." She'll reflect on our shared calling to cultivate a community where everyone is known, needed, and loved. In a world marked by disconnection, the church can be a powerful place of belonging—if we choose to build it that way. Come hear what's emerging in and through our congregation, ask questions, and join the conversation. Whether you've been at Holy Trinity for decades or are just getting to know us, you are warmly invited to be part of this time of reflection and visioning. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

September 14 "Bible Refresher John Buzza

Feeling the need for a Bible refresher or a spiritual anchor in chaotic times? Join John Buzza for an engaging overview of the Bible, with a special focus on the thread of love woven throughout scripture. Whether you're new to the Bible or simply looking to reconnect with its central message, this session offers a grounding introduction.

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