

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

setting, Bradley Sowash

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+GATHERING HYMN

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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



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+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.**



+HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Follow the lead of the cantor, choose any group at the end.



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice even when the weak are shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us the courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the true judge.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

"I dream of a world..."
Written by Abs Trewin

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

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

PSALM 121 Marcus M. Wells

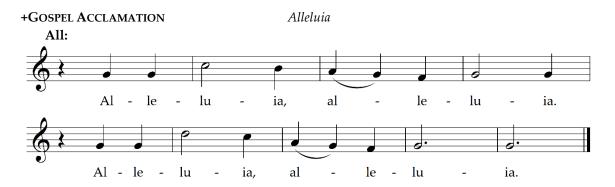
Stanza 1, cantor; stanza 2, all



SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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



Cantor: The word of God is living and active,

able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

God Alone Be Praised



- 1 O ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
- 2 Na tions rage, the em pire fal ters; seek-ing ref uge, ex iles
- 3 Come and see; God's mer cy gath ers all that sin and grief have



the world with long - ing crum-bles. All groans. Love Walls and weap - ons rise Through this wan - der. from fear. Life from fields of death shat - tered. is raised. Peace, be



this gra-cious prom-ise our hope and bides. is our help, wil der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us let pride - ful yield to songs of joy and still: thun - der



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dwells be here.

+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

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)

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially Mike Miller; Mary Heltsley; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; Ron Duty's friend, Marie Failinger, in hospice; 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 God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for Holy Trinity. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

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

Break Forth Into Singing
Adult Choir

Eugene Butler

Break forth into singing and cry aloud for you shall go out with joy, The mountains and hills shall sound forth with singing, shall sound forth with singing!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet, like a trumpet sound! Seek me daily and know my ways, lift up your voice like a trumpet sound!

During the month of October, we invite you to bring forward both your financial offerings and your dream cards and place them in the central basket at the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary. These slips will be linked together, a visible reminder that our gifts—our money and our dreams—are connected, and that God empowers us to use both for the sake of the world.

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.

For the Fruit of All Creation

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

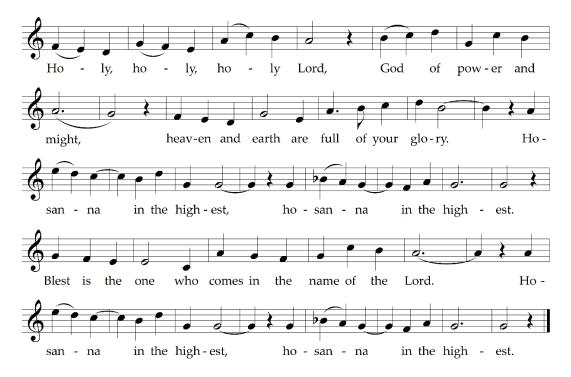
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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, 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.

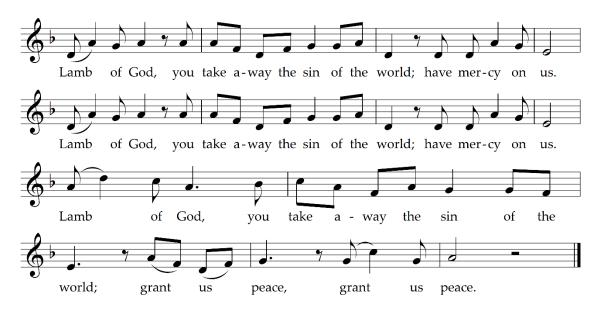
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

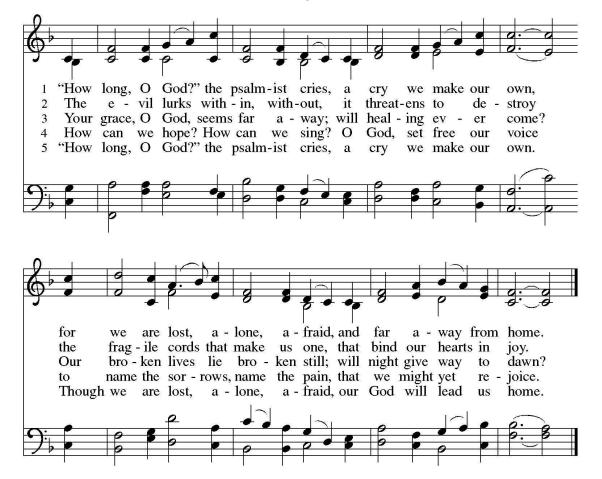
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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

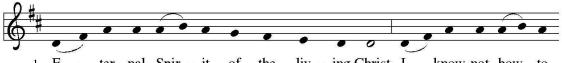
How Long, O God





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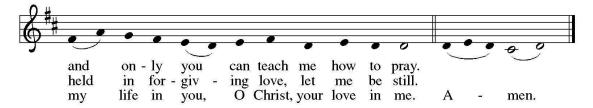
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



- 1 E ter-nal Spir it of the liv ing Christ, I know not how to 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
- 3 Come with the vi sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life, pur-pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss; all hu-man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Mary McDonald

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

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM INFORMATION TODAY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

A representative from the Palestine-Israel Committee will be in the Community Room today with information about <u>Bright Stars of Bethlehem</u>, one of this year's special appeals. This organization's vision is for all people of Palestine to have life in abundance. They do this through their mission of raising awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine. Come learn and discern how you can help!

THE PATH TO KINDNESS BOOK DISCUSSION WITH RYANA HOLT MONDAY, OCT. 27

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion of *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, led by Ryana Holt. We'll reflect on how these tender, accessible pieces can ground our spirits and shape our communities. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to participate on Monday, October 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Let's walk the path to kindness—together. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 19.

SMALL GROUP EVENT: EXPLORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Are you looking to deepen or refresh your spiritual life this fall? Join us for a four-session small group exploring a variety of spiritual practices—simple, grounding ways to connect more fully with God in everyday life. Led by Nicki Hines and Marge Higgins, this group will meet Thursdays, October 30, November 6, and November 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 9, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M.

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new-member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. Over breakfast and coffee, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

SEQUEERITY AT HOLY TRINITY

You may notice a new presence on Sunday mornings: a staff member from Sequeerity, a Minneapolis-based de-escalation team. They'll be here from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., walking through the building and grounds. Their staff wear T-shirts that say Sequeerity, so you'll be able to recognize them easily.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 21	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Executive Committee Meets
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meets
Wednesday, October 22	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, October 23	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms
Sunday, October 26	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Time
	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

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

TODAY "Christian Economics" Doug Mork

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library or on Zoom as we explore "Christian Economics." Together, we'll consider how faith shapes our understanding of wealth, labor, justice, and community—and how Christian values can inform economic life in a complex world.

October 26 Stewardship Sunday

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. In the spirit of the Reformation—a movement fueled by bold vision and faithful imagination—we invite you to a conversation about the world we are called to help shape. Guided by the theme "I dream of a world that…", the Financial Stewardship Committee, Council leaders, and pastors will reflect on how our shared financial commitments can support the work of justice, compassion, and belonging—within our congregation and far beyond. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2026. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today. Breakfast tacos will be served!

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



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