

# THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS

OCTOBER 5, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# How Can I Keep from Singing? Gloria Ringers

Robert Lowry arr. Arnold Sherman

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet though far off hymn
That hails a new creation:
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comfort die?
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round!
Songs in the night He giveth:
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin;

I see the blue above it;

And day by day this pathway smoothes

Since first I learned to love it:

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,

A fountain ever springing:

All things are mine since I am His—

How can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowry (1826-1899), the author and composer of "How Can I Keep from Singing?" was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the University at Lewisburg (later renamed Bucknell University), where he became a professor of literature. He was ordained as a Baptist minister and pastored in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. He also worked as a music editor at the Biglow and Main Publishing Company and helped found the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in New York City. He wrote approximately 500 gospel songs, of which "Shall We Gather at the River" is perhaps the most well-known.

#### +GATHERING HYMN

#### Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

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



- 1 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, sound-ing God's de light ed laugh,
- 2 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, wo ven in to har mo ny.
- 3 Earth is full of wit and wis dom: pen guin, pla ty pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe. Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee. cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho-rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice. live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make. born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

#### +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

Let us pray together:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is shadow, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine One, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

"I dream of a world..."

Dennis O'Brien

**ANTHEM** 

I Can Do All Things through God Cantate Youth Choir

Valerie Shields

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty.

I have learned the secret of being content in all situations,
in all times of plenty and need:
I can do all things through God who strengthens me.
I can do all things through God!

## Word

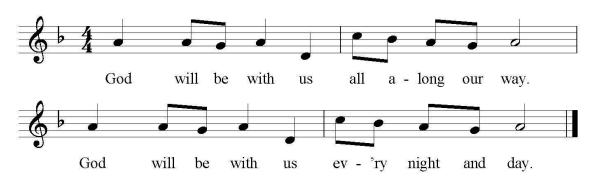
FIRST READING

*Job* 39:1–18

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

PSALM 121 Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



To the hills I lift my eyes; Where shall help and strength arise? From the LORD will come my aid, Who all heaven and earth has made. **Refrain** 

God will guide through dangers all, On your way you will not fall; God who safe the people keeps Slumbers not and never sleeps. **Refrain** 

Your protector is the LORD, Shade for you God will afford; Neither sun nor moon shall smite, God shall guard by day and night. **Refrain** 

God will ever keep your soul, What would harm, God will control; In your home and by the way God will keep you day by day. **Refrain** 

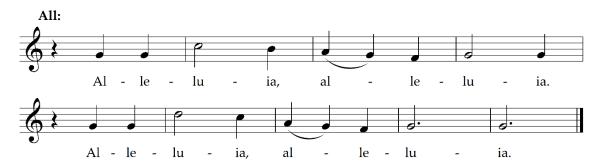
#### SECOND READING

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

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

#### +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



Cantor: The word of the Lord endures forever.

That word is the good news that was announced to you. (1 Peter 1:25)

All: Repeat "Alleluia"

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-31

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

**SERMON** 

#### +HYMN OF THE DAY

## All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
   Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
   Alleluia.
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
   All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

#### +INTERCESSIONS

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)

Holy God, who makes all things new, we pray for your whole church. We pray especially today for Bishop Curry, newly installed as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Grant him wisdom, compassion, and courage as he leads your church in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Strengthen his prayer, his friendships, and his health. Surround him with your Spirit, that even when the work feels unfinished, he may be sustained by your grace and empowered to guide us in faithful witness and service. God of grace,

## Receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders of nations and communities, that they may know that only you are God and act accordingly. Bring peace that is more than the absence of gunfire, peace rooted in dignity and justice that does not wait for the next election cycle. God of grace,

### Receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer—and also for those who love them. For the sick and the dying, for the addicted and the incarcerated, for those whose pain is visible and those whose wounds are carefully hidden. Come to the help of all in need, 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; Gerry and Linda Berglin upon the death of their daughter, Reidun; 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 give thanks for the ministry of Exodus Lending and for all who work to free our neighbors from cycles of predatory debt. Bless their mission of liberation, that those burdened by financial injustice may find dignity, hope, and a future secure in your mercy. 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."

Gracious God, you have promised to be with us, and today we claim that promise as our own as we lay these prayers at your feet. Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage. For the facing of this hour, and the living of these days, lest we miss your kin-dom's goal. Through Jesus Christ, the friend of saints and sinners, we pray. **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** 

Song of Remembrance Gloria Ringers Arnold Sherman

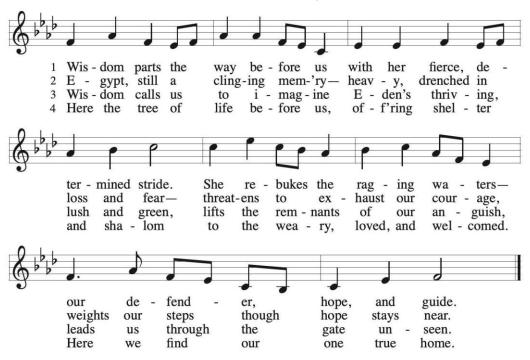
During the month of October, we invite you to bring forward both your financial offerings and your dream cards and place them in the central basket at the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary. These slips will be linked together, a visible reminder that our gifts—our money and our dreams—are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

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

## Wisdom Parts the Way before Us

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

God 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.

Amen.

#### +GREAT THANKSGIVING

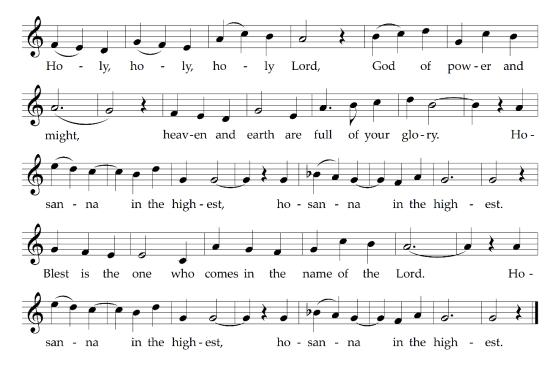
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. You raised up prophets, including Francis, among your people and through them spoke your word of life and truth. In your compassion, Jesus came among us lifting up those who were bowed down, feeding the hungry, and setting free those held captive by society's chains. Through his living, dying, and rising, we, too, are raised and made new. And so, 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** God of the spar - row God of the rain - bow God of the God of the hun - gry

God of the Sparrow



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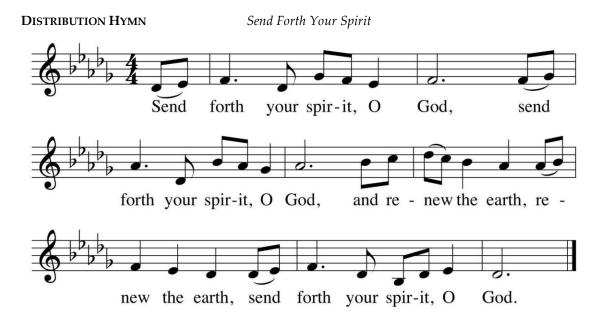
5 God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

the

How does

6 God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

Life



#### +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 companions. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING**

#### +SENDING HYMN

O God, You Give Us Grapes and Grain

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.



#### Celtic Priest, Ray Simpson, adapted

#### +BENEDICTION

May the Great Spirit, Wild Goose of the Almighty, be your eyes in the shadowy places; your flight in the trapped places; your host in the wild places; your brood in the lonely places; and your formation in the lost places.

### +DISMISSAL

Amen.

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

**POSTLUDE** Ascend! Sandra Eithun Gloria Ringers

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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**LITURGY**: ELW SETTING NINE

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## 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.

Sequeerity is a team owned and operated by queer and POC women whose mission is to create and maintain safe spaces for all, especially for LGBTQIA+ and immigrant communities. They are not armed, and their focus is on relationship-building and de-escalation.

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

In a world that often feels fragmented and fast-paced, how can we nurture gentleness, compassion, and connection? *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, offers poems and essays that celebrate the quiet power of kindness in our daily lives. With contributions from beloved writers and new voices alike, the collection invites us to slow down, notice beauty, and choose love again and again.

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion led by Ryana Holt. Together, 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.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, October 6	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir
Tuesday, October 7	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, October 8	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
	6:30-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Open Gym
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate!
Thursday, October 9	7:00 PM	Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten
Sunday, October 12	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Time
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	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 "Exodus Lending"

Come to the library at 9:00 a.m. to hear the story of Exodus Lending, a powerful nonprofit born right here at Holy Trinity in response to the predatory lending crisis on Lake Street. Now celebrating ten years, Exodus Lending continues to fight for fair lending and equitable access to credit for all Minnesotans. In this forum, we'll reflect on the recent anniversary celebration and lift up the community members and values that have shaped this work from the beginning. Join us as we honor a decade of giving credit where credit is due—and dream together about what's next.

## October 12 "Youth Trip to North Carolina"

Please join our post-confirmation youth who traveled to North Carolina this past summer. They will share their experiences of helping those affected by Hurricane Helene. Our youth partnered with the <u>Towel Ministry</u> of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina for a week of service, learning, and connection. They are excited to share a taste of what they experienced with you all in gratitude for our congregational support of these trips.

# D O N A T E

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



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