

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

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.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful Lac qui Parle arr. Aaron David Miller arr. Mark Sedio

+LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We collectively acknowledge that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. Holy Trinity resides on land that was cared for and called home by the Dakota people and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Dakota in 1805 through a fake treaty, this land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region. We recognize and continually support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native nations in this territory and beyond. By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold this church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America accountable to American Indian peoples and nations.

+GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of 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.**

+KYRIE



+HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tender Creator, thank you for the beauty and wonder of your great creation. We praise you for the wonderful things you have given to us: for the beautiful sun, for the rain, which makes things grow, for the sea and the sky, for the flowers and the birds, and for all your gifts to us. Everything around us rejoices. Make us also to rejoice, and give us thankful hearts. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

ANTHEM

Royal Flourish
Jubilation Ringers

Jason Krug

READING

An excerpt from "The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

"Know the ways of the ones who take care of you, so that you can take care of them. Introduce yourself. Be accountable as the one who comes asking for a life. Ask permission before taking. Abide by the answer. Never take the first one. Never take the last. Take only what you need. Take only that which is given. Never take more than half. Leave some for others. Harvest in a way that minimizes harm. Use it respectfully. Never waste what you have taken. Share. Give thanks for what you have been given. Give a gift in reciprocity for what you have taken. Sustain the ones who sustain you and the Earth will last forever."

PSALM 148 Daniel Kallman

You giant orbs that sweep the sky, sing praise, sing praise! Sun and moon and stars of fire, circling where you never tire,

Refrain



All myriad creatures of the sea, sing praise, sing praise! Fish and porpoise, curly snail, tiny krill, colossal whale, **Refrain**

Great storms that roar at God's command, sing praise, sing praise! Snow and frost and fire and hail, clap of thunder, howling gale, **Refrain**

Oh Graceful land adorned in green, sing praise, sing praise! Hidden seeds that send up shoots, branching, blooming, sharing fruits, All animals, both wild and tame, sing praise, sing praise! Slinking, climbing, brash and shy, cats that leap and birds that fly, **Refrain**

Come, people, raise your voices high, sing praise, sing praise! Every color, every age, made in varied wondrous ways, **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-8

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



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:31-38

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

SERMON



Please be seated.

SPARK POSITION BLESSING

Spark Position workers are invited forward

It is with great joy that I ask us to recognize the work completed among us by our Spark Position temporary employees: Jamie Bistram and Bob Hulteen.

The good work completed by them has set us on a solid foundation to continue the various ministries which serve our church community as well as our neighbors.

St. Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

People of God, I ask you to join me in blessing Jamie and Bob.

Congregation: We bless you, and we thank you, for sharing your gifts with us.

The congregation is invited to celebrate with applause!

+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)

God who is known in grain and vine, the baptismal waters, and in your word, renew the church's bishops, pastors, deacons, church staff, and all leaders of faith communities, that they live into the fruitful nurturing of disciples. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of creation, we give you thanks for sheltering trees, shifting sands, and stabilizing hills. Remind us, as we also learn from our Indigenous siblings, that your care and intention are behind the shaping of all life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the widow and the orphan, we give thanks for all who serve and protect your most beloved. Let us accompany elected officials and civic leaders as faithful advocates for peace and safety. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of tender assurance, we give thanks for your continued presence in times of need. Accompany those who are displaced from native lands, victims of injustice, or in need of your sustenance. Comfort those unable to rejoice because of worry or illness especially Marilyn and Mike Miller; Mary Petersen; Mary Heltsley; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Josie Tober; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, upon the death of his mother Jo; 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.

God of abundance, we give thanks for the gifts and talents shared in this community of faith. In our diverse experiences of your presence, bless each ministry, gathering, and shared space of prayer and fellowship. 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 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 Prayer Litany Helen Kemp

Cantate Youth Choir; Pat Farris, flute

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope.

Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, may I sow joy!

And Lord, of thee three things I pray,

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly day by day.

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

Lift Up Your Heads

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

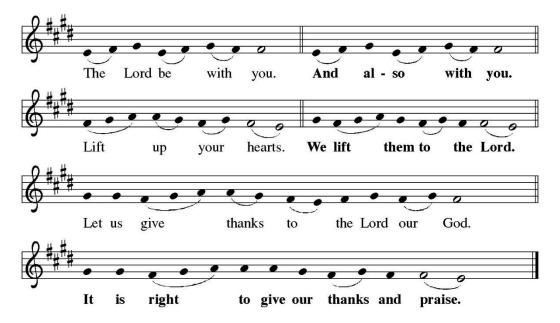


+OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

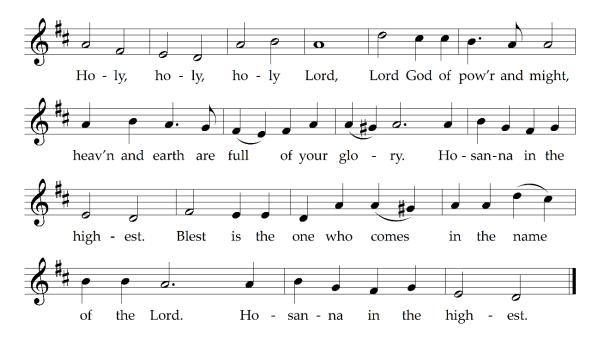
Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, O 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 the 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.

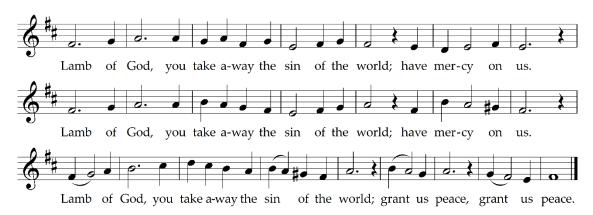
Give us today our daily bread.

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit



Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. **Refrain**All around me look so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. **Refrain**



+BLESSING

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

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of $ext{mer}$ - cy, $ext{nev}$ - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

+BENEDICTION

The love of God strengthen you,
God the Child lead you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you +
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Of Fearless Spirit Jubilation Ringers

Jason Krug

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: DIX Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

"Life Up Your Heads" Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952. Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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Psalm 148: Text: Christine Kallman, Music: Daniel Kallman

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"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, 1933-2023

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"Come to Us, Creative Spirit" Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938. Music: CASTLEWOOD, Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

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"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, 'Repository of Sacred Music', Part II, 1813

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Color Orange

Following the news of the 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were found in a mass grave in Canada and the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland, The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association invites congregations to place orange cloth in their sanctuaries as a way to remember. The color orange is symbolic. The inspiration came from a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange T-shirt her grandmother had gifted her. As a church we acknowledge and confess our complicity in the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITY-ORGAN RENOVATION FUND UPDATE

The organ has been at the heart of our congregational song for decades, empowering our worship and strengthening our life together as a faith community. Organ renovations have started, albeit slowly due to contractors being very busy with other work. So far, the blower has been relocated from the basement to inside the pipe chamber clearing up space in the basement refrigerator room and ensuring better air supply to the instrument. In consultation with structural engineers, contractors and the organ company, a plan to stabilize the sagging pipe chest has been drawn up and approved by all parties. Fabrication of brackets and parts for that chest has begun and we anticipate the work to be done in early 2026. During this time there may be a couple of Sundays when the instrument is partially or completely unusable as some pipes will have to be removed for safety reasons.

Through this essential work, we honor the role of the organ in our worship and ensure it continues to inspire and uplift our congregation for generations to come. We have raised \$24,500 of the \$31,149.50 needed.

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2026

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2026. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 3, 10, and 17). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese and one household would pick up bread from Laune Bread (already ordered and paid for). We also need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

This is a special invitation to share your culinary and crafting abilities for the upcoming youth benefit Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other HT youth activities. Favorite baked goods and ethnic treats, jams and other canned goods, or your special hand-made crafts will be graciously accepted. To contribute, sign up in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 5, or Saturday morning, December 6. Look for a follow-up email a week ahead with more donation details. It is certainly okay to just plan on shopping, too!

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFTS

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

HOLY TRINITY SEEKS CYF MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Associate Pastor and provide organization and leadership for children's faith formation and support for youth programs and events throughout the year. Candidates will work consistent with the congregation's values.

Learn more at https://htlcmpls.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Children-Youth-and-Family-Ministry-Coordinator.pdf

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, November 17	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 18	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meets
Wednesday, November 19	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Bell Ensemble
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate
Thursday, November 20	8:00 AM	Encore at Turtle Bread
	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms
Friday, November 21	6:00-9:30 PM	Youth Pizza Party and Board Games
Sunday, November 23	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Hour
	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 "Refreshing Our Understanding of Trans/Non-Binary Identity Abs Trewin

For over forty years, our congregation has welcomed LGBTQ+ individuals, including many transgender people. Abs Trewin (they/he) invites the people of Holy Trinity into further understanding of how trans identity is present in our holy community, and how we best support them in their journeys of self-discovery, medical/social transition, and safety.

November 23 "Welcoming New Members (with Breakfast Tacos!)

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from current members Carol Lerdal, Kari Kleven, Jeremy Schroeder, and Jess Yarger, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation. A photographer will be taking pictures of members new and old for the directory. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m. and join in the fun!

DONATE

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



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