



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

We gather and worship on 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

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

When Peace like a River

settings, Kristina Rizzotto

+GATHERING HYMN

Arise, O Righteous Oaks, Arise

(Commissioned in 2004 by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for our 100th Anniversary)

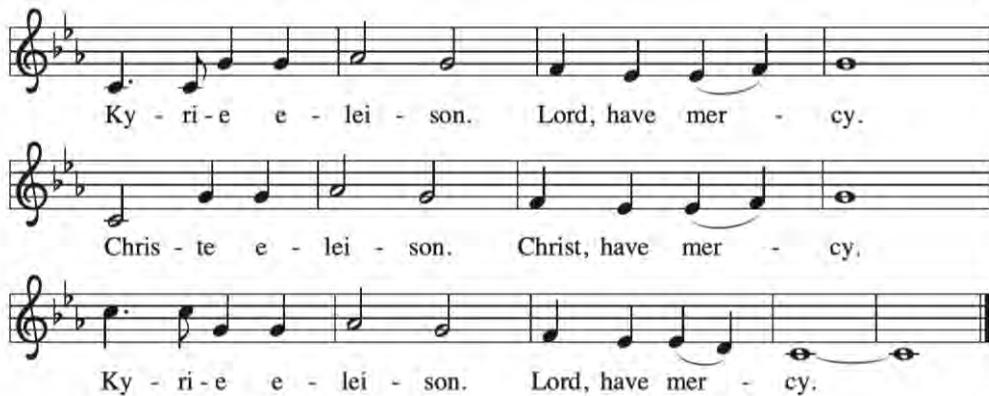
Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

A - rise, O Righ - teous Oaks, a - rise, our God has
As earth sends forth its ten - der shoots, and gar - dens
In word and deed good news pro - claim: Now those who
A - rise, O God's a - noint - ed ones, your gifts from
plan - ted you for good, A liv - ing sign of
make the seed to grow, So God will feed and
mourn are com - fort - ed; The bound are freed from
ev - 'ry na - tion raise. A - dorned with grace and
Christ a - live and act - ive in this neigh - bor - hood.
tend your roots, 'til jus - tice blooms and bless - ings flow.
fear and shame, and all are wel - comed, hon - ored, fed.
gar - lands, come, re - joice, and join cre - a - tion's praise:
To God's new day a - wak-ened, by ten - der mer - cy crowned,
the ci - ty, Not For - sa-ken, is ho - ly, ho - ly ground.

+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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joys be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
to-day, to-mor-row, ev'-ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell the sto - ry!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. When danger closes in and hope wears thin, you do not turn away; you come near.

Summon us. Make your home among us again, as you did on the road by the sea, among ordinary people—calling us by name with your living voice. Direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING*Isaiah 9:1-4*

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

PSALM*The Lord Is My Light*
Adult Choir

Robert Wetzler

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, yea, mine enemies and my foes came upon me, they stumbled, and fell.
Though a host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

SECOND READING*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*Cantor: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people (Matthew 4:23). Alleluia*

+GOSPEL READING*Matthew 4:12-23*

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



Refrain
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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)

Creating God, Source of Life, we pray that we may see your light in our city and nation. Help us to reflect your light in all we do. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, when the burdens of the day become more than we can bear, we ask that you would lift us up and carry us through this challenging time. We are grateful for your light that dawns every morning, giving us new life as you walk with us on our daily journey. Help us to see you in the faces of all our neighbors and to be bold and generous in our support of those struggling to find safety, food, and housing. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, pour your Spirit on all who are in positions of leadership that they may be prompted to seek justice and be united in service to our neighbors in need. Give strength to our pastors and church staff as they shepherd this faith community. Guide us through the future where uncertainty and fear increase daily, knowing that you accompany us. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Reconciling God, may your peace prevail in deeply divided lands throughout the world. We pray especially for those endangered by oppression in many countries, including our own. May the vulnerable be protected from harm as we seek to unite our voices and join with one another in support of your justice. May our lament over the current violence, and systemic racism lead us through courage, clarity, and commitment to real, concrete action. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Healing God, many of us are challenged by illness, grief, loneliness, or failing relationships. The gospel today tells us that Jesus went about proclaiming good news and healing the sick. We pray that your healing presence would be with Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Nikki Randolph-Martinez; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; Angel Blanco; 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*). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around
Cantate Youth Choir

Rollo Dilworth

There are words like Freedom sweet and wonderful to say.
On my heartstrings freedom sings all and everyday.

There are words like Liberty that almost make me want to cry.
If you had known what I know you would know why.

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

*God Is Love
Sung twice*

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is also in bass clef. The music is in common time and features a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first two staves containing the first two lines of the hymn and the third staff containing the third line. The lyrics are as follows:

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -
other as God first loved us. God is love.
God is love. God is love.

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Communion is served by intinction.

Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains both red wine and white grape juice. A chalice is also reserved for those using gluten-free wafers.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us
Adult Choir

Joy F. Patterson

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Spirit, Open My Heart**Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's

2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day and to

Refrain

fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.

day, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 love will be my fin - est la - bor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running waves, deep peace of the flowing air, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the quiet earth.

To repeat *Last time*

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

*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.*



Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of love and grace;
Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal-lowed to re - lease and to con - sole.
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live.
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; God, the won - der of our days.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

+BENEDICTION

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY, 11:00 A.M.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 122nd year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2026 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

FEBRUARY 2026: BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

This season, our whole congregation is invited into a transformative book study on *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by john a. powell. Drawing from years of research and community practice, powell offers a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Together, we'll explore what it means to "bridge" across differences and try simple, meaningful actions that strengthen connection in our daily lives. Across the region, thousands of people have already joined this growing movement through the Bush Foundation's book club, and we're excited to add our voices to the conversation. Whether you're eager to deepen relationships, strengthen our communal life, or practice new ways of engaging across difference, this study will offer inspiration and tools for the journey. We have 250 free copies of this book from the Bush Foundation; please join us!

YOUTH ADULT MONTHLY SOCIAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Young adults are invited to join the community meal on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the church building. Following the meal, the group will walk to Arbeiter Brewing for fellowship and fun! For further information, please reach out to Dave Herrera. This month, the brewer will talk with us about a collaboration we are going to launch.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Join us for a pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. Our 6th- to 12th-grade youth (confirmation and post-confirmation/high school students) and their families will host the event. This is a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 and will be on sale at the Annual Meeting today, on Sunday, February 1, and at the door on the day of the event. Sign up in the Community Room if you'd like to volunteer to help.

SILENT RETREAT WITH PASTOR INGRID AT PACEM IN TERRIS

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 14-16 (REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14)

Cost: \$280 (includes a basket of breads, cheese, and goodies to eat in your hermitage)

Silent retreats—extended periods of quiet, prayer, and reflection—are growing rapidly across the U.S. as people seek relief from constant connectivity and the pressures of daily life. In response to this deep spiritual hunger, we have reserved ten hermitages at Pacem in Terris, a serene retreat center located one hour north of Holy Trinity. Pacem in Terris is designed for those longing to rest, listen, and simply be. Participants will experience gentle structure for prayer, sitting or walking meditation, journaling, and unhurried rest. Free from small talk, eye contact, and digital interruption, retreatants often discover moments of unexpected grace. We have 8 rustic outdoor hermitages and 2 indoor accessible hermitages available. To participate, participants need to arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. Space is limited. Come rest in the quiet and renew your spirit. Sign up in the Community Room.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP WAPO SUMMER CAMP OPENED JANUARY 15

Camp Wapo Summer Camp registration opened January 15. Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Camp Wapo) is an ELCA-affiliated camp in Wisconsin that has provided a positive camp experience for many Holy Trinity kids. As with most partner organizations, Holy Trinity does not design the curriculum or program, and elements may not always perfectly align with all of Holy Trinity's theological commitments.

Holy Trinity has reserved guaranteed spots for January 15–February 15. After February 16, any unused spots will be released to the waitlist and general public. Reserved weeks and spots:

- Wapo Youth (completed grades 4–9): August 2–7, 2026 (8 spots)
- Wapo Seeds (completed grades 1–3): August 7–9, 2026 (5 spots).

To register for the correct week and program, please use our church-specific registration link (active January 15): <http://lwlbc.com/holytrinity-mpls>

New this year, Camp Wapo is piloting an optional all-gender housing option for campers in the same age group. Families who choose this option will have their camper placed in a cabin with peers of the same grade grouping, regardless of gender. Traditional boys' and girls' cabins will remain available. All-gender housing is opt-in only and must be selected during registration.

Questions? Contact Katie Schroeder.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, January 26	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 28	5:00 PM 5:00-8:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Families Meal Supervised Gym Time Children's Choir Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble Gloria Ringers
Sunday, February 1	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY "Palm Sunday Path"

Join Pastor Doug and Palm Sunday Path leaders in a conversation about this major initiative to resist authoritarianism. We'll talk about the three phases of the work:

- The Palm Sunday afternoon march by thousands of Christians in MN (including you, we hope!) and hundreds of thousands across the country
- Sustained actions on Medicaid Cuts, SNAP Benefit Cuts and Immigration
- A mass action in Washington, DC, on July 4th

February 1 "Let's Repeal Minnesota's Anti-Boycott Law"

MN BDS Community Presenters Rev. John Darlington and Sanna Towns

The MN BDS Community (Boycott, Sanctions, Divestment) has worked with fellow organizations and faith communities to address Israel's oppressive occupation of Palestine and apartheid against Palestinians. A particular grievance of our community is the MN Legislature's passage of a 2017 law restricting vendors in contracting with the state, specifically disallowing boycotts of Israel. What is at stake? Our First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, freedom of protest! Attend the Adult Forum, learn about the two Repeal bills in the Senate and the House, and find out how you might contribute to this effort.

D O N A T E

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