



# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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 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.

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## GATHER

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*+invites the congregation to stand*

PRELUDE

*Abide with Me*  
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Jason Krug

+GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

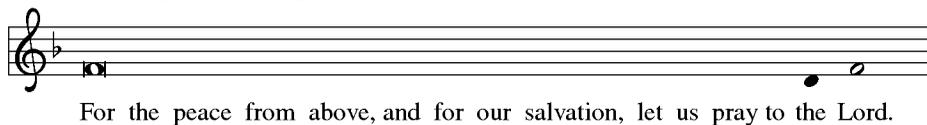
+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

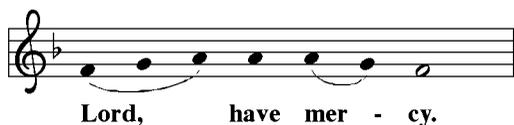
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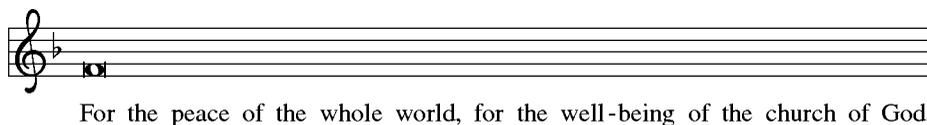
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



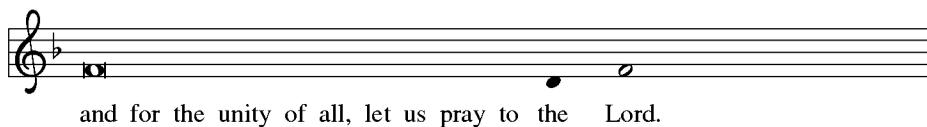
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



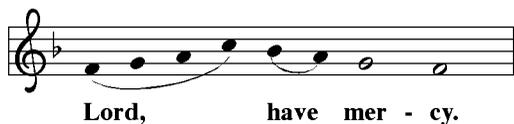
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



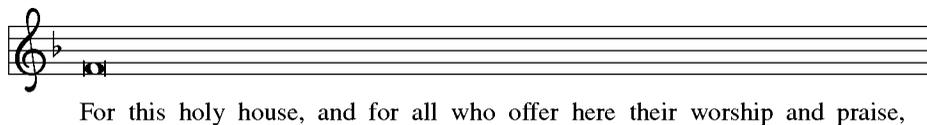
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



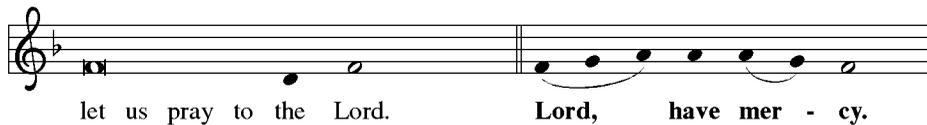
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



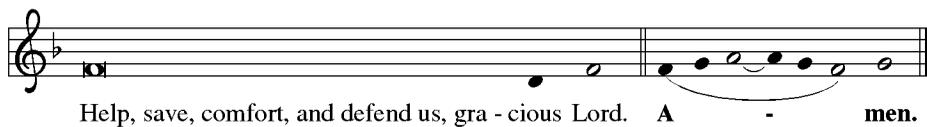
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, All You People*

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator of hidden callings,  
Shepherd of our restless hearts,  
who leads us through shadowed valleys  
and quiet waters alike:

when we see only what is before us,  
teach us to see as you see—  
beyond stature and appearance,  
into the secret courage of the heart.

Call us, as you called the youngest  
from tending sheep in the fields;  
summon us, as song summons memory,  
to lives of justice, healing, and joy.

Anoint us with the oil of your Spirit,  
that we may follow where love leads,  
and dwell in your goodness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the shepherd who walks beside us.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WELCOME**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

### PSALM 23

Marty Haugen

**Refrain** (First time: cantor, then all)

*Refrain*

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
-vond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **Refrain**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forever more. **Refrain**

## THE SUMMONS

Aurora Levins Morales

Last night I dreamed  
ten thousand grandmothers  
from the twelve hundred corners of the earth  
walked out into the gap  
one breath deep  
between the bullet and the flesh  
between the bomb and the family.

They told me we cannot wait for governments.  
There are no peacekeepers boarding planes.  
There are no leaders who dare to say  
every life is precious, so it will have to be us.

They said we will cup our hands around each heart.  
We will sing the earth's song, the song of water,  
a song so beautiful that vengeance will turn to weeping,  
the mourners will embrace, and grief replace  
every impulse toward harm.

Ten thousand is not enough, they said,  
so, we have sent this dream, like a flock of doves  
into the sleep of the world. Wake up. Put on your shoes.

You who are reading this, I am bringing bandages  
and a bag of scented guavas from my trees. I think  
I remember the tune. Meet me at the corner.  
Let's go.

## SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me*



"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
"Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
"Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of community and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

This morning, we welcome [names] into the ministry we share. Through the Holy Spirit, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in Christ's meal, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in community among God's people in this place? If so, please say, "We do."

*We do.*

People of God, today this body is expanded to include these individuals. We delight in the ways, known and yet unknown, they will both contribute to this community and transform it. Do you promise to support them as they grow in faith, pray for them in their life in Christ, and warmly welcome these siblings and the gifts they bring? If so, please say, "We do."

**We do.**

Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these new members. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants and unify the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome these beloved children of God into the ministry we share:

**We welcome you into this community of faith. We receive you as members of the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The congregation may celebrate these new members with applause.*

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)*

Creator, we thank You for breathing life into this world and giving us the tools we need to help each other live in your comfort. Though we witness atrocities in our world, You comfort us so that we may not lose hope. Restore this hope in us, so we can clearly see the righteous way to attend to Your creation as its steward. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we strive to be imitators of Jesus, to be the light of the world while we are in it. Embolden our hearts to do good in our community in times of struggle. We give thanks for the ministries of our congregation, for every single person's individual gifts and talents, as well as Holy Trinity's initiatives to support its neighbors. Let the works of this body demonstrate Your transformative, life-changing love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, Your love pushes the boundaries of our human rules and regulations. Your grace reaches those who have been neglected and forgotten. You see into our hearts when we judge based on appearances and stereotypes. Help us identify the ways we hurt others by caring more about structural order over boundless mercy. We pray especially for those affected by systemic racism, ableism, and classism. Your works are revealed in each of us, even in the parts others deem unholy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Our hope, You grant us respite, and You quiet our minds as you do the waters. You uplift us in our time of need. Attend those experiencing physical and mental hardship. We pray today especially for Betty Anderson; Mary Gunderson's daughter, Rhonda; Kathy Ekwall's aunt, Mickie; Marlene Peterson; Marlene Peterson's friend, Lynn Fagant; Carol Berg; Darren and Sarah; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; all people deeply hurt and affected by ICE activity; and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*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 our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

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## MEAL

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### +PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange words and signs of fellowship and love with those around you.*

### OFFERING

*God Is*

Daniel Kallman

Children's Choir, Jubilation Ringers

God is love. God is peace. God is hope. God is release.

And when we live that love with others, then we can make a world for peace.

Peace in our lives. Peace in our world.

God is the earth. God is the sea. Given for you. Given for me.

So may we love the earth we're given, as we all love the God who gives.

And with the earth, we'll live in peace.

Peace in our lives. Peace with the earth. Peace on earth.

*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**

*Now Is the Time of Grace*

*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked with a '1' and the second with a '2'. The lyrics are: 'Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion. Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.'

This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the captives go free, and to break the yoke of oppression. **Refrain**

Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in, offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires. **Refrain**

Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and healing shall come to you quickly, then you shall call and God shall answer, God's love shall go before you. **Refrain**

**+OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**+GREAT THANKSGIVING**

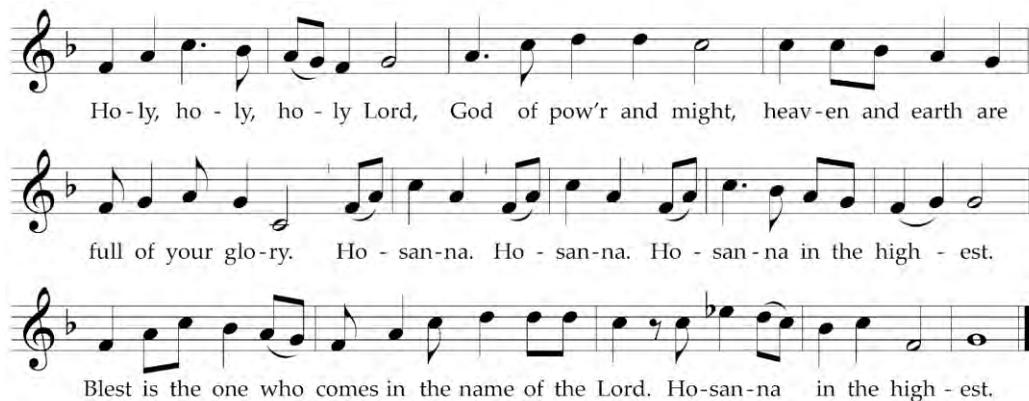
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. For in Christ, the table is wide, the welcome is wide, and your arms are open to gather us in. Here our aching is met with bread, and our sorrow with wine. Fed with this feast of grace, we become bread for a hungry world and drink for those who thirst, until everywhere is the feast. And so, with angels and all 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 might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

For those worshipping 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

### Come, Bring Your Burdens

Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -  
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your

thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -  
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.  
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Be Still and Know*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Be Still and Know". The first staff is marked with a "1\*" and a "2", indicating two different melodic lines. The lyrics "Be still and know that I am God." are written below the notes. The second staff shows a more melismatic version of the same lyrics, with a fermata over the final note "God." and a decorative flourish above it.

*\* May be sung in canon*

**+BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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# SENDING

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+SENDING HYMN

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

*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 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## +BENEDICTION

Go in peace with the Shepherd who knows your heart.  
Follow where love summons you,  
and trust that goodness and mercy walk with you.  
**Amen.**

## +DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*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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*“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.*

*Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608*

*“Come, All You People” Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt. Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo  
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*“Shepherd Me, O God” Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23. Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen  
Text and music © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.*

*“Lenten Acclamation” Text: Richard Proulx, 1937-2010. Music © 1975 GIA Publications, Inc.*

*“Will You Come and Follow Me” Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish Traditional  
Text © 1987 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc.*

*“Now Is the Time of Grace” Text: Marty Hauge, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9  
Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen. Text and music © 2009 Augsburg Fortress*

*“Come, Bring Your Burdens” Text: South African, English text, Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick  
Music: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigabi  
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*“Light Dawns on a Weary World” Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953. Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951  
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*“Be Still and Know” Text: Text: Psalm 46:10. Music: BE STILL AND KNOW (BELL), John L. Bell, b. 1949  
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*“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite  
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark. Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress*

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *ELW SETTING THREE*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

## **NEW ALTAR PARAMENTS FOR LENT**

These new Lenten paraments for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis were created from traditional Tanzanian printed fabric generously donated by members of the MN Swahili Christian Congregation, who have shared Holy Trinity's space for over twenty years. The vibrant printed textile, rich with movement and symbolism, brings a meaningful expression of shared ministry and cultural connection into our worship life during Lent. The set includes an altar cloth, pulpit cloth, and three stoles.

Led by artist (and Holy Trinity member) Sharon Englund, the project was a true collaboration. Fiber artist Carol Hancuh helped launch the work (with help from Sarah Gannett) with careful ironing, measuring, and design exploration, while Betsy Shannon contributed the cross motif for the back of the collars and the detailed black stitching that frames it. Because of the printed design, each piece required patient stretching, aligning, cutting, and re-sewing. The paraments are stabilized, lightly padded, and lined in black, with two stoles featuring a purple fish-print lining and the third a subtle purple bubble print—thoughtful details that complete a set rooted in craftsmanship, community, and shared faith.

## **SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED WEDNESDAYS IN LENT, MARCH 18 AND 25**

For each Wednesday during Lent, four households are needed to prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 6 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, one person is needed to pick up bread by 2:00 p.m. at Laune Bread on Lake Street (preordered and prepaid), and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday in Lent. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

## **HELP WITH MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP**

Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help set up, serve, or clean up the meal on Maundy Thursday, April 2.

## **EASTER LILIES**

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website ([htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)) to donate electronically.

### **BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID – NEW DATE**

Due to the federal occupation, our schedule has shifted. Pastor Ingrid's book study will meet **Wednesday, April 29**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (not in February) for dinner and discussion. Please mark your calendars and sign up in the Community Room so we know to expect you.

We'll be discussing *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by John A. Powell. This congregation-wide study invites us into a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Join us!

### **SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES: BUY TAMALES!**

We're sponsoring another round of tamale sales March 22 after the worship service. This time tamales come from El Primo which is not far from Holy Trinity. Choose from chicken, pork, beef or vegetable. (Sorry, no vegetarian options available due to how they are cooked). Tamales have a basic price of \$4.00 each or whatever you choose to donate in addition. Cash or Venmo welcome. This family-owned business says they are endangered economically by the threat to immigrants in our community. Your purchase of tamales will be a tremendous help to them and provide you with a tasty treat. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Committee.

### **PALM SUNDAY INVITATION FROM PASTORS**

We, your pastors, would like to invite you to join us on the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 29) for a powerful action at the Minnesota Capitol. Thousands of Christians across denomination, race, and place will stand up to the rise of authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism as we affirm the core of our faith: to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Many of you have heard us talk about this before, but we can't emphasize enough that we believe this is a critical moment in the push against authoritarianism and hate on a day that we honor Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in opposition to the greed, cruelty, and oppression of the Roman Empire.

Schedule for Sunday, March 29: Join us at 9:00 a.m. for sign making. For those who would like, we'll leave church around 1:30 p.m., though watch for more details as we get closer. There will be a clergy processional that others are welcome to join leaving from some of the congregations near Dale and University at 2:00 p.m. and marching to the Capitol. The event will start at the Capitol at 2:30 p.m., though there will be music as people gather. Sign up in the Community Room.

### **2025 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31**

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

# A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 29—PALM SUNDAY**

Worship at 10:00 a.m. begins with shouts of Hosanna! As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden. Gloria Ringers will be joined by the Mount Calvary Ringers, led by Logan Olson's sister, Alexis. Together they will fill the worship with joyful hosannas.

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 2—MAUNDY THURSDAY**

All are welcome to gather for a meal at 5:00 p.m., as we begin our observance of the Three Days. Worship will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. The Children's Choir will provide music at this worship service.

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 3—GOOD FRIDAY**

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments, including reflections by Sophie Breen (U. S. Immigration); Madeline Burbank (Anti-Trans Legislation); Carlye Proescholdt (Guns); Hannah Rector (Mental Health); Sandra Hisakuni (War); and open space for others. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Adult Choir and instrumentalists will lead us in worship this evening.

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 4—VIGIL OF EASTER**

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The service begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room so that families with young children can participate!

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 5—EASTER SUNDAY**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (*Acts 10:34*). Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love. Alleluia! Alleluia! We gather for festival worship at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The Adult Choir, along with brass ensemble, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

# C H U R C H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, March 16	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 17	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 18	5:30-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 6:00-7:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal Children’s Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Soup Supper Lenten Evening Prayer
Sunday, March 22	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Family Coffee Time Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

## ADULT FORUM

*9:00 a.m. each Sunday*

### **TODAY      Welcome New Members**

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members in the Community Room. Cedar Callahan, Keith Olstad, and Bob Hulteen will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We’ll also be introduced to the 30 people joining this congregation.

### **March 22      “My Life Story, My Faith Story”**

**Matt Hendrickson**

Join us today for another in our occasional series: My Life Story/My Faith Story. Our speaker will be Holy Trinity member Matt Hendrickson, our current church council president. Whether you know Matt well or not at all, grab your coffee and come to learn more about this congregational leader.

## D O N A T E

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