

Sunday Worship

Feb. 22, 2026 | 9 am

Traditional

TRINITY'S CORE VALUES
Engaging Worship • Radical Hospitality
Authentic Community • Lifelong Faith
Formation
Compassionate Action



Today's music and spoken words, in conclusion to Black History Month, are by African American composers or authors. Prelude, communion and postlude music is by Florence Price (1887-1953), composer, pianist, organist and teacher and the first African American woman to have a symphony performed by a major orchestra (1933). Her music, once lost, is being rediscovered and performed widely. Today's choral piece has a text is by Langston Hughes (1901-1967), African American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, columnist and leader of the Harlem Renaissance, who gave voice to the African American experience with a focus on racial consciousness, hope and resilience. We will also hear the words of Dr. Martin Luther King. Finally, today's hymns have been chosen to reflect the depth and breadth of African American hymnody.

Lift Every Voice and Sing, often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," is based on a poem written in 1900 by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and music composed by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954). It is a powerful, historically significant song highlighting Black resilience, faith, and freedom, adopted by the NAACP in 1919 and commonly performed at major events like the Super Bowl.

"African American Spirituals" refer to the enormous collection of songs created by enslaved Black people. We regularly sing these songs in worship. Paying a form of "royalty" for using these songs seeks to recognize their creators and to rectify the injustice of not compensating them. In this context, Trinity made a donation this month to Walker West Music Academy, located in the Rondo neighborhood of St. Paul, which seeks to create a music learning community rooted in the African American cultural experience.

Please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to make a secure donation.



All are invited to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity. Both bread and gluten-free wafers are offered. If needed, please request an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer from your communion server.

Participants

Worship Director: Clark Weyrauch
Organist: Carol Carver
Worship Assistant: Claudia Swenseid
Trinity Choir
Violin: Sarah Bertsch

Pastors

Jen Hackbarth, Interim Lead Pastor
Kristine Stedje, Interim Pastor of Lifelong Faith Formation

Gathering Music

Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child- African American
Spiritual - Florence Price

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

- Words on Screen

#841 Red Hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Poetry Prayer

Poem: The Three Dimensions Of A Complete Life - Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.

John 2:1-11

Gospel- Matthew 13:31-32

Message

- Pastor Jen Hackbarth

Hymn of the Day

- Words on Screen

#987 Purple Hymnal *Guide My Feet*

Prayers of the Church

Peace

Offering

I Dream a World - Words, Langston Hughes. Music, Nancy
Raabe

Communion

Adoration - Florence Price

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending Hymn

- Words on Screen

#333 Red Hymnal *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Music

Lord, I Want to be a Christian - African American Spiritual -
Florence Price



To include those not able to be here today, services are broadcast via livestream or digital recording. We are on Dakota and Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) land. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH. From the ELCA, Now is the Time: What is the history of Lutherans related to slavery? Find the answer on the poster in the Narthex with the picture of John Lewis.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 10:30-noon: Minnesota African American Heritage Museum Gallery visit followed by lunch. For more information and carpooling, contact gailwires@hotmail.com

DINNER CHURCH

Wednesday Evening Schedule

For a full outline of Wednesday offerings, please visit the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page)

4:30-5:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (Kindergarten -Middle School) – Choir Room

5:20-6 p.m. Children's Faith Lab (Faith Formation for Ages 4-Grade 5) – Chapel

5:30 p.m. Community Meal Service Begins – River Room

6:15-6:45 p.m. Dinner Church (eat together, worship together) – River Room

6:45-7:45 p.m. Break into Small Groups:

- Middle School Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
- Adult Faith Lab

TRINITY WORSHIP BAND CONCERT | FEB 22

3:00PM Led by Contemporary Music Leader Andrew Kreye, the Trinity Worship Band will present its winter concert titled "Seasons of Love." The concert will feature some of the most popular Contemporary Christian Music of today with songs by Bethel Music, Elevation Worship, Audrey Assad, and others. Come for an afternoon of inspiring worship music.

TELL US SOMETHING GOOD! Honoring our theme for Lent this year, "Tell Me Something Good", we want to spread the Good News! Go to the LinkTree QR Code below and, under "ANNOUNCEMENTS", tell us some GOOD NEWS in your life or the life of Trinity! Your "good news" could end up on our social media!

HOSPICE KIT COLLECTION.

Join Wednesday night as we begin collecting items for Global Health Ministries (GHM) Hospice Kits. All are welcome! See the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page) to view checklist of what is in the Hospice Kits.

TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The Trinity Scholarship Fund for higher education was established by the estate of Jeanette Johnson, and is awarded each year on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement, good

citizenship and active involvement at Trinity. Read more and download application at: Youth | Trinity Lutheran Church. Scholarship and renewal applications must be received via mail or email by April 1. For more information, contact Sarah Kinsman, Parish Administrator, at skinsman@trinitylc.org

SIGN UP FOR OUR TRINITY'S NEWSLETTER through the the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page)

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATES. Your Transition Team is hard at work and almost done with listening sessions. They will present the results of what they've learned in February and March. At these sessions, you'll also have the opportunity to share your thoughts about Trinity's core values and what we seek in the next Lead Pastor. Here is information about the dialogue sessions:

- **Monday, Feb 23** at Sabrina and Dustin Fay's home: 6-7:30pm (please call church office or email sfay@trinitylc.org to RSVP and get address)
- **Sunday, March 1:** online at 10am and noon
- **Wednesday, March 4** during Dinner Church: 6:15-6:45pm
- **Sunday, March 8** during the Adult Forum: 10:15-11am

SUNDAY FAITH FORUM

Sundays at 10 a.m. – River Room.

Feb 22 & March 1. Thinking about the United States after 250 Years with Dr Chris Gehrz

LET'S GO! ART MUSEUM TOUR: LET'S GO and Pride Justice invite you to tour Queering Indigenuity at MN Museum of American Art, 350 Robert St. N, St. Paul

NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE

April 19, 1:00 pm RSVP to Sandy Wendt at sjwendt46@gmail.com or Sara Wagner at saraewagner@comcast.net

LET'S GO AND TRINITY'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS "GAME NIGHT" POSTPONED - WE WILL RESCHEDULE SOON

RESPONSE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO

SERVE: During this challenging time, we are leaning on our relationships in the St. Croix Valley and through connections with the St. Paul Area Synod. We are better together!

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS—FINISHING STRONG TOGETHER!

The Comprehensive Capital Campaign that we started almost three years ago has been a huge success. Your generosity has enabled us to cut our mortgage debt by half, complete critical maintenance projects, and invest even more in missions that serve our neighbors in the St. Croix Valley and beyond. As we look to celebrate on Sunday, April 26, help us finish strong by fulfilling any outstanding pledges or making a one-time gift to reduce the mortgage further. You can do so through the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page). With grateful hearts, the Comprehensive Campaign Leadership Team.

Opportunities to Serve: Trinity is collecting food to be distributed to people in our community who do not feel safe leaving their homes. There is a collection area by the 4th Street doors in the Trinity building. Please find the grocery list in the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page). If you would like to help with food deliveries, contact [Marie Liberda](mailto:Marie.Liberda)

SUPPORT OUR PUERTO RICO SERVICE

TRIP! This summer, 25 of our high school students are headed to Puerto Rico to serve! Starting February 22nd, our youth are seeking sponsorships to make this mission possible. Instead of individual accounts, all donations will support the entire group this year. Want to help? You'll find youth in the Narthex on 2/22. Find the link to donate in the LinkTree QR Code (bottom right of this page) Questions? Email Dana at dkruse@trinitylc.org

REGISTER FOR VBS! Get ready for an unforgettable week at Vacation Bible School 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater! This summer at Compassion Camp: we'll explore how God calls us to care for one another — and for the whole creation. Register in the QR code below!



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