



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

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Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 2, 2020  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating our 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Service of the Word 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*Share your story!*

*Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.*

*Use #PowerofTrinity to share your Faith in an instant!*

*Find us on Facebook at:*

*Facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## **PRELUDE**

Pavane, Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)

Dr. Julie Tunstall, *flute*

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*As we gather from our homes, we invite you to place a bowl or cup of water in front of you, to remember our baptism.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In this time of uncertainty, with a future unknown, let us give thanks to our God who is always with us.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you.

In the days of chaos,

Your voice moved over the water and life sprang forth.

In the days of the flood,

You kept Noah and his family safe from harm.

In the days of fleeing Egypt,

You separated the sea so your people could pass.

In the days of wandering in the wilderness,

You made water flow from a rock.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you. Through the baptism of Jesus, all water is made holy. The water that nourishes the land. The water we drink. The water we bath in. The water we use to wash our hands so many times a day.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you. We praise you for the gift of baptism that binds us to one another and to you.

As we stir and trouble this precious water, remind us of who we are: your beloved children. Help us see each person as a member of your body. Ease our anxieties and strengthen our resolve to care for each other. Deepen our faith.

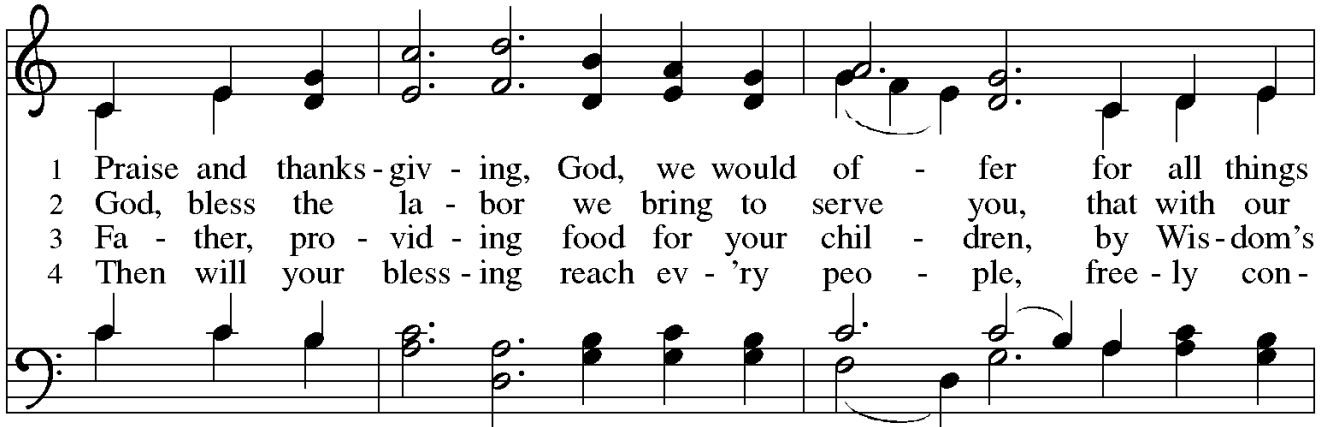
*(At home, dip your finger into a bowl or cup of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)*

**Holy God, source of living water, All life flows out from you.  
Amen.**


# OPENING HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving* “Bunessan”

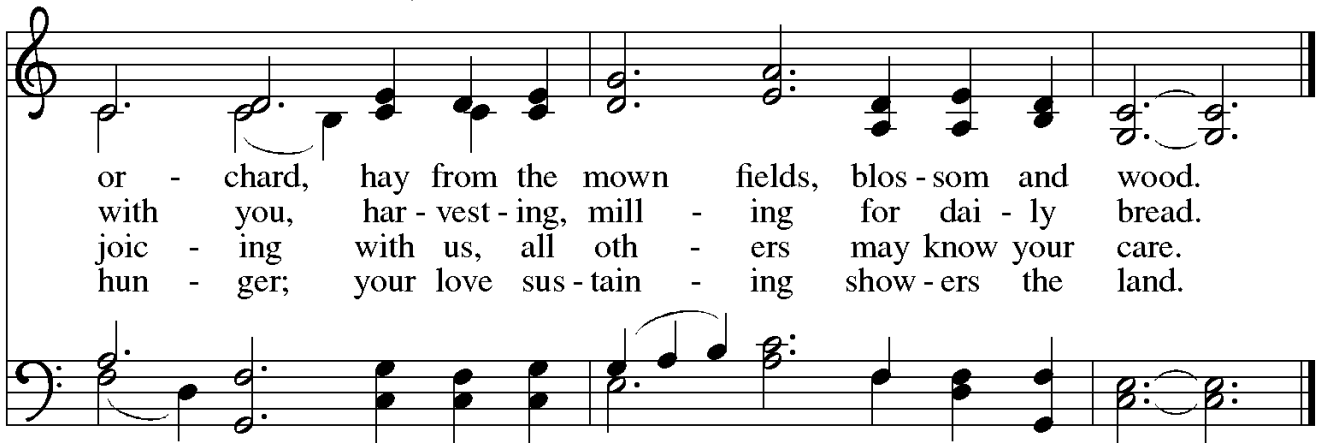
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1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-



liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

## **FIRST READING**

### **A Reading from Isaiah 55:1-5**

A Reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

## MEDITATION

Improvisation on Kumbayah

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings in VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection Village and the Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and for their families. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. We lift up to you all those we name out loud, and the prayers of our hearts and our minds. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known, especially this day, The Rev. John Buerk. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with someone in your home, or share a message of peace via text, tweet, or post (or call someone after worship.)*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Madrigal*

Philippe Gaubert  
(1870-1941)

Dr. Julie Tunstall, *flute*

## **THE OFFERING**

*Thank you for your gifts and offerings which make our ministry possible. You may share your offering by clicking the “Contribute Today” link below this Livestream and on our Homepage, or by mailing your gift to the church office. Thank you!*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.**

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

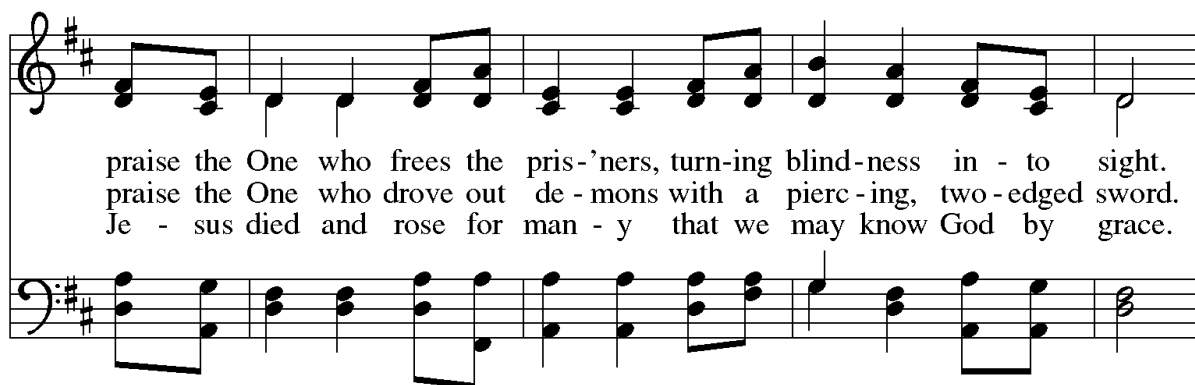
# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* "Nettleton"

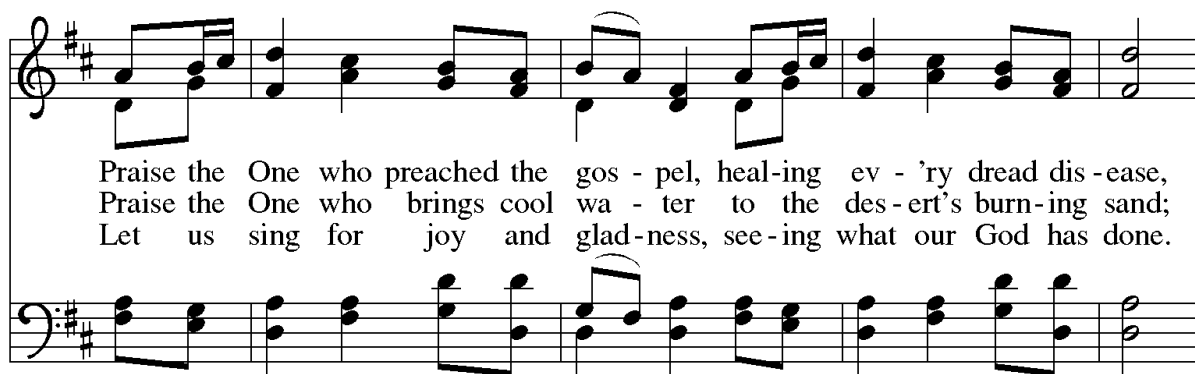
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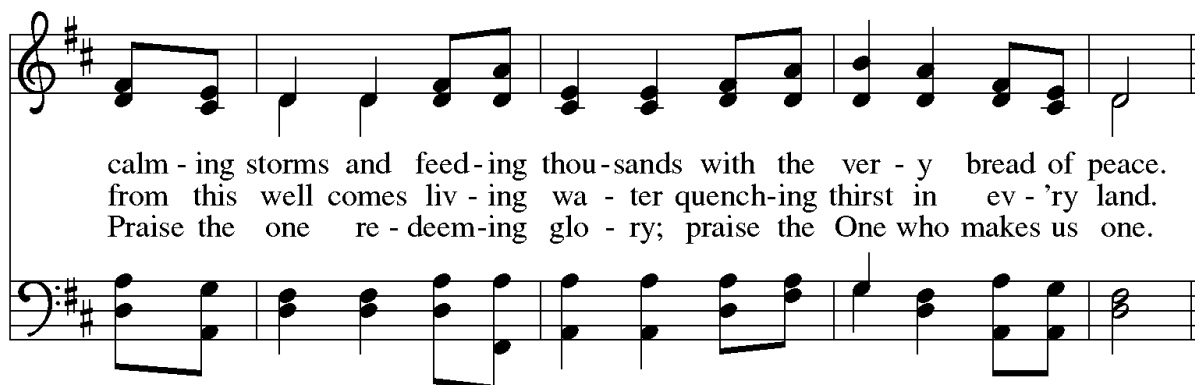
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Summer*

Herman Beeftink

(b. 1953)

Dr. Julie Tunstall, *flute*



## About Julie Tunstall

Julie Tunstall, *flutist*, a native of Portland OR, is a musician of very diverse talents. She has attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and has sung in the choir since she and her husband, *French Hornist* John Georger, moved to the area in 2008. A graduate of Portland State University, she played flute in the Portland Youth Philharmonic and the Portland Opera Orchestra, and sang with the Oregon Symphony Chorus and Pops singers and several other vocal and instrumental groups. Moving across the country, she sang Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Boston Symphony, and also sang with groups such as Rochester Philharmonic and the Syracuse Opera. She has also played flute and piccolo with many groups such as the Anchorage Symphony and Opera, Erie Philharmonic, Binghamton Symphony, and Buffalo Philharmonic and is currently Principal Flute with the Southern Tier Symphony, a professional Orchestra based in Olean NY. After moving to New York, she was able to complete a master's and doctorate in flute performance, and won the Curtis Peck teaching award for her work in Aural Skills. She has taught at several colleges in WNY including Syracuse, Eastman, Houghton, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Alfred, Jamestown Community College and Niagara University, and has also taught in public school music programs. Another highlight has been performing flute and piano literature with Laura Peterson, professor at St. Bonaventure University. Privately, she has taught flute, piano, voice, jazz, guitar and Suzuki strings for groups such as Buffalo String Works, and she continues to teach privately from her home.

Julie and John met when she was a professor at Houghton College and he was the band director at nearby Fillmore Central School. They married in 2002 at Shepherd of the Valley ELCA Lutheran Church in Wellsville New York, where they participated in the music ministry. While in the area, Julie founded a NYSCA funded chamber music series in Wellsville, a professional Orchestra in Olean, and served as president of the Allegany Arts Association. In addition to performing and teaching, Julie enjoys ballet, skiing, bicycling, reading, hugging cats, and hiking. Last year she completed 750 miles of the Appalachian Trail, and has climbed 15 of the 46 peaks over 4000 feet in the Adirondack High Peak Region. John and Julie continue to play in the Southern Tier Symphony, and have performed with many local music groups well. Their daughter Emily lives with her husband, Elias Velasquez, in Portland OR. They officially joined Holy Trinity church in December 2019, happy to join their faith with excellence in music worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SIDEWALK CHALK SUNDAY!** A chance to gather together - with physical distancing in mind - and spread some love and positivity in our City. Individuals and Family Groups are welcome to come to Holy Trinity at **noon on Sunday, August 16** and receive direction from Pastor Lee or Pastor Brenda on which sidewalk square they will be "assigned." Individuals and families are encouraged to bring their own chalk, but some will be available for those who don't have their own. Chalking groups will be distanced from each other to keep one another safe. Inspirational ideas will be provided, but your own images and designs are welcome and encouraged.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** There will be a virtual confirmation informational session for all parents/students on August 16 at 2:00pm via Zoom. Please call the church office to confirm email (registration for the zoom meeting will be emailed or you can register for the meeting using the following link,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce-ypz0qHtEjsO7w2OK9IHL5vyK26qHJ>. This informational session will cover the class schedule, class expectations, as well as answer any questions you might have regarding confirmation class. Confirmation Class is designed for students who are entering 7th and 8th grades. Please contact Pastor Brenda with any questions you may have.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE:** *A Service of Holy Communion will be held outdoors on Sunday, August 30 at 12noon.* Worshippers will be encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, while folding chairs will be available for those who are not able to bring their own. Chairs will be placed a minimum of 6-8 feet apart from one another at designated pre-marked spaces. Face coverings will be required in addition to other safety protocols in place.

**LYO FUNDRAISER:** Flocking season is here! How it works: Place an order for a flock of flamingos to be sent to your friend's yard. Volunteers will be sent out to covertly flock the yard. The flamingos will roost on the lawn for a week when they will mysteriously migrate to another friend's lawn. The "flockee" will have the opportunity to select the flock's next migration location, for a reasonable donation. If you are not interested in having our fine pink feathered friends make a trip to your yard, you can purchase Anti-Flocking Insurance. This will guarantee the flamingos fly past your yard and flock at a different home. The flamingos will only be in the Buffalo area for a short time, from July-Sept so catch them before they continue on their migratory path. All proceeds of this Fundraiser will go to support the LYO Mission Fund. You can find the order forms in the church newsletter. Flocking Fees are \$20 for migration location, \$25 for Anti-Flocking Insurance and \$15 for early-herding and transportation of flock.

**CRISIS SERVICES:** For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.



Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.



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