



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 143rd Anniversary

Holy Communion - 8:30 & 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 creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

For the love of one another, we kindly ask

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.*
- 2. that our members and guests fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.*

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!

Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

Prelude

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Morning Has Broken “Bunessan”

ELW 556

(vs. 1 & 3)

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

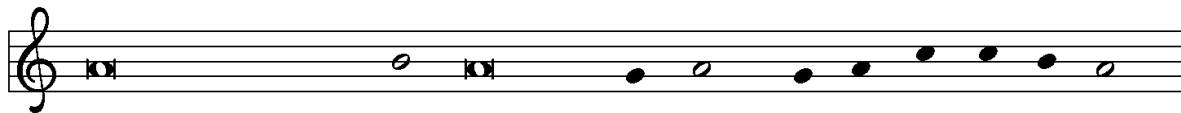
KYRIE



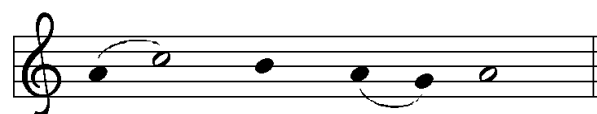
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



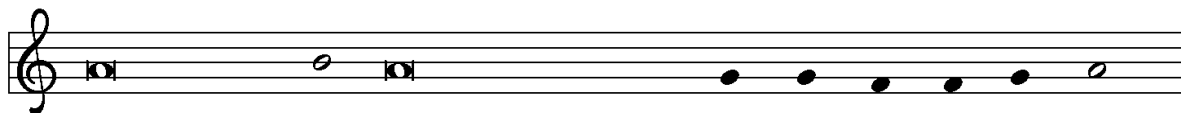
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



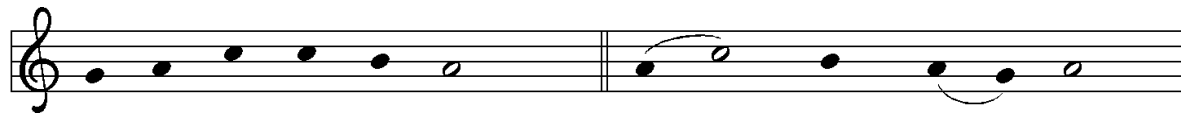
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

THE READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

The first reading for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Proverbs, the 9th Chapter.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Mein Gläubiges Herze

Johann Sebastian Bach

Text: from Cantata BWV 68: *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt*, Tr.

(1685 – 1750)

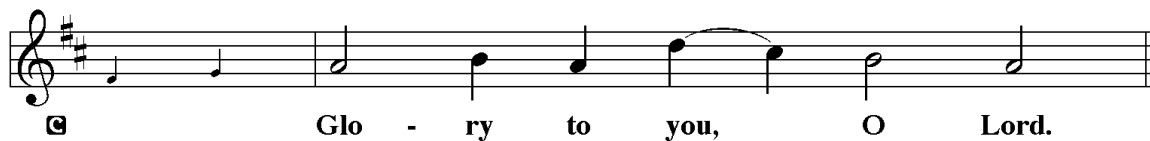
Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, make merry, Your Jesus is near!
Away misery, away complaining, to you I will say only my Jesus is here.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

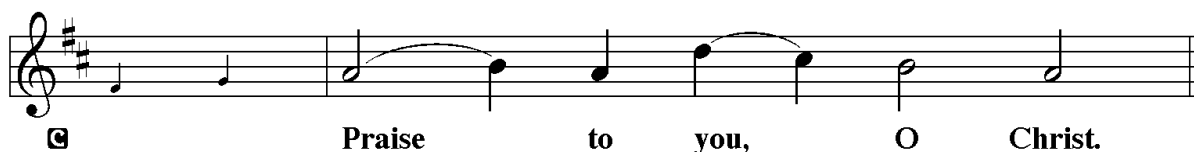
The holy gospel according to Saint John



[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

SERMON MEDITATION

Melody from *Peace Like a River*

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

Please stand as you are able.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. 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, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer, and especially Laurel Depaul. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those on the front line of the pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Lydia and Isaac. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

We ask that you remain at your seat.

You may share the sign of peace

with a head nod or peace sign.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

*Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate
located at the exit.*

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Text: from Cantata BWV 147: *Herz und Mund und That und Leben*, Tr. (1685 – 1750)

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring dying, round Thy throne.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

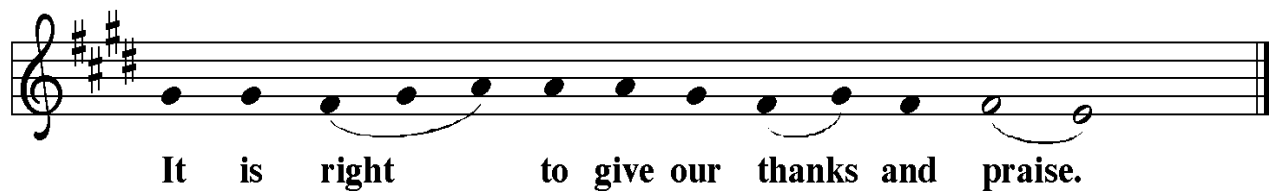
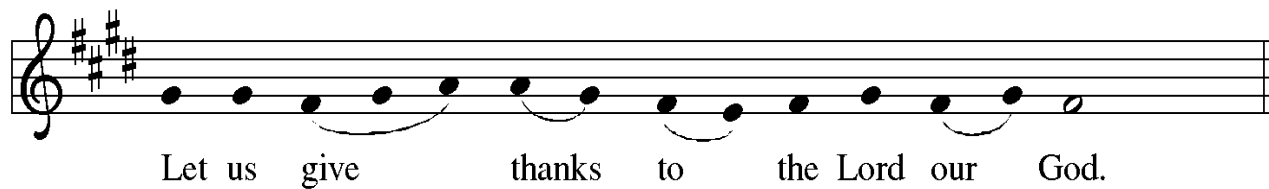
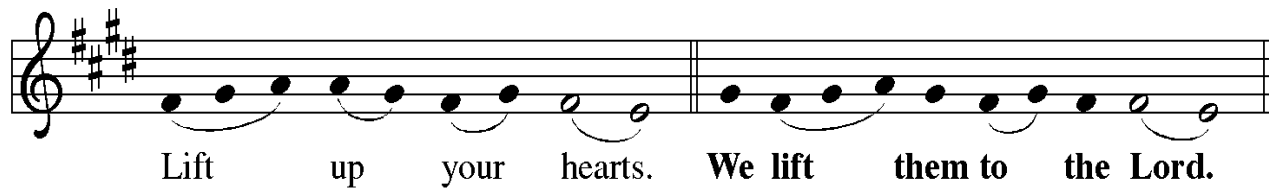
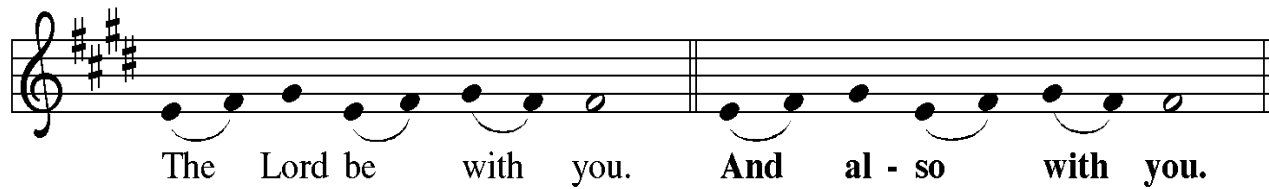
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

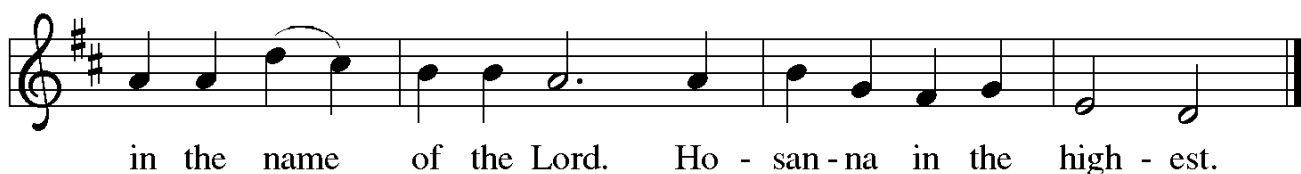
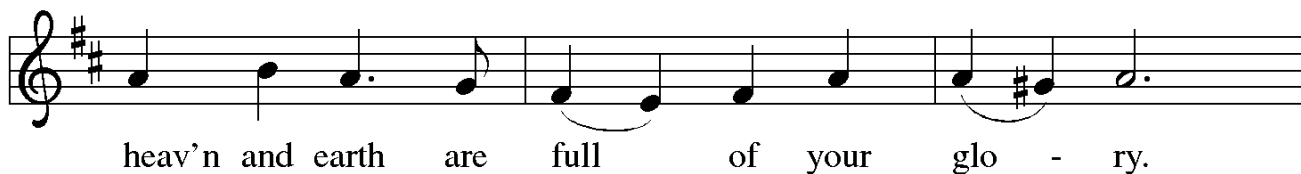
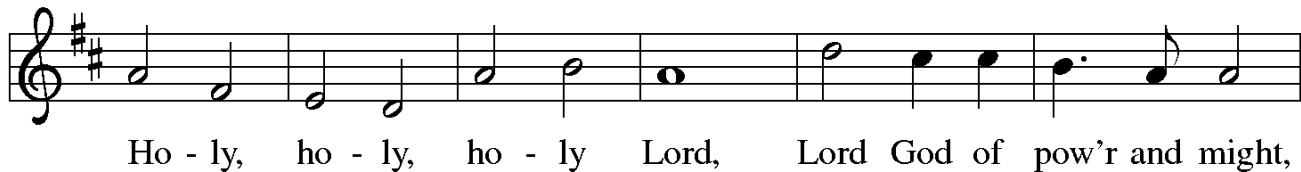
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and 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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. Please take your pre-package communion cup that you received at the entrance (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing "Hermas"

ELW 537

(vs. 1 & 2)

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

And Again I Say, Rejoice!

Brenda Portman

(b. 1980)

*Please continue to leave your bulletin, communion cup
and attendance sheet at your seat.*

We will collect everything following the service.

There is no coffee hour at this time.

Updates will be coming.

Music Notes

Originally from Grafton, Wisconsin, organist and composer Brenda Portman (b. 1980) was educated at Wheaton College, Northwestern University, and University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music.

Portman has received numerous awards in organ competitions, spanning a decade: from First Place in the Arthur Poister Organ Competition in Connecticut (2006) to Finalist and Audience Prize winner in the Sursa American Organ Competition at Ball State University (2016). In October of 2014, she was the only American woman to compete in the prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition in Montréal. Her performance there led to a collaboration with acclaimed Canadian composer Rachel Laurin and a recording on the 88-rank Casavant organ of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati (HPCUMC): *Pilgrimages: Organ Music of Rachel Laurin Inspired by Sacred Themes*, which was released in April 2016 on the Raven label.

In addition to *Pilgrimages*, Portman recorded a CD of organ works of Edwin T. Childs entitled *All Might and Majesty* (2009) on the Schantz organ at College Church in Wheaton, Illinois. As a composer, Portman primarily composes sacred choral, vocal, and organ works. Her concert settings of hymns for solo voice and piano have been highly acclaimed, and three hymn preludes for organ were included in the Bayoubûchlein (published by Selah) for the 2016 AGO convention in Houston. Her *Elegy for solo organ* was the winner of the Twin Cities AGO Composition Competition in 2016, and her musical setting of the commissioned hymn text *Christ, Who Was Before the World Began* won an award in 2014 for the 300th anniversary of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Portman is currently Resident Organist at HPCUMC in Cincinnati where she provides music for worship services, accompanies the Wesley Choir and Cathedral Choir, and serves as Executive Director of the church's renowned Organ Concert Series. She is also Adjunct Organ Instructor at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Information Session (RH)

MONDAY, August 16, 2021

9:30 a.m. Worship Meeting (RH)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, August 17, 2021

6:00 p.m. Executive Meeting

THURSDAY, August 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)
7:00 p.m. Story Time
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, August 21, 2021

2:00 p.m. Nold/Maloni Wedding (MC)

SUNDAY, August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Ushers are Paul and Karen Bauchle, Paul Biesinger and Karen Kolb. Worship Assistant is Nathaniel Wareham.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of their parents John and Victoria Caffarelli by Donna Leiser and Mary Linda Schmidt and their families.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Lydia and Isaac Eno.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASS: There will be a confirmation informational session for all parents/students today following the 10:30 service, in Redeemer Hall. 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.

HEALTH CHECKS: Our parish nurse, Judy Reifsteck, will be doing blood pressure checks and health teaching today following each service. She will be in the usher's room in the back of the church. Please only vaccinated people at this time.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP: A Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II as Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod will take place on Saturday, September 18 at 2:00pm at Bethany Baptist Church, 149 Beattie Street, Syracuse, NY. Doors open at 1:00, Pre-Service music begins at 1:30 and a reception follows at the church. New York State and CDC gathering guidelines in effect on September 18 will be observed.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will again be collecting school supplies for PS 17. The school houses classes for Pre-K through 4th grade. They are always grateful for any support we are able to provide. Some suggestions: crayons, pencils, pens, pencil box, composition notebooks, folders with pockets, scissors, highlighters, backpack. Donations may be left in the bins by the entrance ways. All supplies are appreciated.

BLESSING BAGS: As part of this year's VBS, the youth made blessing bags to help provide support to those who may be in need. The blessing bags include socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snacks and floss. We made several bags that need homes in cars and bags to be readily available for those who may be looking for a little help. If you would like to take a blessing bag or two you can find them at the entranceways to the church. Feel free to take as many as you think you will need! Thank you!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service to celebrate the life of The Rev. John A. Buerk will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, September 25 at 11am. Pastor Buerk passed away on July 29, 2020 and due to the pandemic, funeral services in 2020 were held for family only. This service is our opportunity to celebrate Pastor Buerk's life, together as a community.

SUMMERTIME GATHERING of members and friends of the Network of Religious Communities (rain or shine) on August 22 at 3:30 on the grounds of the Lewiston Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 754 Scovell Drive, Lewiston. There will be a short inspirational program followed by refreshments and fellowship. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Bruce Strassburg: bestrassburg@gmail.com by August 20, 2021.

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.

BEWARE SCAM E-MAILS

We recently received notice that someone is imitating Pastor Brenda in attempts to steal information. Ways to tell an email is a scam:

1. Sender e-mail is not an official e-mail address. It looks similar, but is different.
2. The subject of the e-mail seems vague. When in doubt, you can call the church office or the Pastor's cell phone.
3. Neither the Pastor nor the church office will ask for money or gift cards on an emergency basis.

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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