



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Thirteenth 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

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

PRELUDE

Largo from *Xerxes*

George Frideric Handel
(1685 - 1759)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun “Morning Hymn”

ELW 557

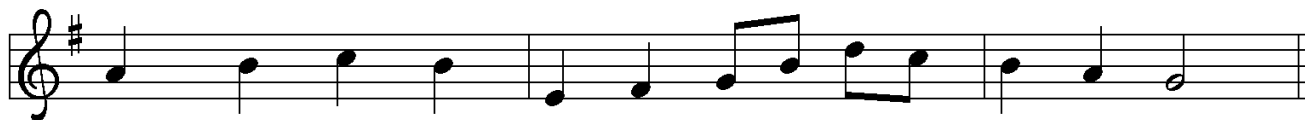
(vs. 1 & 5)



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

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.

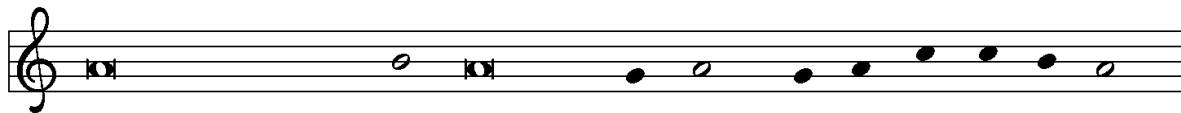
KYRIE



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.



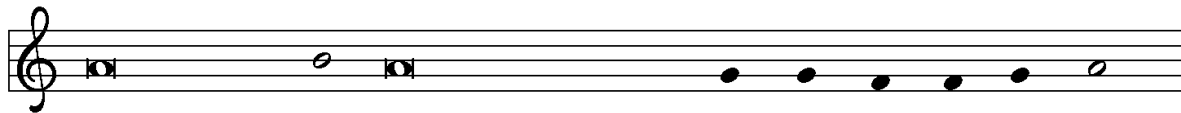
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

THE READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

The first reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Joshua, the 24th Chapter.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826 – 1899)

Arr. Christopher Ruck

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the Truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

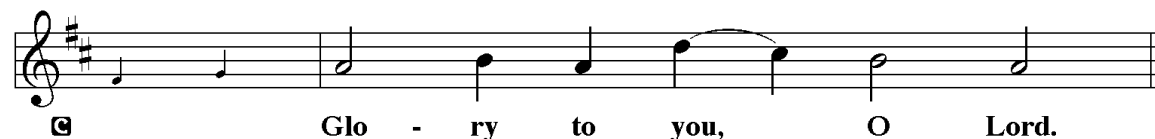
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, s fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am His; How can I keep from singing? (*refrain*)

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Thro' all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music singing:
It sounds the echos in my soul; How can I keep from singing? (*refrain*)

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to Saint John

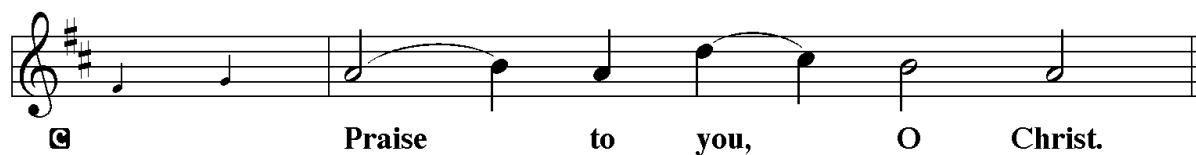


[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

SERMON MEDITATION

Prelude on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Paul Fey
(b. 1998)

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. 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. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war, especially our siblings in Afghanistan. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. 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...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Caden and Chase. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. We remember the life, love, and faith of Bill Horne, Vice-President of the ELCA. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
(1822 – 1890)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

The bread of the angels is made the bread of man: the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven. O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant. We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you; through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

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




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

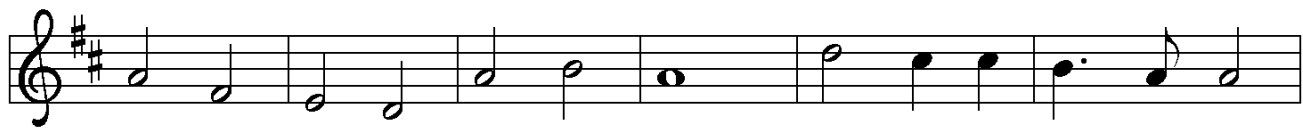


It is right to give our thanks and praise.


PREFACE

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


SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Blessed Assurance "Assurance"

ELW 638

(vs. 1 & 3)



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



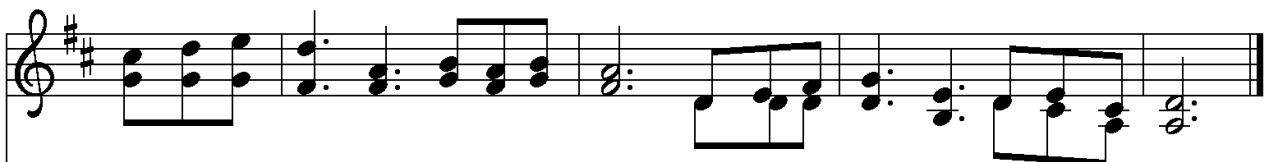
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

(1659 - 1695)

Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude.

*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

Paul Fey (b. 1998) is an organist/composer from Leipzig, Germany, currently attending university. He has an active, self-named YouTube channel where he performs his own and others' compositions, releasing several videos of his performances each week. He was recently featured in the YouTube Beauty in Sound channel's online organ festival joint junior organ recital. Today's sermon meditation is an original composition of Paul's, a poignant setting of the Lenten hymn, "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended."



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Worship Assistant is Timothy Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Barb Wozniak. Ushers are Ron Leiser and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Worship Assistant is Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Celebration of the birthdays this week of Sheila's sisters, Stephanie and Natalie Richards, by Juan and Sheila Perez.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Caden and Chase Frank.

Many thanks to our guest organist, Doug Alderdice.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)

MONDAY, August 23, 2021

6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

THURSDAY, August 26, 2021

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

SUNDAY, August 29, 2021 – Fourteenth 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



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

PASTOR VACATION: Pastor Brenda will be on vacation from August 23 through September 7. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

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.

GARY HERRNREITER: There will be a Memorial Service for Gary on Saturday, October 2 at 11:00am in the main church. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held on Sunday, September 19 from 9am to 1pm. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu shot early.

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.

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.

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