



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Sixteenth 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

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

PRELUDE

An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs

Call to Prayer

War is a Blemish on Any Nation's Character

Robert J. Powell

(b. 1932)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

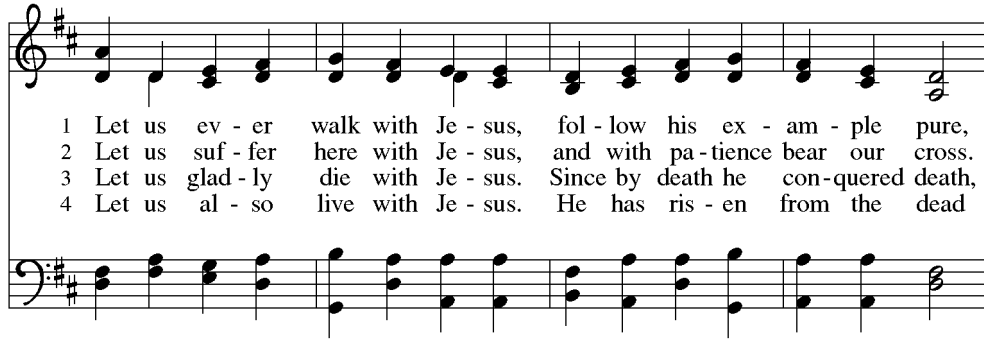
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

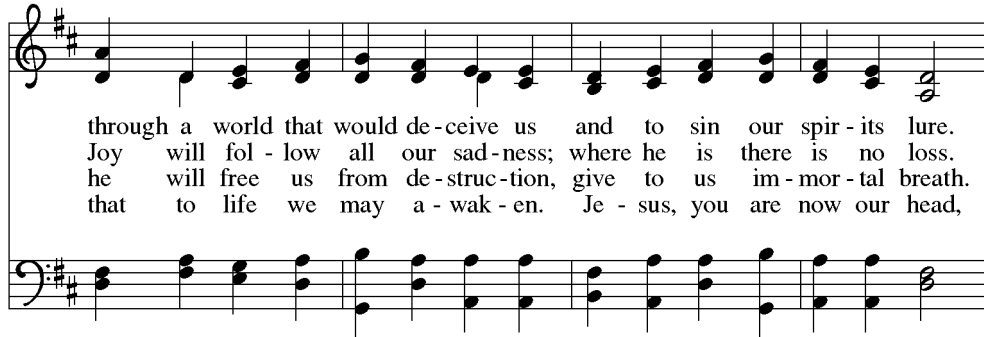
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus "Lasset Uns Mit Jesu Ziehen"

ELW 802

(vs. 1 & 4)



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



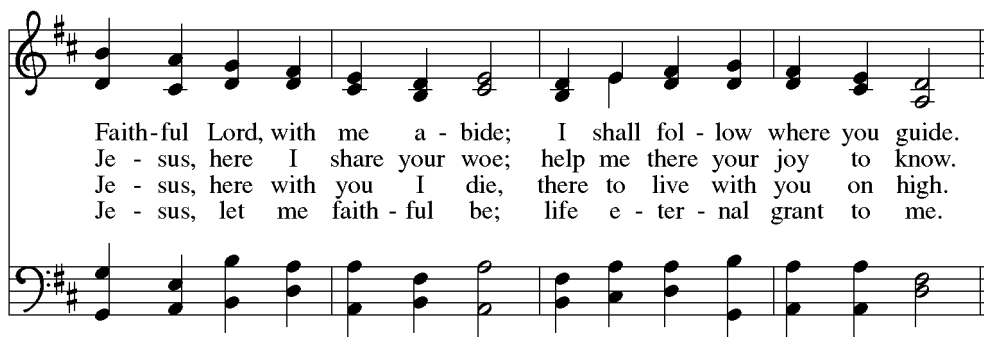
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

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

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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.

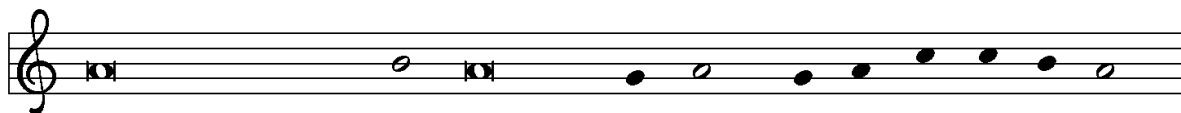
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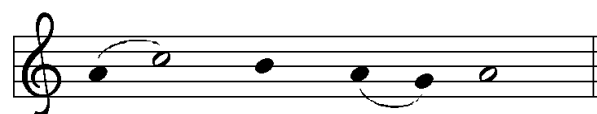
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



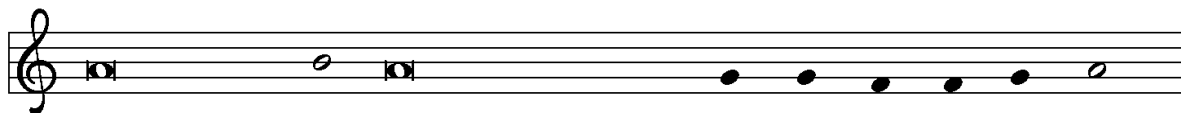
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



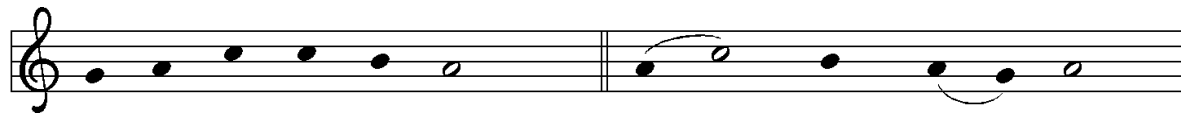
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 50th Chapter.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Give Me Jesus

African American Spiritual

Text: *alt.*; Add'l tune: *New World Symphony* Op. 95, Antonín Dvořák Arr. Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

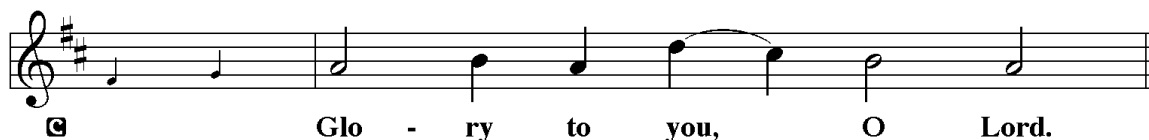
Roger VanDette, *tenor*

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry: Ah, Jesus!
O when I come to die...
I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus."

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark

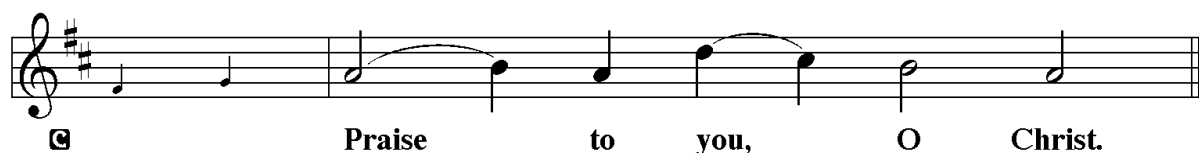


²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

SERMON MEDITATION

An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs

Robert J. Powell

In Memoriam: The Grief of Separation Tempered by Faith and Courage

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.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. 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.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. 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.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Gaia and Aja. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. We remember today those who died as a result of the events of 9/11. Those in the World Trade Centers, in the Pentagon, on Flight 93; as well as the first responders who answered the call and all others affected by the events of 9/11. As we remember these people strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands African American Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan
(1957 – 2003)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got all the power in His hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands.
He's got the little baby in His hands. He's got mother and father in His hands.
He's got stars and moon right in His hands. He's got ev'rybody in His hands.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

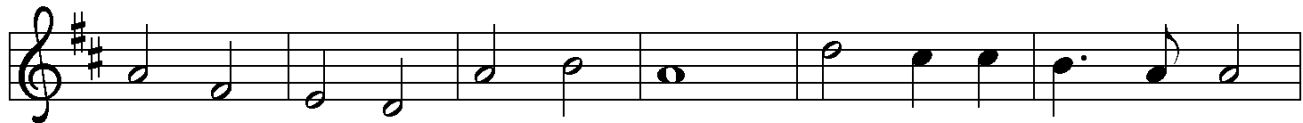
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal! "Lancashire"

ELW 805

(vs. 1 & 3)

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs Robert J. Powell

*National Glory is Restored, but Trumped by the Promise of an
"International" Resurrection*

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

Robert J. Powell was born 1932, in Benoit, Mississippi. He earned his Bachelor of Music in Organ and Composition from Louisiana State University and his Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York. Mr. Powell has approximately 300 works in print for choral, solo, organ, handbells, and instrumental ensembles in major American and English church music publishers. He has held positions as the Assistant Organist at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York from 1958-1960, Organist/Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Meridian, Mississippi from 1960-1965, Director of Music and Organist/Choirmaster at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire from 1965-1968, Director of Music and Organist/Choirmaster at Christ Church in Greenville, South Carolina from 1968-2003, and Organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Greenville, South Carolina in 2003.

American Tribute was commissioned in 2006 for the Churches of St. John the Evangelist and of St. Joseph, Rensselaer, NY. Director of Music David A. Vredenburg says:

"The sense of patriotism in each congregation runs high. I have always been moved by our nation's ideals, but am one whose patriotism has been tinged by a keen awareness of the fallen nature of many of our prideful human endeavors, the tragedy of all military conflict, and the offense of dividing up God's creation into warring parties."

These pieces are being played in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Worship Assistant is Justin Rojek.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Juan Perez. Ushers are Doug Alderdice and Paul Biesinger. Worship Assistant is Madalyn Brown.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my Mother, Donna Stutzman, by Gail Camilleri; and In Loving Memory of our beloved Mother and “Grammy,” Theresa Pomietlarz by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today’s prayers of intercession include Gaia Godinho and Aja Witteman.



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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 12, 2021 – Sixteenth 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 Class (RH)

MONDAY, September 13, 2021

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021

1:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

THURSDAY, September 16, 2021

6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Story Time
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, September 18, 2021

2:00 p.m. Bishop Installation at Bethany Baptist Church

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:00 a.m. Flu Clinic (RH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
12:00 p.m. LYO Event

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY: Monday Morning Bible Study will start the season tomorrow in-person at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. Our guest this week will be Pastor Kwame Pitts who will speak about the work she is doing at The Community of Good Neighbors.

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.

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held next 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.

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.

Exciting news for the Youth of our Congregation!

As life continues to reemerge from the Pandemic, we are so excited to announce that we have hired a new Director to develop and conduct our Youth Choir program!

It is our sincere pleasure to welcome Ms. Erin Alexander to Holy Trinity! A Rhode Island native, Ms. Alexander earned her Bachelor of Music Education at SUNY Fredonia. After teaching public school for a year, she is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Choral Conducting while serving as the Graduate Assistant to the Choral Area with Dr. Vernon Huff at SUNY Fredonia. A *mezzo-soprano*, Erin studied voice with Shinobu Takagi, and throughout her undergraduate studies, appeared in numerous Hillman Opera and Student Opera Theatre Association productions in lead and supporting roles.

Please extend a heartfelt Holy Trinity welcome to Ms. Alexander! More information about Youth Choir Registration will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

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