



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Reformation Day

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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott BuxWV 184

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1668-1707)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

INTROIT

Der Herr ist König überall SWV 195 (rev. 1661)

Text: Psalm 97; tr. Cornelius Becker (1561-1604)

Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

The Lord is king over all,
let earth declare its gladness.
Let every isle rejoice and be happy without fear,
He dwells in the hidden light,
The clouds float around him.
His seat is the fortress of judgment, on the side of justice,
for which the world should strive.

Before Him there is devouring fire,
which the enemy kindles,
by lightning and storms, the earth feels terror,
like wax the mountains will melt before the Lord of all Lords,
who has everything in his power,
the whole circle of the earth
He rules near and far.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation "Aurelia"

ELW 654

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

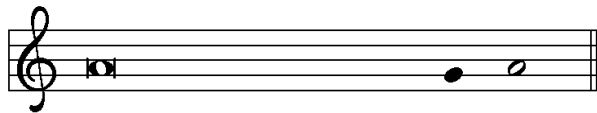
Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

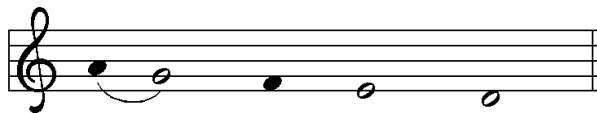
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

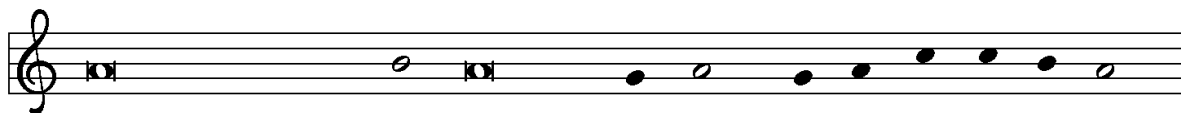
KYRIE



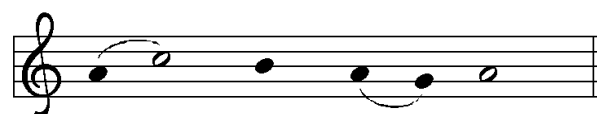
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



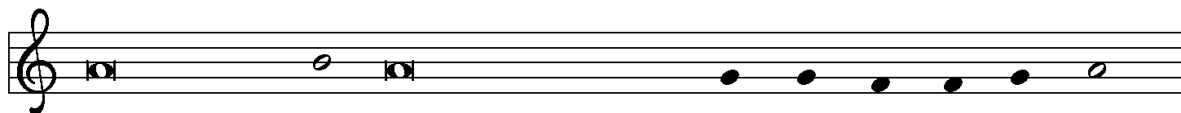
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



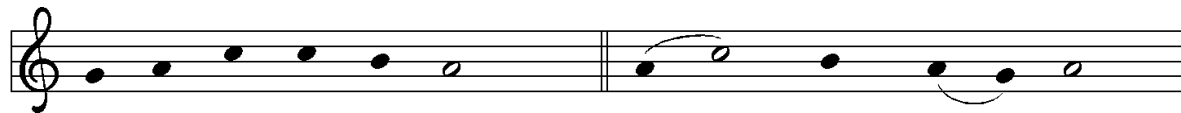
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading for Reformation Day is recorded in Jeremiah, the 31st Chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE MOTET

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Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

The Lord is ruler over all,
let the earth rejoice with gladness,
let the isles be unabashedly joyful.
He dwelleth in the hidden light,
with clouds surrounding him.
His throne's foundation is righteousness with justice beside it,
which is what the world should strive for.

(10:30)

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Devouring fire goes before him,
kindling the foes,
there is strong lightning all around, the earth is filled with terror,
like wax the mountains soon will melt before the Lord of all Lords,
who everything in his power has,
the whole world
He rules, near and far.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 3rd Chapter.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

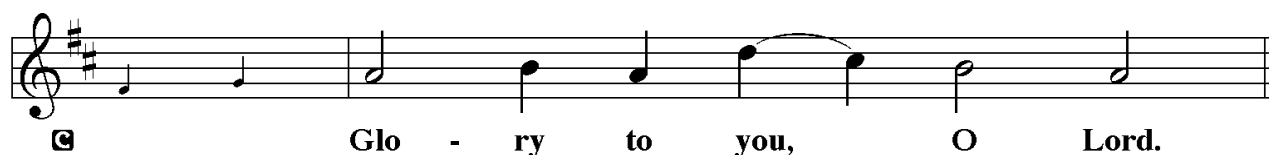
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

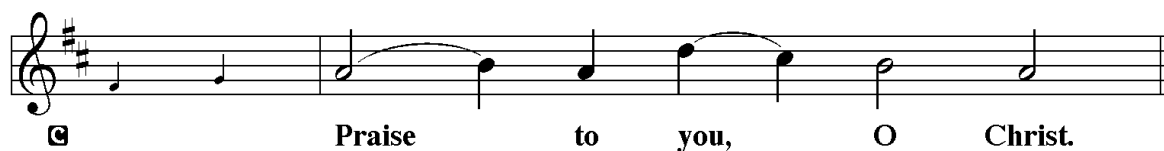
The holy gospel according to Saint John



³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God "Ein Feste Burg"

ELW 504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. We give thanks to all who are donating food to the CGN's pantry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. We lift up the parents of Daniel Culross and Holly Holdaway. We pray for family members of Uli MacDonald and for Chris Axelson's brother. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. 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...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. We pray your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Mary and Margaret. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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.*

Stewardship Thought for your reflection

*If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs,
leaving the rest to those in want,
there would be no rich and no poor.*

St. Basil

(8:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Praise ye the Lord

Text: Psalm 148: 1-3

Alan Bullard

(b. 1947)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise ye the Lord!

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden (Motet VI) BWV 230 Johann Sebastian Bach
Text: Psalm 117, *alt.* (1685-1750)

Shannon Levine, *cello continuo*

*Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden,
und preiset ihn, alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit
waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.
Alleluja!*

Praise the Lord, all nations,
and praise Him, all peoples!
For His grace and truth
rules over us for eternity.
Alleluia!

Tr. Pamela Dellal, Emmanuel Music

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

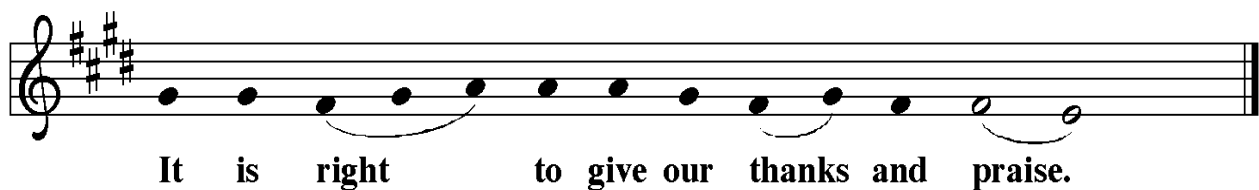
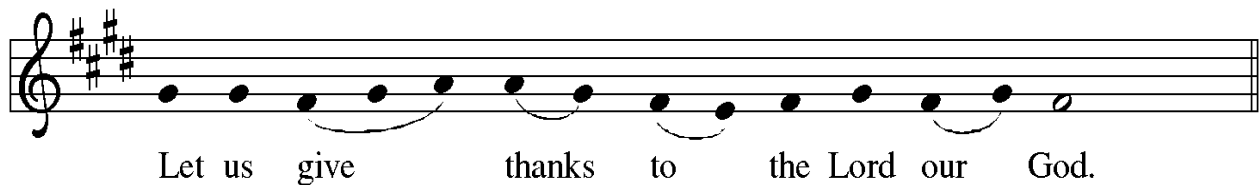
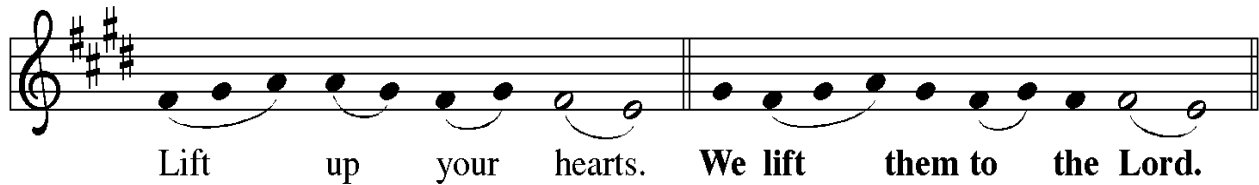
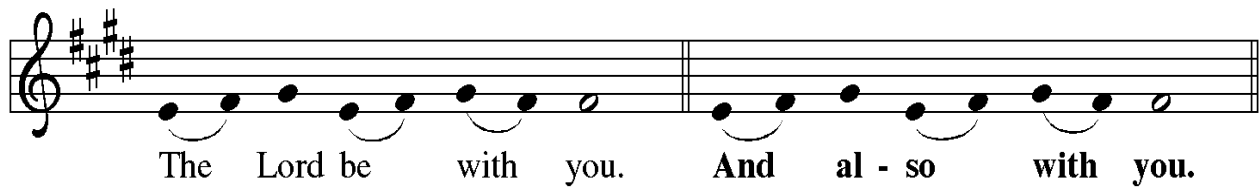
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

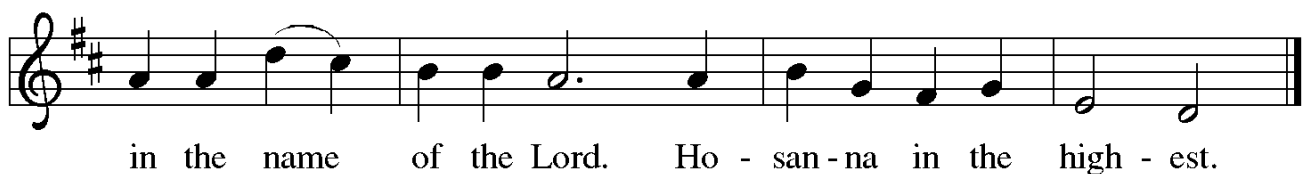
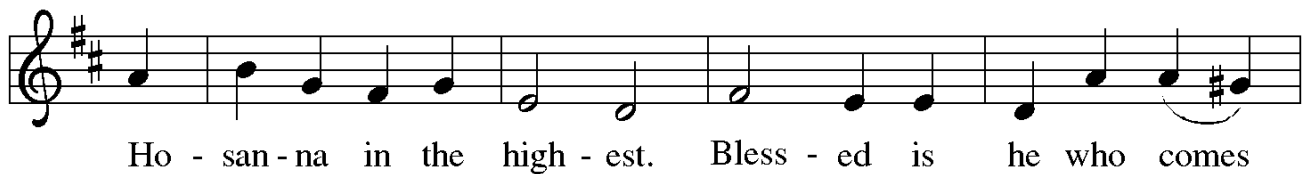
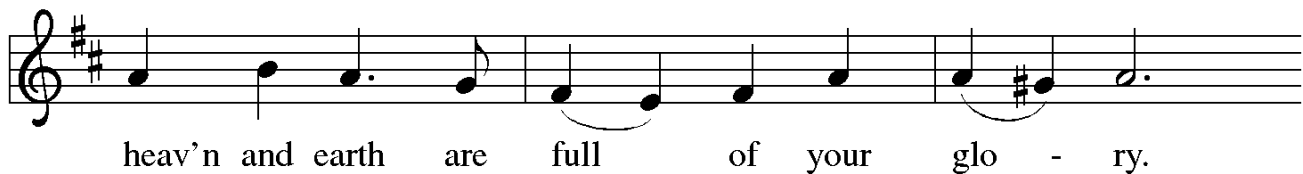
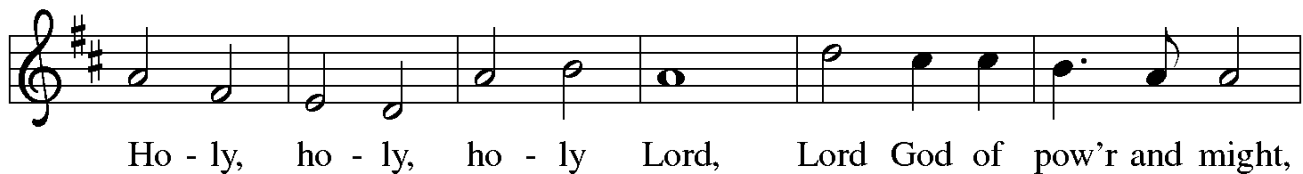
DIALOGUE



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.

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.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

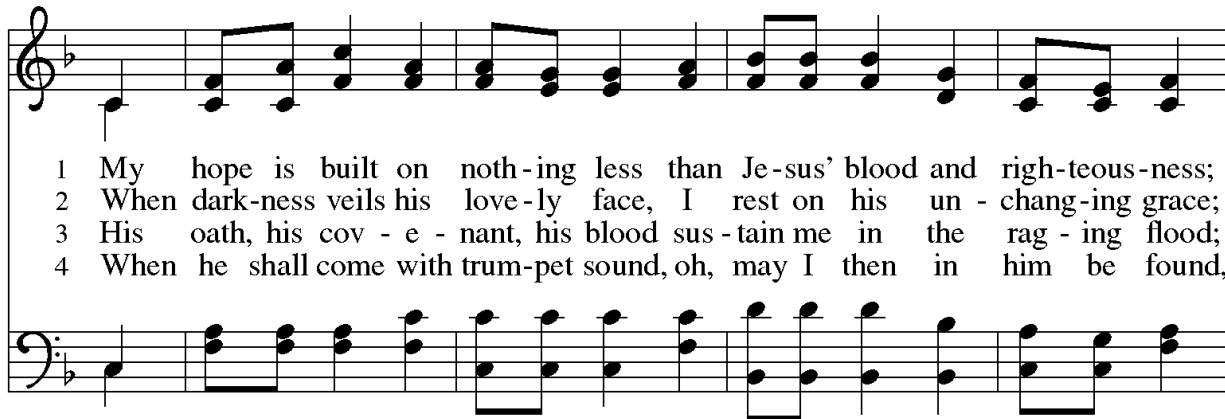
BENEDICTION

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.

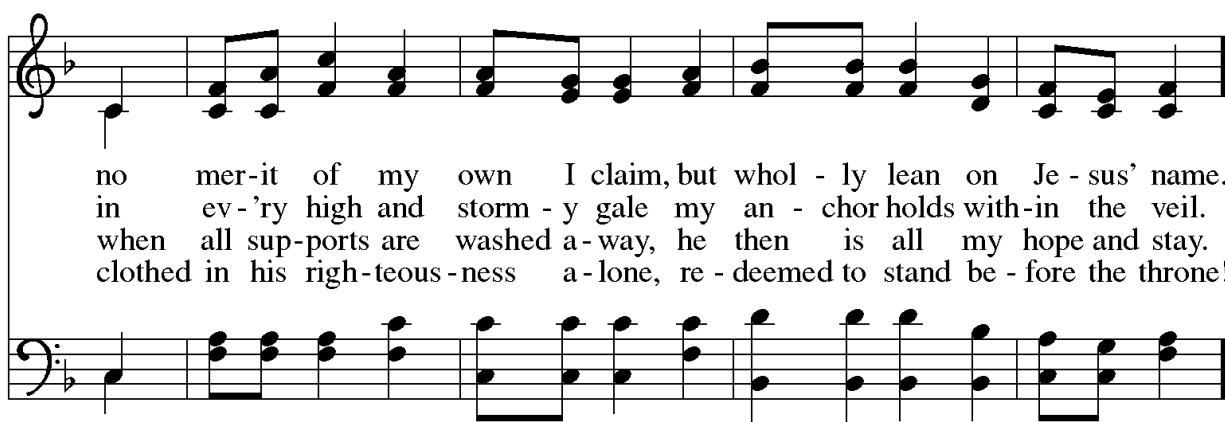
RECESSIONAL HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less "The Solid Rock"

ELW 596

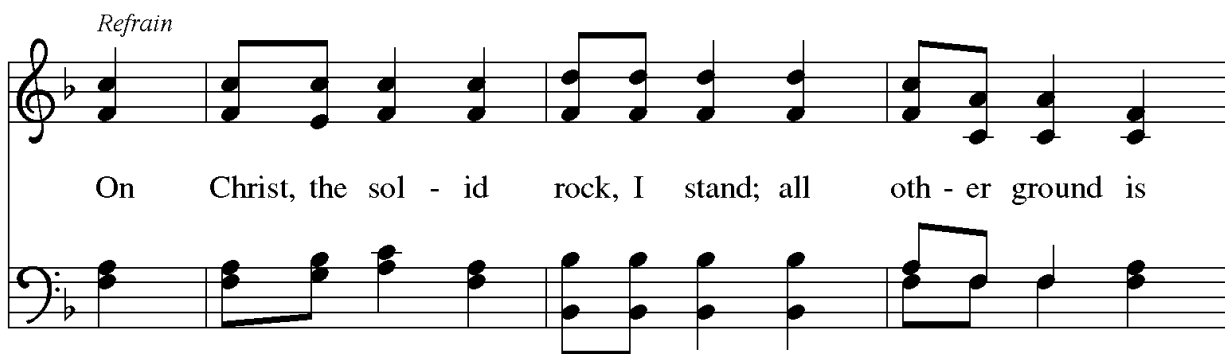


1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

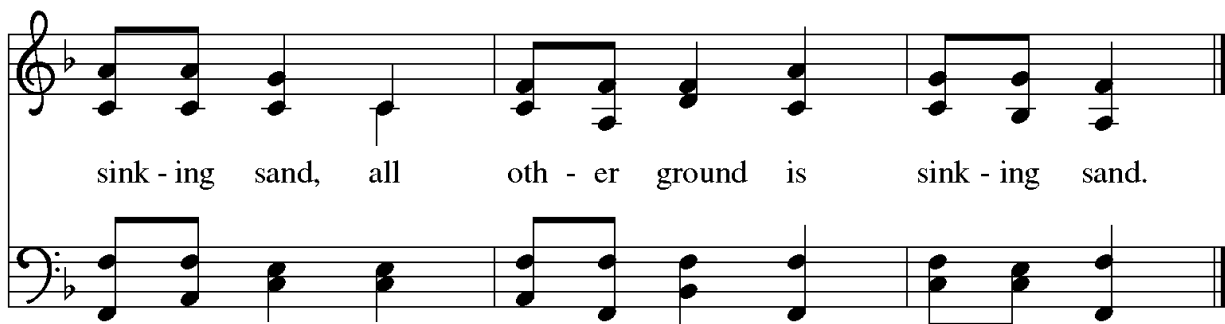


no mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg

Charles W. Ore
(b. 1936)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

*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.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Paul Kroll. Worship Assistant is Madalyn Brown.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matthew Brown. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline and Craig Johnson. Reader is Martha Kutas. Worship Assistants are Adam Hakansson, Max Hakansson, Morgan Leiser, Avery Best and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Ruth and Jack Alexander and Jo and Bud Hunt with love from the Hunt Family; and

In Honor of Helen and Martin Wright's 54th Wedding Anniversary given by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best and Karen, Tim, Kyle and Cameron Taylor.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Mary Houghtaling and Margaret Jindra.



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, October 31, 2021 – Reformation Sunday

Happy Halloween

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (MC)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

MONDAY, November 1, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, November 2, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)

WEDNESDAY, November 3, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (RH/Zoom)

THURSDAY, November 4, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 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)

SUNDAY, November 7, 2021 – All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 12:00 p.m. Haiti Meeting (FR)
- 3:30 p.m. Friends of Vienna Concert (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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS FOOD COLLECTION:

Thank you to all who donated to our food collection, it was a huge success. We now need your help with transporting all the food collected. Following the 10:30 service today, we will be loading the van and dropping it off at CGN (1092 Main Street) where it needs to be unloaded. If you are able to help in any way, please meet at the entrance where the food was collected. All help is appreciated.

TIME OR TALENT: If you are interested in sharing your time or talent, please fill out the yellow form and we will contact you. We are looking forward to hearing from you. With gratitude, Uli MacDonald, Stewardship Committee.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow in-person at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. Dr. Carroll will continue the series “Major Themes in the Gospels: St. Mark.”

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY also continues from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Fellowship Room. We will follow the same series as the morning bible study. All are welcome to attend.

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT: It’s that time again. Our sixth year! Once again, the clothesline will be placed in the front of the church near the fountain garden. Items will be hung in plastic bags for those in need of something warm during the colder months. Donations of gloves, mittens, socks, hats and scarves are always needed and can be placed in the labeled boxes in the narthexes of the main sanctuary. Any questions or comments, please see Linda Schmidt. She can be reached via email msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS: The next session of Holy Conversations with Dr. Carroll will be held on **Tuesday, November 9 from 10:00-11:30am via Zoom or 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Room.** We will delve into the responses to the recent survey questions.

HAITI MEETING: The Haiti team will be meeting next Sunday, November 7 following the 10:30 service to continue to work on fundraising and determining needs in the coming months. We have put travel plans on hold due to safety concerns but want to continue to work on the mission and provide support. You are welcome to join us and we would love to have additional team members to assist as we continue this work. We will meet in the Fellowship room and hope to see many of you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, November 7th has two vases available. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at mmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

WELCA: One of the many ongoing projects of the Holy Trinity WELCA group is the Card Ministry. During this time of transition, we are asking for your help. First, if you are aware of someone who has not been in church, has a health challenge or might benefit from a card, please let us know. Second, several members save their extra cards & donate to our ministry. This is appreciated. We also encourage any members to attend our meetings & get to know what we do. If you have any questions, please contact Millie Nikischer at 716-639-7861 or the church office.

JOIN OUR CHOIRS!

Did you once sing in a choir? Have you ever thought,
"Maybe I'd like to sing again?"

Well - stop thinking about it and get involved in
Holy Trinity's Choral Program!

Holy Trinity is blessed to be the home of one of Buffalo's storied musical treasures, yet it is still a tight-knit family of people who love to sing and make music for this congregation to the glory of God.

Our Chancel Choir sings 2-3 pieces of music weekly at the 10:30 Service. Standards are high, and strong music reading skills are a benefit, but the strengths of our Lead Singers will guide you through the rehearsal process.

If that commitment seems too much,
our Chapel Choir moves at a more accessible pace,
singing 2 pieces of music monthly, with four Lead Singers to guide.

Several of our congregational singers even sing in both choirs!
Feel free to reach out to Justin Pomietlarz if you have any questions.

Singing in our choirs is not as daunting as you may think!
Come, join our family, and be nourished in music and fellowship.

YOUTH CHOIR

Does your child sing?

Then come join our new Youth Choir!

Children 5 and up are welcome to be a part of this
special new program!

There are already 10 children and youth participating,
and we are looking to make our Service debut on November 14th!

Rehearsals take place Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15 am
in the Music Room, while the Chancel Choir prepares for Service.

No need to pre-register! Just come and sing!

For more information, Youth Choir Director Erin Alexander
can be reached at YouthChoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org

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