

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

#### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 14, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 143<sup>rd</sup> 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

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

#### **INTRODUCTION**

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

George Shearing (1919-2011)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** All My Hope on God Is Founded "Michael"

- All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

#### Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **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**



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

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

# (10:30) YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

*Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* Text: French, orig. Cameroon Processional Song Collected by Elaine Hanson Arr. Ralph M. Johnson

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's Holy Name! Alleluia! Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's Holy Name! Alleluia!

> Holy Trinity Youth Choir Ms. Erin Alexander, *conductor*

## FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The first reading for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Daniel, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Harry T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)

Carolyn Lansom, soprano

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

#### (10:30) ANTHEM I Will Arise

Traditional Hymn, *Southern Harmony* Arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker (1916-1999) (b. 1925)

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter. <sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."

<sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.



#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand as you are able.

**SERMON HYMN** 

#### Jerusalem, My Happy Home "Land of Rest"

ELW 628



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent. Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version Arr. @ 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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#### (8:30) 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.

Please be seated.

#### (10:30) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear siblings in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism...

Council President: I present Valerie Hickok Clyde Hickok Norma Horton Linda Horton Guru Prasath Thanasekar who desire to make public affirmation of their Baptisms.

Profession of Faith I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus... I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world... I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin... I renounce them.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

## Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

## Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Valerie, Clyde, Norma, Linda, Guru You have made public profession of your faith. ...

## I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

And People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ

# We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray, we give you thanks, O God, ... Stir up in Valerie, Clyde, Norma, Linda and Guru the gift of the Holy Spirit ... **Amen.** 

## THE WELCOMING

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and Praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

## **CERTIFICATE AND GIFTS**

## ACCLAMATION OF APPLAUSE

Please stand as you are able.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

## A brief silence.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Joy. 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 our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

#### **MINISTRY MOMENT – STEWARDSHIP**

Guy Huber

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) SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)

Carolyn Lansom, soprano

Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass; An' die an' lose your soul at last.

I know that my Redeemer lives; Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass.

My God is a mighty man of war, Sinner, don't let this harvest pass.

## (10:30) ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*My Flight for Heaven* Text: Robert Herrick (1591 - 1674)

#### Blake R. Henson

**ELW 885** 

Charm me asleep, and melt me so With thy delicious numbers, That, being ravish'd, hence I go Away in easy slumbers. Ease my sick head, And make my bed, Thou Pow'r that canst sever From me ill, And quickly still, Though thou not kill My fever.

Fall on me like a silent dew, Or like those maiden showers Which, by the peep of day, do strew A baptism o'er the flowers. Melt, melt my pains With thy soft strains; That, having ease me giv'n, With full delight, I leave this light And take my flight For Heaven.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "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.

# 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 prepackage 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.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

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**

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793 Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

**POSTLUDE** Michael from Archangel Suite
 Craig Philips

 Based on Rev. 12:7
 (b. 1961)

 "...there was a war in heaven and Michael and his angels fought against the dragon."

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

#### DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **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.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

We are so excited to welcome our Youth Choir under the direction of Ms. Erin Alexander, graduate choral conducting assistant at SUNY Fredonia.

*Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* is a Processional Song used by women of Cameroon, West Afrika. The song was collected by Elaine Hanson, a missionary of the ELCA who spent 11 years in Camaroon, and was a member of *Femmes pour Christ* (Women for Christ). The particular group used French as their common language. Traditionally this song was used as a processional for communion. Our Youth Choir is singing the English translation.

#### My Flight for Heaven

A native Texan, Dr. Blake R. Henson lives in Fort Worth where he teaches Music Composition at Texas Wesleyan University. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music theory and composition from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, as well as the degree Doctor of Musical Arts in composition from The Ohio State University. Sought after for his choral, vocal, and orchestral work, Dr. Henson has received numerous commissions from colleges and high schools, churches, community choruses and orchestras, and professional ensembles. Dr. Henson's work as a composer and teacher has awarded him multiple distinctions and recognitions including a Pulitzer Prize nomination. My Flight for Heaven was composed in honor of Professor Joe Miller's appointment as Director of Choral Activities at Rider University's Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. The text, by Robert Herrick, seeks comfort in the welcome embrace of death and shifts the point of view to invoke music while striving toward a new life without pain, suffering, war and famine.

#### Archangel Suite

Craig Phillips is a distinguished and popular American composer and organist and Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills. His choral and organ music is heard in churches and cathedrals across the United States, and many of his works have been performed in concert throughout North America, Europe and Asia. He was named the American Guild of Organists Distinguished Composer for 2012 — the seventeenth recipient of this special award. In 2015 Dr. Phillips was named an honorary canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, Diocese of Los Angeles, at a gala event at Walt Disney Concert Hall, and in 2016 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Virginia Theological Seminary. Dr. Phillips holds the degrees Doctor of Musical Arts, Master of Music, and the Performers Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, where he studied with the great pedagogue Russell Saunders. His Bachelor of Music Degree is from Oklahoma Baptist University, and his early musical studies were at the Blair School of Music in Nashville. The Archangel Suite is inspired by biblical quotes depicting the four Archangels - Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, and Uriel. The text which inspired Dr. Philips' depiction of Michael comes from Revelations 12:7, there was a war in heaven and Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Heidemarie Kunz. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Worship Assistant is Morgan Leiser.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Worship Assistants are Natalia Bavaro, Oscar Guzzino, Timothy Yap and Elizabeth Yap.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck from the Thomasula, Carmer, Addison, Fuhlbruck and Hoebel Families; and

In Loving Memory of my mother, Ruth Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz; and

In Loving Memory of Raymond Ph. and Laurie Weil from their family.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Joy Greenough.

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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, November 14, 2021 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost		
8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)	
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir (MR)	
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion/New Members (MC)	
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School (SS)	
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (FR)	
MONDAY, November 15, 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)	
<b>TUESDAY, November 16, 2021</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Executive Meeting (via Zoom)	
THURSDAY, November 18, 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.	•	
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)	
FRIDAY, November 19, 2021		
7:00 p.m.	LYO Apple Pie Prep (RH)	
THURSDAY, November 20, 2021		
1:00 p.m.	LYO Apple Pie Assembly (RH)	
<u>SUNDAY, November 21, 2021 – Christ the King Sunday</u>		
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)	
CH = Mansperger Chapel	CI = Crib Room	CR = Conference Room
FR = Fellowship Room MR = Music Room	FI = Fireside Room/Library PS = Pastor's Study	MC = Main Church RH = Redeemer Hall
SC = Sacristy	SS = Sunday SS = Sunday School	YR = Youth Room

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to our new members being received today at the 10:30 service: Clyde and Valerie Hickok, Linda Horton, Norma Horton and Guru Prasath Thanasekar.

APPLE PIES: The Annual LYO Apple Pie Fundraiser is here! Orders are now being accepted! Apple Pies will be sold for \$10 each and are oven ready. Apple Pie pick-up day is Sunday, November 21. Please see Pastor Brenda or any LYO member for questions. Order forms can be found in the newsletter, weekly email or at the entrance ways.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet today in the Fellowship Room following the 10:30 service.

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.

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT: 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 <u>msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</u> or 716-835-3325.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All nonperishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates can be sent to the church office and designated "holiday baskets". Thank you for your donations.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$12 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We will be holding a new member class for those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity and the Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 1 from 10:00-11:30am or 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Room or via Zoom. Please call the church office at 716-886-2400 to make your reservation and if you need the Zoom information. All are welcome.

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. LESSONS AND CAROLS: Holy Trinity and the University at Buffalo Choirs present our 4th Annual *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. Inspired by the renown Service from King's College - Cambridge, Congregational members share lessons with musical responses and Hymns led by our friends from the University of Buffalo, Claudia Brown, *conductor*. This is a unique partnership between the University at Buffalo and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES with our own Paul Biesinger, continues Thursdays in Redeemer Hall. We will meet each week from 10am to Noon. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies. A list of suggested supplies is available from Heather Miller (<u>convmiller@yahoo.com</u>). All are welcome!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow inperson 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.

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.

#### **2021 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 5:00 p.m. Family Service \*10:00 p.m. Preservice music 10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

> CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 10:30 a.m. Christmas service

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

\*Note time change

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