



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday
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*

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'Schönster Herr Jesu'

Charles Ore
(b. 1936)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending "Helmsley"

ELW 435

1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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.

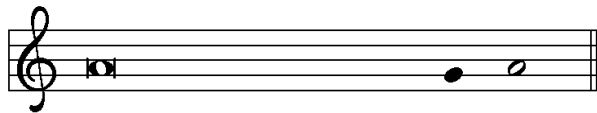
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GREETING

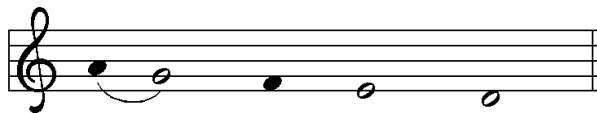
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

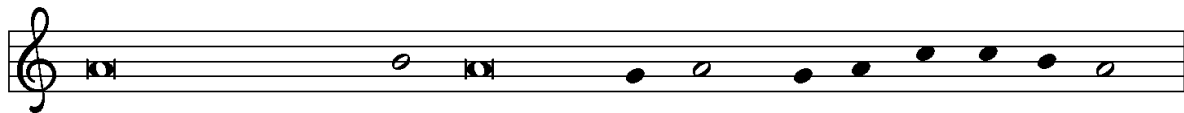
KYRIE



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.



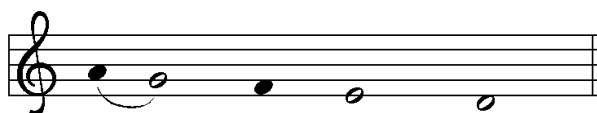
Lord, have mer - cy.



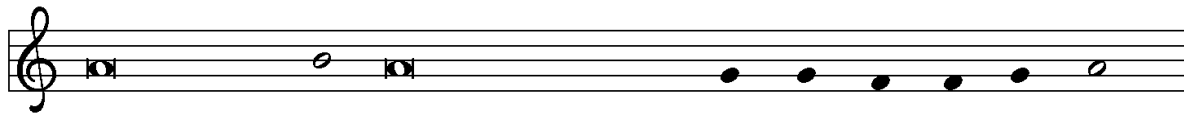
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



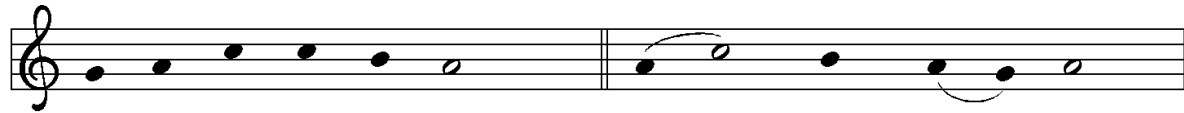
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The first reading for Christ the King Sunday is recorded in Daniel, the 7th Chapter.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOTET

Messiah is King

Jack M. Vogel

Text: W.A. Muhlenburg (1796-1877) from an anonymous 16th century *galliarde*, "La Roque"

Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Zion, the marvelous story be telling,
the Son of the Highest, how lowly his birth!
the brightest archangel in glory excelling,
he stoops to redeem thee, he reigns upon earth.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Tell how he cometh; from nation to nation
the heart cheering news let the earth echo round;
how free to the faithful he offers salvation,
his people with joy everlasting are crowned.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Mortals, your homage be gratefully bringing,
and sweet let the gladsome hosannas arise;
ye angels, the full alleluias be singing;
one chorus resound through the earth and the skies.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Messiah is King!

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 1st Chapter.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

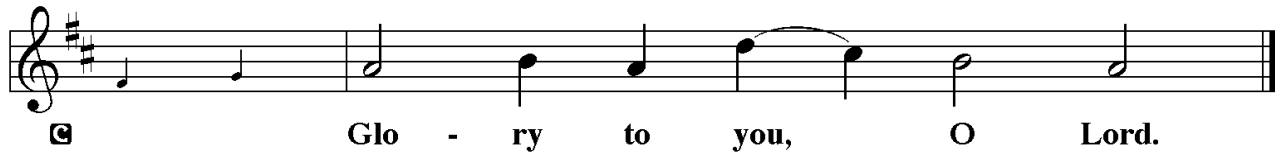
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



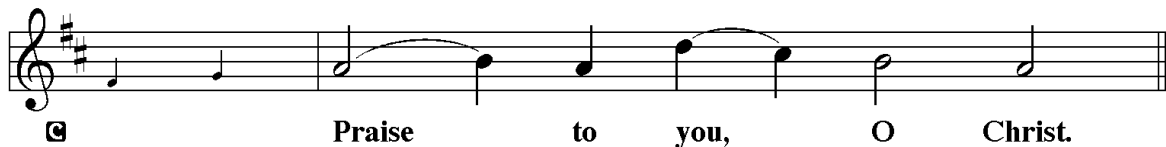
GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to Saint John



³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Beautiful Savior "Schönster Herr Jesu"

ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. 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. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. We pray your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Randi and Ava. 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, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. We remember the life, love, and faith of Barbara Maneyapanda. Empower us to join their witness. 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.*

(8:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Arise, O God, and Shine

Text: William Hurn (1754-1829)

Gordon Young

(1919-1998)

Arise, O God, and shine, in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near, to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways!
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, And govern by Thy righteous laws!

To God the only wise, the one immortal King,
let halleluiahs rise from every living thing:
Let all that breathe, on every coast, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740 (1707 – 1780)

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

(1892 - 1964)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy Divine; Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

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

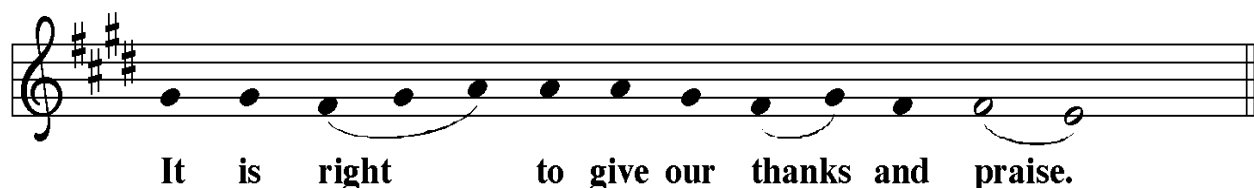
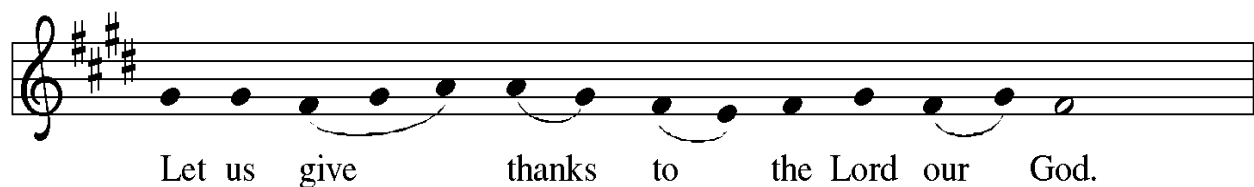
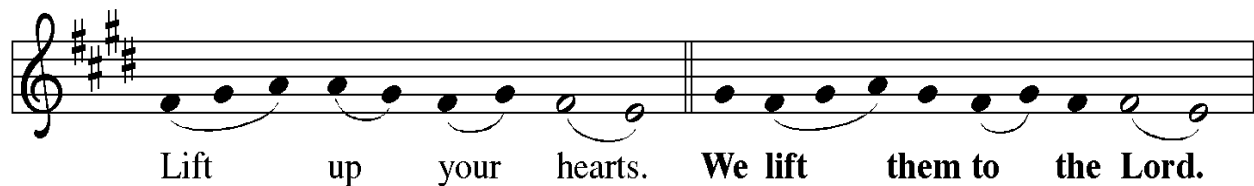
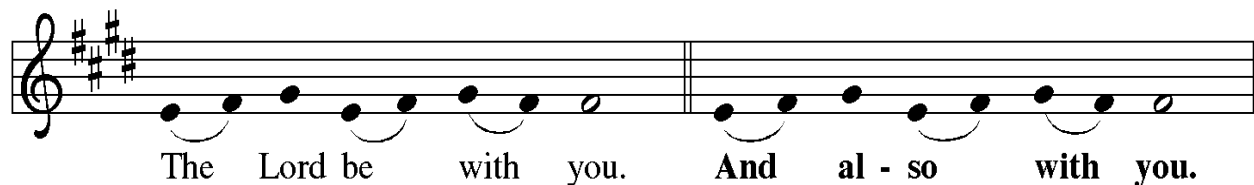
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

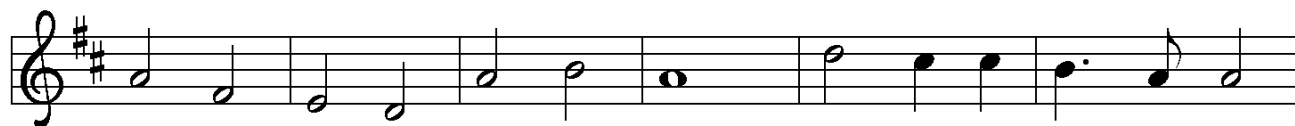
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.

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

Rejoice, for Christ Is King! "Laus Regis"

ELW 430

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

(b. 1954)

*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.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Todd Kroening. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Todd Kroening. Worship Assistant is Adriana Wareham.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Worship Assistants are Alex Cialone, Brandon Howard, Ethan McKinney, Griffin Miller, Erica Sampman and Zachary Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Kathy's parents, Jutta and Ernest Kosan by Gary and Kathy Szakmary.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Randi Jones and Ava Kauffman.



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 21, 2021 – Christ the King Sunday

- 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 22, 2021

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

TUESDAY, November 23, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (RH)
6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service (CH)

THURSDAY, November 25, 2021 *Happy Thanksgiving*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 26, 2021

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
12:00 p.m. Greening of the Church

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

SERVICES IN CHAPEL: Our Thanksgiving service will be held this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the **Chapel**. Beginning next Sunday (11/28) our 8:30 services will be moving back to the **Chapel**.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

APPLE PIES: Apple Pies can be picked up following both the 8:30 and 10:30 services. There are a limited number of pies still available for purchase if you weren't able to pre-order, pies are \$10. Thank you for your support of the LYO.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Holy Trinity's Evangelism Committee is re-organizing. Interested in having conversations around re-introducing Holy Trinity to her 4-distinct communities (east and west of Main Street)? Have an interest in looking at realistic ways to be about building relationships with the communities' residents? Please contact Pastor Carroll at drcarroll@holytrinitybuffalo.org.

ANGEL TREE: Annually the members of HT generously provide gifts and holiday cheer to students from our local school PS17 via the Angel Tree. This year both Angel and Mitten trees will be ready on Sunday, November 28th. Please find them in the area outside the church office and chapel and choose a child to cheer this year. Gifts need to be wrapped, or bagged, and securely tagged with the students name and room number. Please be sure to drop off your gifts at Holy Trinity by December 19th.

FAMILY PROMISE: we will be collecting items to fill “Welcome Home Baskets” for families from the Family Promise Shelter moving into apartments. The need is for 2 or 3 baskets per month from all sources, not just Holy Trinity. We will have large laundry baskets available to collect items at the entrance ways. Monetary donations or gift cards (Target, Amazon, Dollar Stores) to purchase items can be left in the church office or included in an offering envelope. We are allowed to tour the facility in small groups of 4 or 5 to see their work in action. If anyone is interested in going in November, please contact the church office and we will try to set it up. Thank you for helping with this Faith in Action initiative. This is a list of items needed: broom and dustpan sets; 13 gallon trash cans; pot and pan sets; soup pots; mixing bowls; bathroom rugs and mats; toasters; colanders; cutting boards and knife sets.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Our theme for Advent this year, once again comes from, A Sanctified Art, and is *Close to Home*. This theme will be incorporated into our worship liturgy, and through a sermon series each week. Also available will be a daily devotion and an Advent Family Calendar, both of which can be found on the website, holytrinitybuffalo.org and on the tables by the entrance ways.

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.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable 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.

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.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee is requesting your input for nominations to serve on the Church Council beginning after the Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022. If you are interested in serving (see below) please provide your name or another's name (with their approval) to either of the Pastors or council president, Barb Wozniak by December 10, 2021.

- Participate in the life of the congregation by serving on at least one committee.
- Assist with long range planning, goal setting and evaluation of activities.
- Seek to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, and service.
- Support the staff of the congregation in their ministries.
- Promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill.
- Be available for (9) monthly meetings and retreat time locally in February (Friday evening, Saturday). Meetings are currently held both in person and on Zoom.

Festival of Nine 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.

2021 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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

**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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