

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany 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

Per the new **New York State Regulations**, all Annual Congregational Meetings are required to be held either in-person or via Zoom.

A hybrid meeting is not permitted.

This weekend our nation will be commemorating the life and work of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America commemorates Dr. King as a: **renewer of society** and as a **martyr** (one who gave their life for the sake of the good news of Jesus being the reconciler of all humanity).

Dr. Carroll will be offering a topical sermon entitled: *Brother Martin*, *How Far is the Promised Land?* 

#### INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

#### **PRELUDE**

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op 13

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt. Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

#### A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The first reading for the Second Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Isaiah, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,

and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE SOLO

O Lord, Whom We Adore from Athalia HWV 52 Georg Friedrich Händel Text: Samuel Humphreys (c.1697-1738); based on Athalie by Jean Racine (1685-1759)

Maria Parker, alto

O Lord, whom we adore, Shall Judah rise no more? Can this be thy decree?

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

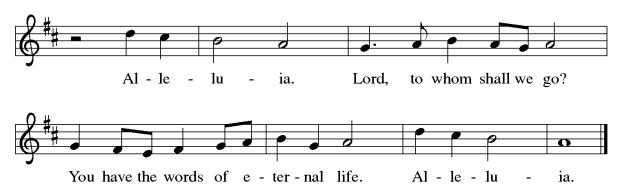
<sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ¹Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

<sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### **SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.





Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

#### **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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. 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 of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace, hear our prayer.

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. 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 of grace,

# hear our prayer.

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Calvin and Damon. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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.

#### SOLO AT THE OFFERING

In the First Light

Bob Kauflin

Text: Inspired by 1 Timothy 3:16

(b. 1955)

"He appeared... was vindicated... was believed on... was taken up."

Maria Parker, alto

In the first light of a new day, No one knew He had arrived. Things continued as they had been While a newborn softly cried. But the heavens wrapped in wonder, Knew the meaning of His birth. In the weakness of a baby They knew God had come to earth.

As His mother held him closely, It was hard to understand That this baby not yet speaking Was the Word of God to man. He would tell them of His kingdom, But their hearts would not believe. They would hate Him and in anger They would nail Him to a tree.

But the sadness would be broken As the song of life arose And the Firstborn of creation Would ascend and take his throne. He had left it to redeem us, But before His life began He knew He'd come back not as a baby But as The Lord of ev'ry man.

Hear the angels as they're singing On the morning of His birth But how much greater will our song be When He comes again to earth. When He comes to rule the Earth!

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

#### **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**ELW 885** 

"Old Hundredth"

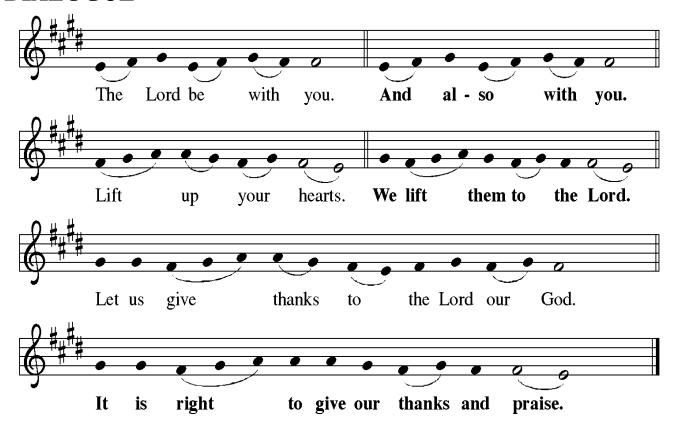
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

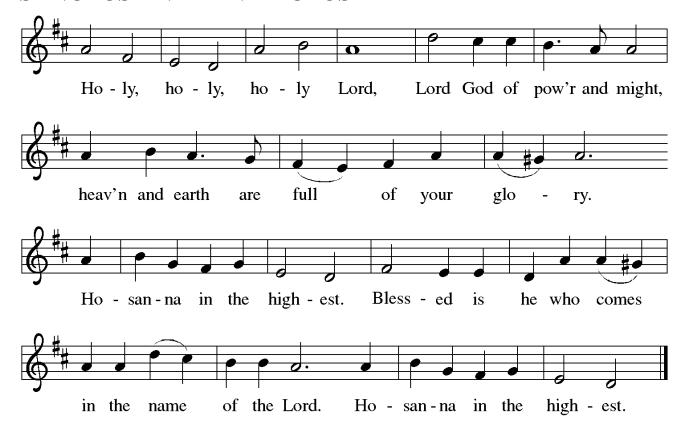
#### **DIALOGUE**



#### **PREFACE**

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

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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 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.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. 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, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise "Salzburg"

ELW 310



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune on 'Salzburg'

Franklin Ashdown (b. 1942)

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

### **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

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, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Richard Lee. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Richard Lee. Worship Assistant is Justin Rojek.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Worship Assistants are Adam Hakansson, Max Hakansson, Madalyn Brown, Morgan Leiser, Rowan Leiser, Eliana Perez, Constantino Perez and Saniyah Gilchrist.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Jane Geertson and Genevieve Kryszczuk by Martha and Joe Kryszczuk and Family; and In Memory of Loved Ones by the Alderdice Family.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Calvin and Damon Long.



Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume next week at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, January 23 at the end of each worship service. Agenda items include: approval of the budget and candidates for council. Per the new **New York State Regulations**, all Annual Congregational Meetings are required to be held either in-person or via Zoom. A hybrid meeting is not permitted.

ANNUAL REPORT: In preparation for the Congregational meeting, the Annual Report is available. They can be found on the table at the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES, with our own Paul Biesinger, start again on Thursday, January 13 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(convmiller@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will meet in Redeemer Hall on Saturday, January 22 at 10:00am. All are welcome.

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, January 30 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 <a href="mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com">msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</a> or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

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.



#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

# SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

# MONDAY, January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

# TUESDAY, January 18, 2022

7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting via Zoom

# THURSDAY, January 20, 2022

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

7:00 p.m. Story Time

7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

# SATURDAY, January 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (RH)

# SUNDAY, January 23, 2022 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 9:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting (MC)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

11:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting/

Confirmation Class (MC)

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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