

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 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

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

PRELUDE

Arioso

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

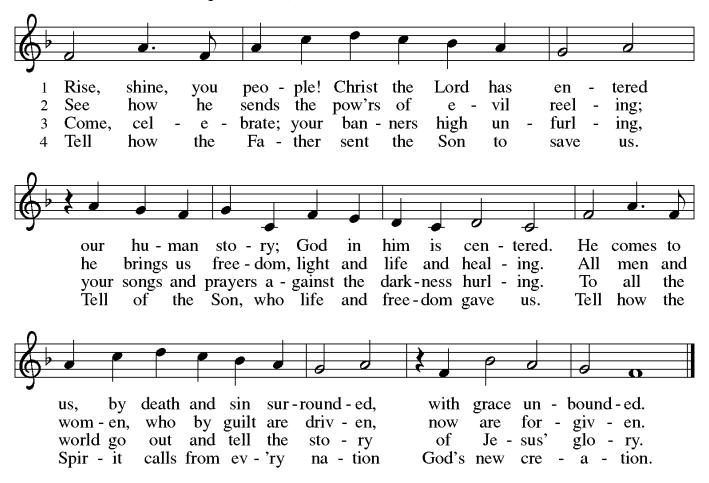
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People! "Wojtkiewiecz"

ELW 665



Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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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.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(10:30)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND SENDING

Dr. Carroll

Jesus loves the little children; all the children of the world

Native – Asian – Black or – White; All are precious in God's sights

Jesus Loves the little children of the World.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Jeremiah, the 1st Chapter.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

5"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Saw You Never, In the Twilight from Eight Orisons Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, Up in heav'n the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star, And they knew the King was given, and they followed it from far.

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning Star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darken'd isles afar? And we, too, may seek His cradle; there our hearts' best treasures bring; Love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God and King.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 13th Chapter.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

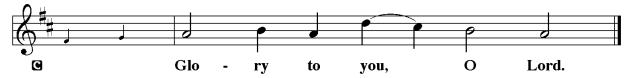
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



²¹Then [Jesus] began to [all the to say in synagogue Nazareth, 1 "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your the things that we have did hometown heard you Capernaum.' "24And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²

⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown "Rhosymedre"

LBW 94

(vs. 1-3, 7)



- 1 My song is love un known, my Sav ior's love to me,
- 2 He came from his blest throne, sal va tion to be stow;
- 3 Some-times they strew his way and his sweet prais-es sing;
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love they might love - ly the love - less shown, that to but men made strange, and the longed-for Christ would know. none sound-ing ho - san - nas their King. all the day to made the He lame run, he gave the blind their sight. to



for Oh. who am I, sake Lord should take frail that my my oh, my friend, my friend need in deed, who at my his Then "Cru - ci - fy!" all for his death they is their breath, and Sweet in - ju - ries! they these them - selves dis - please, and Yet at



death they

his

them - selves dis - please, and

5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

cry,

rise;

and

for

6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

and

him

cry.

rise.

thirst

'gainst

Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

thirst and

'gainst him

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

THE APOSTLES' 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. We pray for our ecumenical and interfaith 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.

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit especially Herb Hough, Valerie Hickok, John Carlino and Natalie Pollock. 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.

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community, especially Aidan and Griffin. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. We remember the life, love, and faith of Almuth Stolze. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never ending love. 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

Come Unto Him from Messiah HWV 56

George Frideric Händel (1685 – 1759)

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

Come unto Him all ye that labor and are heavy laden and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him for he is meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Please stand as you are able.

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"

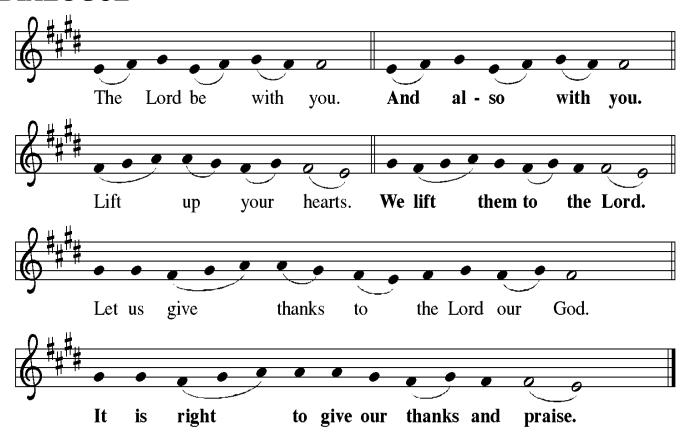
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

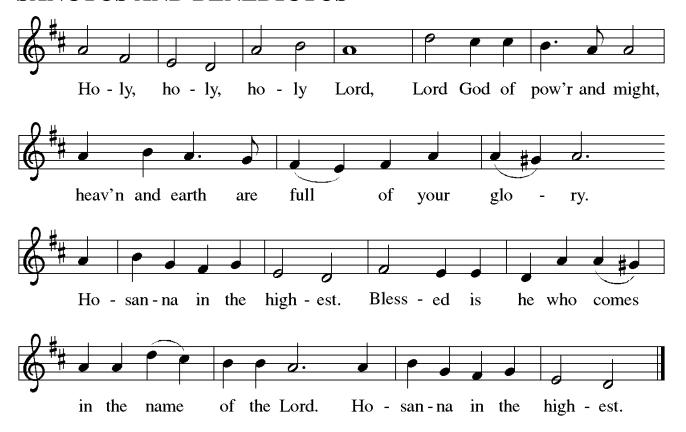
DIALOGUE



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.

THE 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 HOLY 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

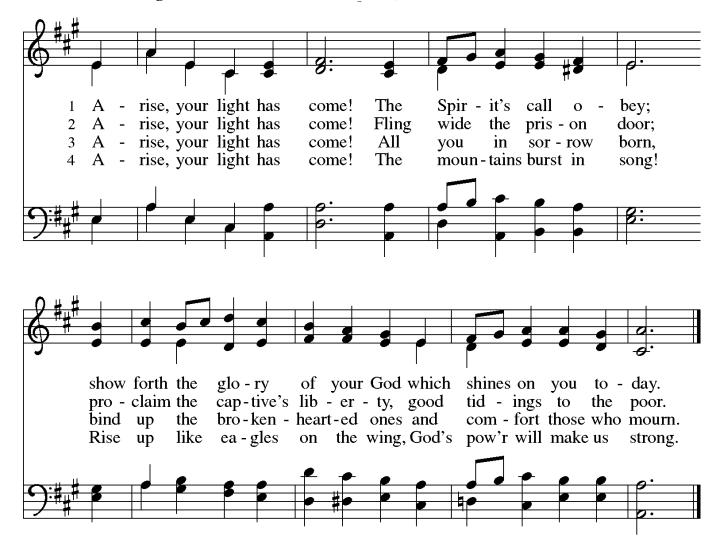
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come! "Festal Song"

ELW 314



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare brillante Opus 1331

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Worship has ended, the Service begins. 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, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Annual Congregational Meeting Rescheduled

Thank you to all who braved the Buffalo weather and those who were with us in spirit on Sunday, January 23, 2022 for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

According to our Constitution, we needed 77 persons in attendance between the two services. However, since our count was only 71, we are rescheduling the meeting for Sunday, February 27, 2022 after both services as was previously planned. They will be in person events.

We hope the weather will be better on that date and COVID concerns will be less. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastors, council members or the church office.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Paul Kroll. Worship Assistant is Max Hakansson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matt Brown. Reader is Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Sofia Atlas, Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Griffin Miller and Zachary Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given: To the Glory of God from Gail Camilleri.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Aidan McKinney and Griffin Miller.



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

WELCOME BACK SEMINARIAN TERESA! Teresa will be starting her Spring Semester of Practical Ministry this week. She will continue to focus on Leading Worship and involvement in the Sunday School Educational ministry. A new effort will be for Teresa to gather individuals/or couples downstairs in the "Fireside Room"/or Private Zoom meeting to have an INFORMAL chat about: 'OUR JOURNEY IN FOLLOWING JESUS HAS LOOKED LIKE...' Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming.

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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY celebration has been a way for faith communities, both RIC and those on their journey, to celebrate the work that they have done, as well as to take a stand in creating a worship celebration specifically for all of God's Beloveds, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expressions. RIC Sunday is set aside to highlight our shared ministry of hospitality and reconciliation for all of our siblings in Christ. This year the worship theme will focus on "Made in God's Image: God's Endless Diversity!" Holy Trinity will celebrate RIC Sunday on February 6, as it is the anniversary of Holy Trinity becoming a RIC congregation.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES, with our own Paul Biesinger, continue each Thursday in Redeemer Hall. We will meet 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!

W-I-N-E-O! Looking for something FUN to do on a cold winter's day? Look no further! Join Lutheran Charities of WNY for a Virtual Wine Tasting & Bingo Event, Thursday February 17th at 7:30 PM. With your \$60 registration you will receive 4-750ml bottles of various red and white wines, a tasting and education session with sommelier Jim Curry from Addy's Fine Wine & Spirits, and the chance to win some fantastic prizes playing W-I-N-E-O bingo, based on the evenings lesson. To learn more about this great event and to register, visit us at WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG or call the Lutheran Charities office at 716-632-2623.

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	<u>30, 2022 – Fourth Sunday</u>	after Epiphany
8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)	
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)	
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School (SS)	
MONDAY, January	y 31, 2022	
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)	
6:00 p.m.	Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)	
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (FR)	
TUESDAY, February 1, 2022		
5:30 p.m.	Burrito Project (RH)	
6:00 p.m.	WELCA/Needlers (FR)	
6:30 p.m.	CMS Concert rehearsal (MC)	
THURSDAY, February 3, 2022		
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)	
FRIDAY, February 4, 2022		
6:00 p.m.	HT Council Retreat at Zion Lutheran	
SATURDAY, Febru	<u>ıary 5, 2022</u>	
9:00 a.m.	HT Council Retreat at Zion Lutheran	
9:00 a.m.	· /	
7:30 p.m.	Community Music School Concert (MC)	
SUNDAY, February	<u>y 6, 2022 – Fifth Sunday af</u>	<u>ter Epiphany</u>
8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)	
9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir (MR)	
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School (SS)	
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)	
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 School	YR = Youth Room

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