



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Seventh 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*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

# PRELUDE

*N°1 Mode de ré from Huit Pièces Modales pour orgue*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High! "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"*

ELW 835  
(vs. 1-3, 6)



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

## **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.

**O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*This Little Light of Mine*

African-American Spiritual

Holy Trinity Youth Choir  
Erin Alexander, *conductor*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!  
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine...  
Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm gonna let it shine...  
I won't let anyone blow it out (whoosh!), I'm gonna let it shine...  
You've got a light like mine, You've gotta let it shine...

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Genesis, the 45<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

<sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

**ANTHEM**

*Thy Perfect Love*

Text: 15<sup>th</sup> Century

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee of all things best,  
And wound my heart in thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

**(10:30)**

**ANTHEM**

*O For a Closer Walk with God*

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Charles Villiers Stanford

(1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;  
hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

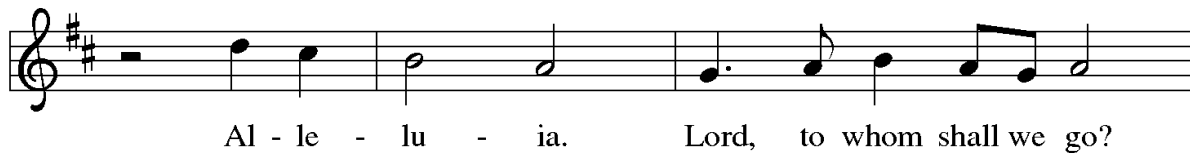
<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

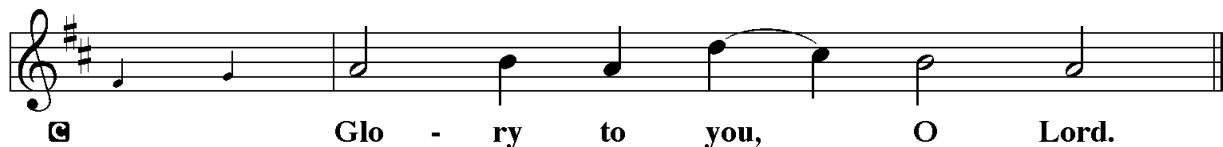
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



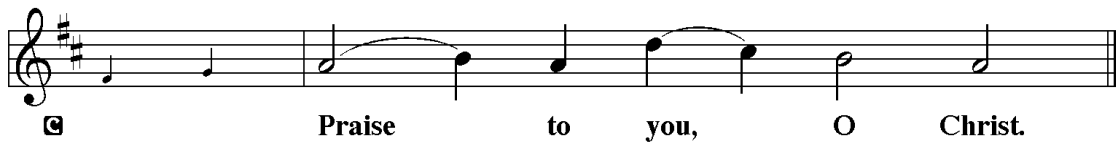
[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.



<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON:**

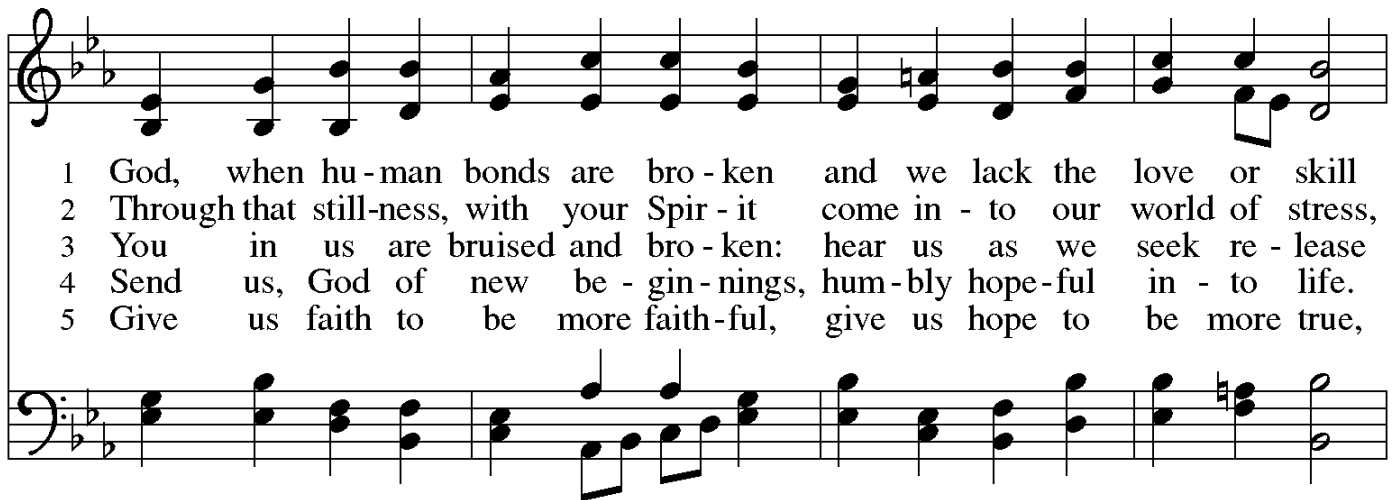
The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

*Please stand as you are able.*

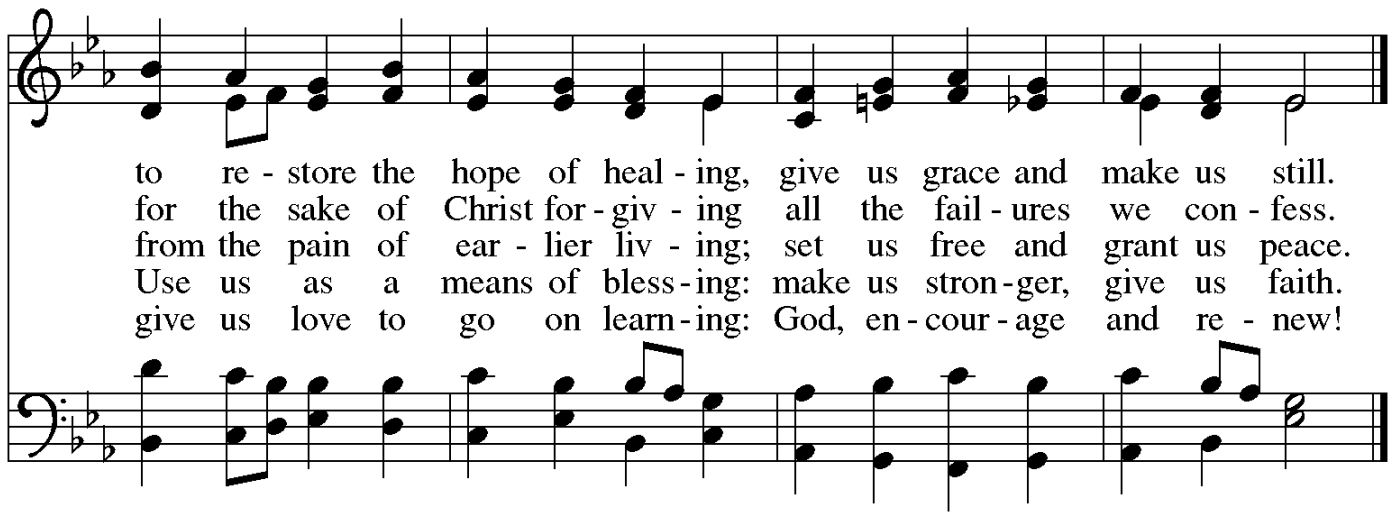
# SERMON HYMN

*God, When Human Bonds are Broken* “Merton”

ELW 603



1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill  
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,  
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease  
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.  
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.  
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.  
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.  
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.  
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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## **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.*

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your Church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. 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.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families and for peace in our world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. 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 bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. We pray for the students, faculty and families at McKinley High School. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Aidan and Abriella. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. 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.*

**(8:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*The Call*

Z. Randall Stroope

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

(b. 1953)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath;  
Such a Truth as ends all strife: Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast;  
Such a Feast as mends in length: Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy as none can move;  
Such a Love as none can part: Such a Heart as joys in love.

**(10:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Jacob's Ladder*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Calvin Hampton

(1938 – 1984)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, soldiers of the cross.  
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher, soldiers of the cross.  
Sinners, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.  
Rise, shine, give God glory; soldiers of the cross.  
We are climbing higher, higher, soldiers of the cross.

*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



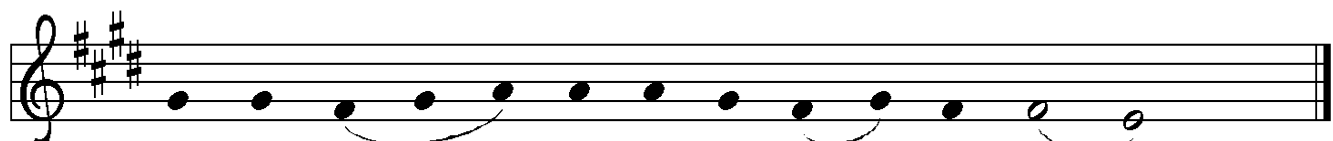
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

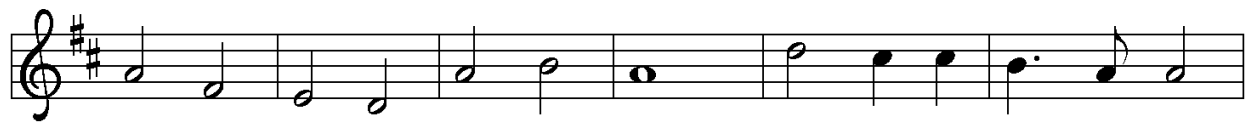


It is right to give our thanks and praise.


## 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 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 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 Sovereign 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

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us "Hyfrydol"

ELW 707

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

*Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.*

## **POSTLUDE**

*Bells from Three Characteristic Pièces*

**Jean Langlais**  
(1907-1991)

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

## **THE 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.*

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (MC)  
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)  
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)  
12:00 p.m. Haiti Meeting (FR)

### **MONDAY, February 21, 2022**

*Church Office Closed*

9:30 a.m. Special Bible Study (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 23, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (RH)

### **THURSDAY, February 24, 2022**

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

7:00 p.m. Story Time

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

### **SUNDAY, February 27, 2022 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

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

9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (MC)

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

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

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (MC)

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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



## **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 next 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 Judy Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Judy Kroll. Worship Assistant is Madalyn Brown.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Reader is Paul Biesinger. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Dan Griebel and Karen Kolb. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Sofia Atlas, Timothy Yap, Ellie Yap, Griffin Miller and Zachary Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Richard Bundt who was born 95 years ago on February 23<sup>rd</sup> by Susan Bundt and Brian Webb;

In Loving Memory of our parents Robert and Mira Thomson and Etta and Franklin Kroll by Paul and Judy Kroll; and

In Loving Memory of their mother Carolyn Hughes by Karen Saona and her brothers Bob, Carl and Don Hughes, and in Loving Memory of Margaret McPherson by Ann and Don Hughes.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Aidan and Abriella Murphy.



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 Presidents' Day.

THE GLOBAL MISSION TEAM will be meeting today in the Fellowship Room after the 10:30 service to discuss ongoing support of the Haiti mission as well as possible fundraising ideas. All are welcome to join. Come to learn more about the work being done in Haiti and the goals of the Global Mission team. We look forward to seeing you there!

A SPECIAL MONDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – tomorrow at 9:30am ONLY (NO EVENING SESSION): *Celebrating African American History* Led by our own, Professor David Ulrich. *1619 and Critical Race Theory: How do they address our national story?*

EVANGELISM: Holy Trinity is getting ready to RE-INTRODUCE HERSELF TO THE VARIOUS LOCAL RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES around the church building. Do you have some ideas on how this re-introduction might happen? **YOU are welcome to the INITIAL Evangelism Team meeting on: March 6 -- after the 10:30 Service; in the Conference Room behind the Church Offices.**

IN MEMORIAM: In Thanksgiving for his life and with hopeful expectation in the Resurrection, Holy Trinity announces the death of our dear brother, Herb Hough. The family has opted not to hold a memorial service at this time; Holy Trinity will have a moment of remembrance during both services on February 27.



**CONCERT CANCELLED:** The February 27<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus Concert detailed in last week's bulletin and "Our Life Together" has been cancelled. We are looking toward future dates for rescheduling with the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus.

**A SPECIAL SUNDAY WITH COMPOSER JAKE RUNESTAD!**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 27, at the 10:30 am Service! As part of a Buffalo residency between Holy Trinity and the Erie County Music Educators' Assn., internationally renowned composer Jake Runestad will be in attendance as the Chancel Choir presents several of Mr. Runestad's choral works throughout the Service. We will be joined by the Vocalis Chamber Choir on this most celebratory morning of music. Mr. Runestad and Vocalis will also be present at our rehearsal Thursday, March 24. Friday and Saturday of that weekend, Mr. Runestad will be conducting the highly select ECMEA Senior High All-County Honors Chorus at the University of Buffalo - Slee Hall. You can learn more about Jake Runestad's extraordinary career at [www.jakerunestad.com](http://www.jakerunestad.com). This will be a special day not to miss!

**2022 YOUTH GATHERING,** A message from the ELCA Youth Gathering Leadership: After much prayer, conversation and tears, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and safety considerations. We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering.

**MASK MANDATE:** We want to acknowledge that as of Thursday, February 10, 2022, Governor Hochul lifted the mask mandate in New York State. At this time, we will continue to wear face masks inside at Holy Trinity out of care for our members and guests who cannot receive the vaccination, including our youngest children.

**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.

**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.

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