



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Fifth 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**

*The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.*

# PRELUDE

*Partita on 'Lux in Tenebris'*

Franklin Ashdown  
(b. 1942)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Light Shone in Darkness "Lux in Tenebris"*

ELW 307



- 1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
- 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
- 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: LUX IN TENEBRIS, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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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.

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13**

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Isaiah, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [<sup>9</sup>And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’

<sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:  
“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

## **THE SOLO**

*The Call* from *Five Mystical Songs*

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872–1958)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

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 conquers 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**

*The Call*

Z. Randall Stroope

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

(b. 1953)

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such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

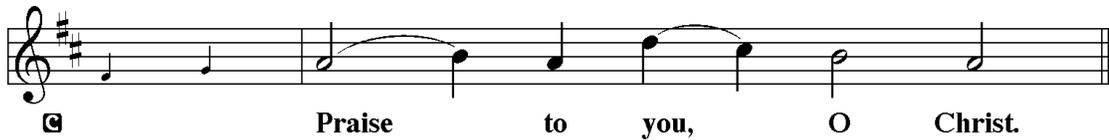


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

<sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON:**

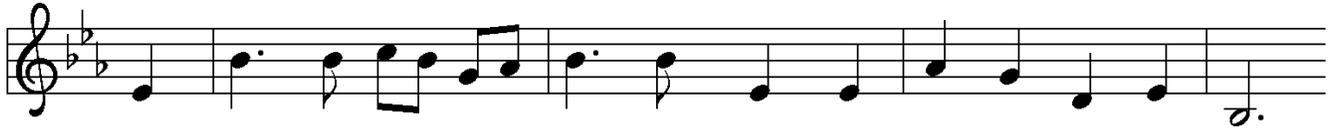
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* "Repton"

ELW 580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.*

Equip your church to proclaim the good news that we have first received: the forgiveness and grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Knox, Brooks and William. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy are you, O God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Soften the hearts of rulers and governments that they perceive and tend to the needs of their people. Remove corruption and the impulse toward violence. Protect first responders and military personnel who risk their lives in service of others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain, especially Katherine Wilt. 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.**

The disciples received help from partners as they brought in an abundant catch of fish. So strengthen this congregation's partnerships with community organizations and ministries. Multiply our shared efforts and bring joy to our relationships. 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.**

We give thanks for our ancestors in faith who boldly answered your call. By their example give us courage to live in faith and to proclaim your mercy until the day that you gather us into your glory. 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)**

### SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*Give to My Eyes, Lord*

Ronald Corp  
(b. 1951)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Give to my eyes, Lord, the blessing of seeing your face in all around me,  
the light of your glorious grace.

Help me to see the needs of your people and be ready to go,  
Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my feet, Lord, the blessing of walking your way,  
going wherever you lead me throughout the whole day.

Show me the paths that lead where your people need me,  
mine your own foot steps, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my mouth, Lord, the courage to speak of your cross,  
boldly proclaiming your death was again not a loss.

That through your blood, true justice and mercy  
may be building your Kingdom, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my heart, Lord, the grace to rejoice in your love,  
showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above.

That by your word I'll share in the joys you give free,  
help me to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to you  
and by my service I'll show that I'm faithful and true.

Help me to live and praise you; please Lord set me free  
that you may use me, wherever your Spirit needs me.

**(10:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Green Fields*

Text: John Newton (1725-1807)

Southern Hymn Tune

Arr. Virgil Thomson

(1896-1989)

How tedious and tasteless the hours when Jesus no longer I see! Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers have all lost their sweetness to me. The midsummer sun shines but dim; the fields strive in vain to look gay; but when I am happy in Him, December's as pleasant as May.

His Name yields the richest perfume, and sweeter than music His voice; His presence disperses my gloom, and makes all within me rejoice. I should, were He always thus nigh, have nothing to wish or to fear; no mortal so happy as I, my summer would last all the year.

Content with beholding His face, my all to His pleasure resigned; no changes of season or place would make any change in my mind; while blessed with a sense of His love, a palace of joy would appear, and prisons would palaces prove if Jesus would dwell with me there.

Dear Lord, if indeed I am Thine, if Thou art my sun and my song, say, why do I languish and pine, and why are my winters so long? O, drive these dark clouds from my sky; Thy soul-cheering presence restore; or take me unto Thee on high, where winter and clouds are no more.

*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

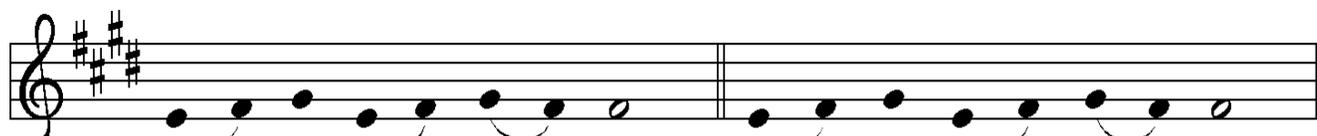
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

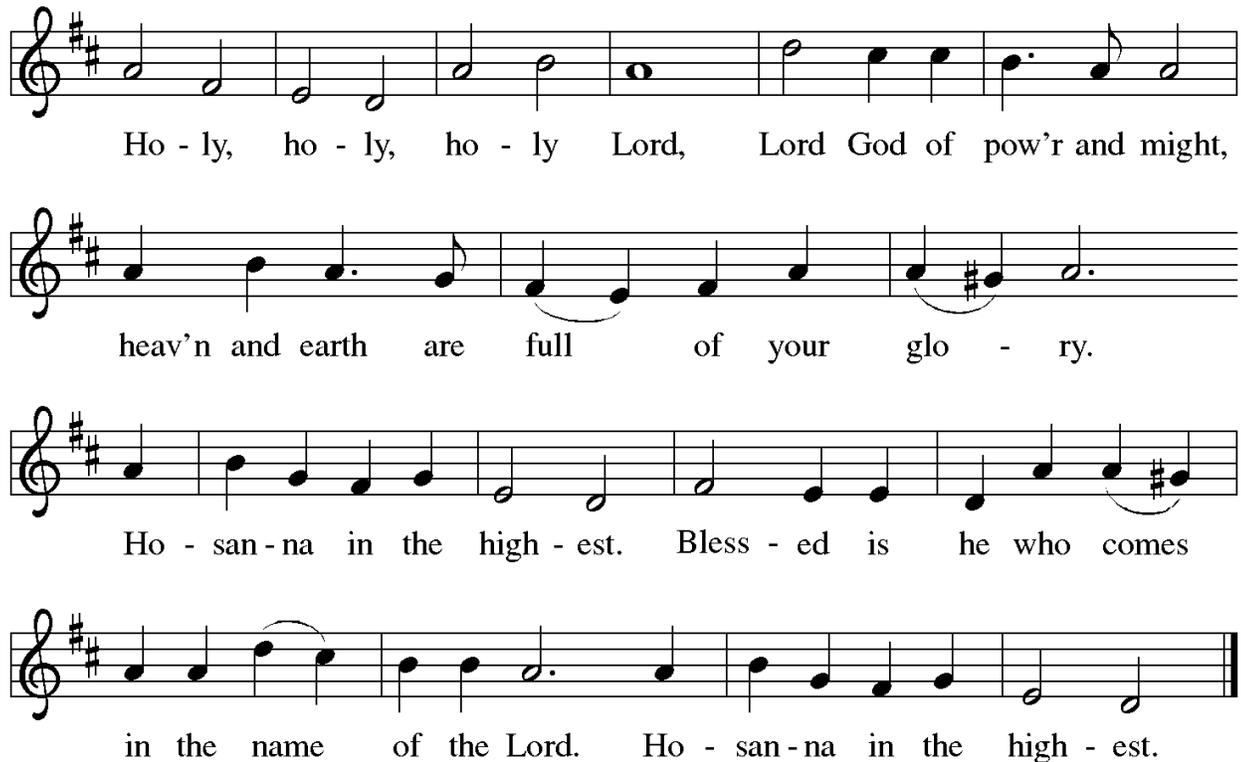


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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 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

*In Christ Called to Baptize* "St. Denio"

ELW 575



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

(1903-1986)

*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.*



## **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 Linda Schmidt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Linda Schmidt. Worship Assistant is Alex Cialone.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Barb Wozniak. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. 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 Celebration of Donna Leiser's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday today by Ron Leiser and Linda Schmidt.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Knox, Brooks and William 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.

<b><i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i></b>
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**SUNDAY, February 6, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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)

**MONDAY, February 7, 2022**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)  
 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (FR)

**TUESDAY, February 8, 2022**

12:30 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

**WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2022**

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

**THURSDAY, February 10, 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)

**SUNDAY, February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

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)  
 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)

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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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME BACK SEMINARIAN TERESA! Teresa will be starting her Spring Semester of Practical Ministry. 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. The focus is on: Jesus’ Use of Parables in the Gospel of Matthew.

MSP COMMITTEE: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing group of individuals who worked with me on the Mission Site Profile process. We met on 4 occasions to work through this document and it will be presented to Council at the retreat for approval. This is the first step in the Call process for a Senior Pastor. This document could not have been completed without the amazing work of Mary Linda Schmidt, Dave Ulrich, Lindsay Schleifer-Schneggenburger and Dr. Julius Carroll. Thank you all so much for your commitment to this process, your wealth of knowledge and your wonderful personalities made this process fun! Additionally, thank you to everyone who attended the Holy Conversations meetings as that information was invaluable in completing this process.

Kathy Crissey

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet next Sunday, February 13 following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Room.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY RESCHEDULED: 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 next Sunday, February 13, as it is the anniversary of Holy Trinity becoming a RIC congregation.

NURSE JUDY: Join us next Sunday, February 13 as we acknowledge and celebrate the work of Parish Nurse Judy Reifsteck, who retired at the end of 2021. We will celebrate her faithful service during both worship services.

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.

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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 register, visit us at [WNYLUTHERANCHARITIES.ORG](http://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.

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