

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter 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.

While masks are no longer required at Holy Trinity and for the love of one another, we encourage and recommend that masks continue to be worn for those individuals who, for any number of reasons, choose to continue to wear a mask for safety or comfortability, or for those who are unvaccinated.

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward. We ask that our members and guests continue to fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.

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

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thine is the Glory "Judas Maccabaeus"



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30) A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

The first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 5th Chapter.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stephen Adams (1844–1913) Arr. Donald Hunt (1930-2018)

Timothy Flynn, bass

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and everywhere as they sang, me thought the voice of angles from heaven in answer rang: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!

Then me thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! how the angels sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass a way. Jerusalem, Jerusalem sing for the night is o'er!

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forever more.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

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

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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

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

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

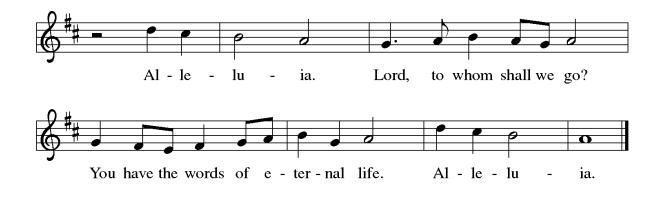
every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

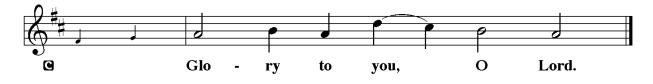
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

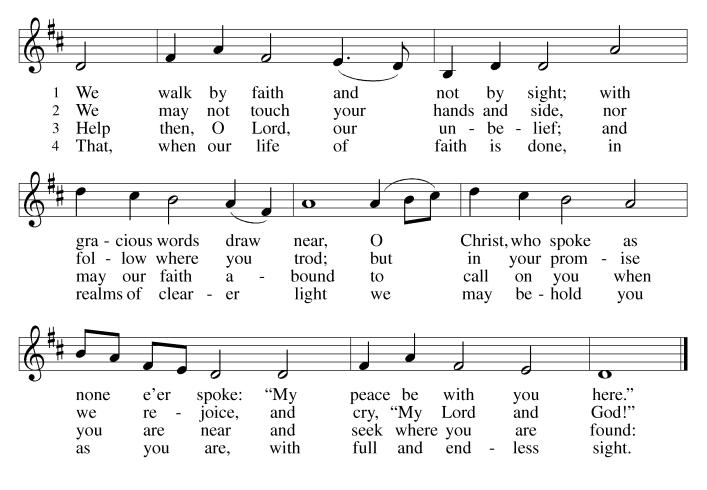
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight "Dunlap's Creek"

WOV 675



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. 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, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. We pray for the people of Ukraine. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those continuing on the front line of this Covid pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Henry and Max. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. We remember the life, love, and faith of Raymond Yox. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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

My Lord What a Mornin'

Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

Timothy Flynn, bass

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

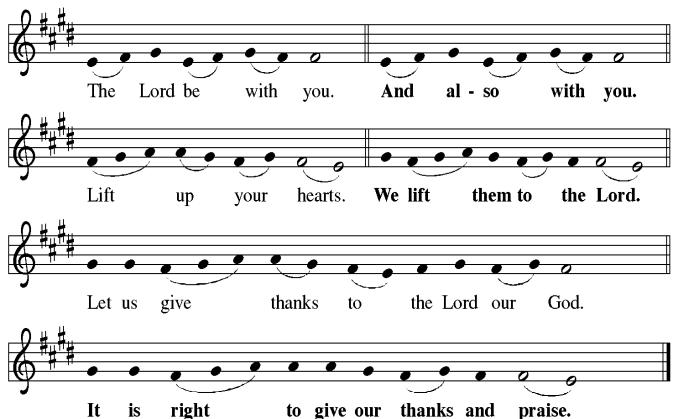
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Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

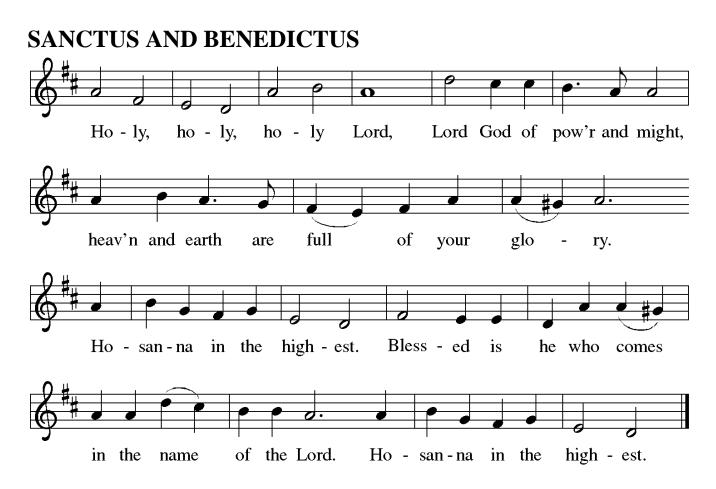
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



DIALOGUE

PREFACE

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



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

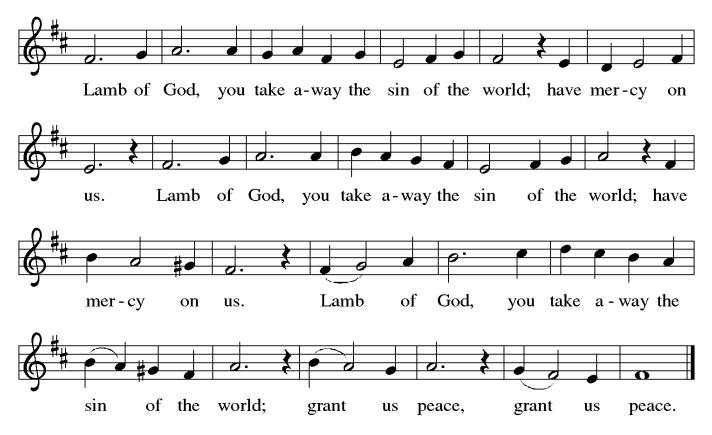
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.

THE AGNUS DEI



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 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, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

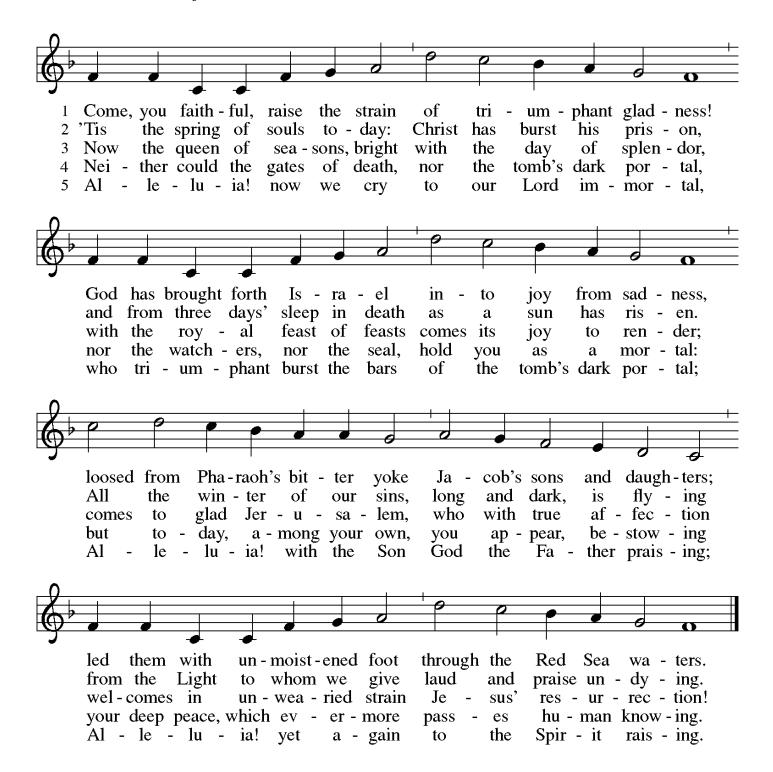
Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the lifegiving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. Amen. **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain "Gaudeamus Pariter"

ELW 363



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547 Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE *Exultate*, Opus 1296

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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

THE DISMISSALAlleluia! Christ is risen.Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!Go in peace. Tell what God has done.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.

We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall for a small coffee hour of beverage and pastries following the 10:30 Service.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH) 3:00 p.m. Piano Recital (MC) MONDAY, April 25, 2022 Happy Birthday Pastor Brenda 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR) 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH) TUESDAY, April 26, 2022 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH/Zoom) WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR) THURSDAY, April 28, 2022 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH) 7:00 p.m. Story Time 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH) SUNDAY, May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR) 9:30 a.m. Call Committee Meeting (CR) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH) CD C. f. m. n. n. D. s. m.

| CH = Mansperger Chapel | CI = Crib Room | CR = Conference Room |
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| FR = Fellowship Room | FI = Fireside Room/Library | MC = Main Church |
| MR = Music Room | PS = Pastor's Study | RH = Redeemer Hall |
| SC = Sacristy | SS = Sunday School | YR = Youth Room |
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At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Susan Bundt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship Assistant is Griffin Miller. Reader is Susan Bundt.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Fred Howard. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Worship Assistants are Justin Rojek, Alex Cialone, Natalia Bavaro, Avery Best, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Layton and Viola Leiser by Ron and Donna Leiser; and

In Loving Memory of Raúl's mother, Margarita Saona by Raúl and Karen Saona.

Council President Barb Wozniak will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Henry and Max Peterson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR CARROLL is on vacation and will return to the office on May 11.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: will resume tomorrow (**9:30am Only**). We will continue with both sessions (9:30am and 7:00pm) in May.

The Holy Trinity Chancel Choir joins forces with the Camerata di Sant Antonio Chamber Orchestra for a benefit concert supporting relief efforts in the Ukraine. This special event will be **Friday evening**, **April 29th at 7:45 pm** at **St. Louis R.C. Church**, 35 Edward St, Buffalo, NY 14202. The Chancel Choir will be joined by members of the Amherst Central High School Concert Chorale and the Choir of St. Louis Church. A free-will offering will be collected with all proceeds going toward humanitarian outreach programs impacting the citizens of the Ukraine.

LYO PLANTS: The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 21 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. **Please note the time change from previous years.**

PIANO RECITAL: Pianist James Featherstone gives a recital today at 3:00 pm. Mr. Featherstone is a former student of choirmaster Justin Pomietlarz at Amherst Central High School. Mr. Featherstone has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, and has been a featured soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available May 22 and 29 - 1 vase each. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at <u>msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</u> or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Evangelism Team of Holy Trinity – Buffalo – Invites YOU to a reflection on the question:

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

July 9 - 10, 2022

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen, Mission Pastor at St. Lydia's Dinner Church, Brooklyn, NY

+ Saturday

10 – NOON Conversation with Dr. Scharen and the Leadership of Holy Trinity (council - committee/task force leaders): THE MISSIONAL (Evangelism) IMPERATIVE

LUNCH

1 - 4pm Holy Trinity and their Conference/Synodical Neighbors: **RE- INTRODUCING OURSELVES TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE SIT:**

Theological and Practical Reflections

There is no cost to attend; please contact the church office (<u>info@holytrinitybuffalo.org</u>) indicating the number of people coming from your 'neighborhood.'

Location:

1080 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14209 (716-886-2400)

+ Sunday

8:30 &10:30 The Rev. Dr. Scharen brings a Missional Word from God

But wanting to justify himself, (the lawyer) asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" – Luke 10: 29

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