

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 19, 2022 Second Sunday after Pentecost 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

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

PRELUDE

Triptych for Manuals (1974)

- 1. Fast and Lyrical
- 2. Adagio

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

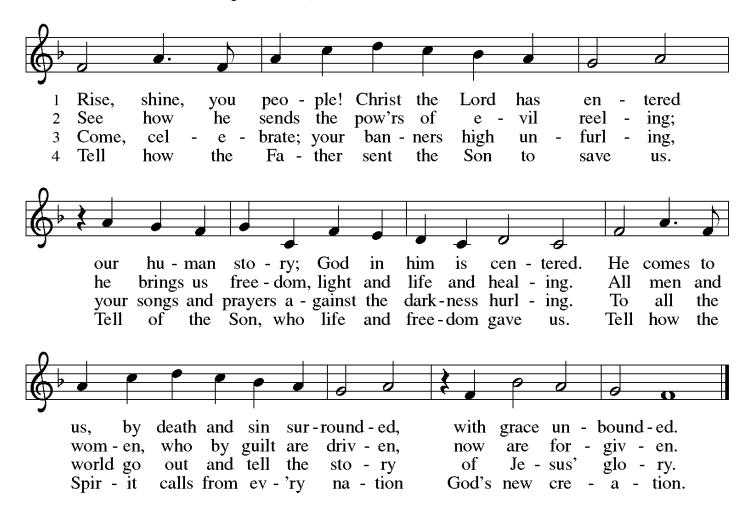
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

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

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

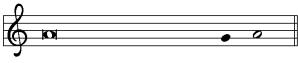
Amen.

GREETING

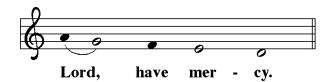
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

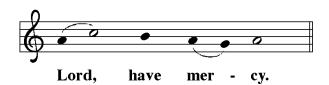


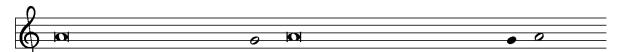
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



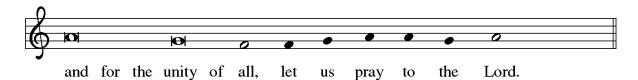


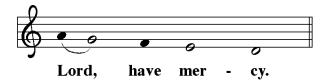
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

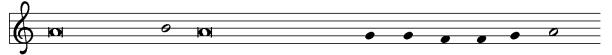




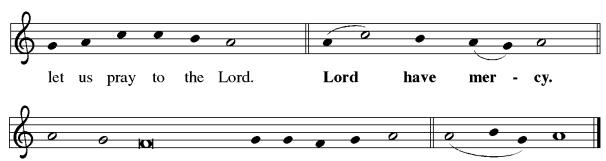
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The first reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 65th Chapter.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills.

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Balm in Gilead
Text: Jeremiah 8:22

African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Karen D'Angelo, soprano

(*refrain*) There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole, There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work's in vain, But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (*refrain*)

If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul, Go home and tell you neighbor, "He died to save us all." (*refrain*)

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

The second reading for today is recorded in Galatians, the 3rd Chapter.

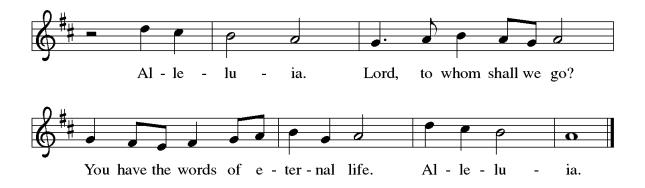
²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

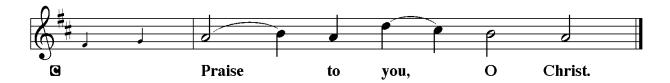


²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing "Azmon"

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- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. 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.

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Cole and Emily. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the Buffalo and Uvalde communities and for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. 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 of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes from Vesperae solennes de confessore K. 339

Text: Psalm 117

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Karen D'Angelo, soprano

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

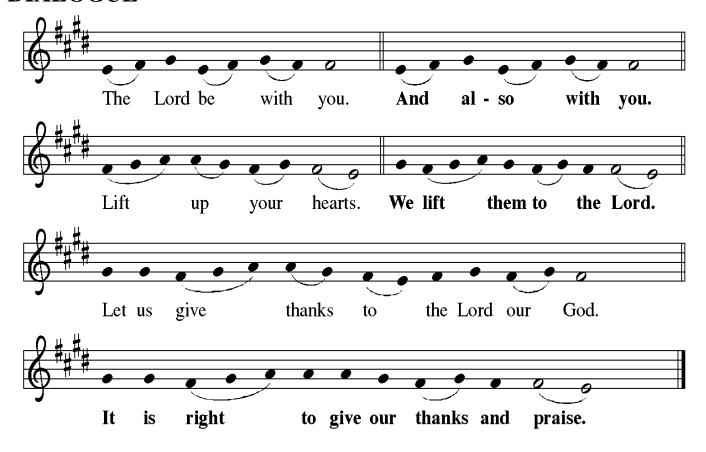
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"Old Hundredth"

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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

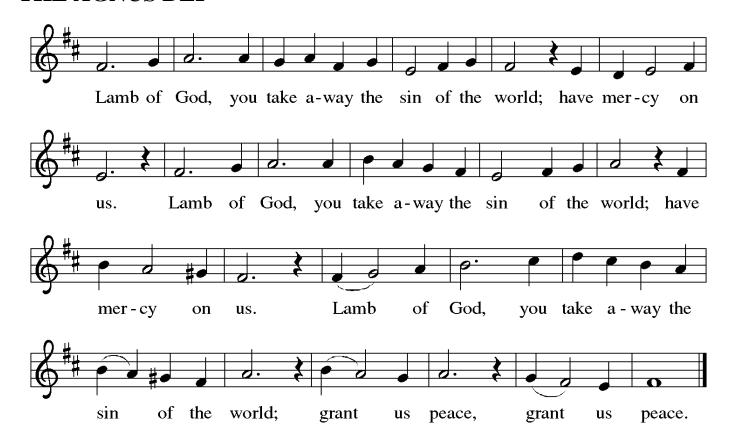
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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 Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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.

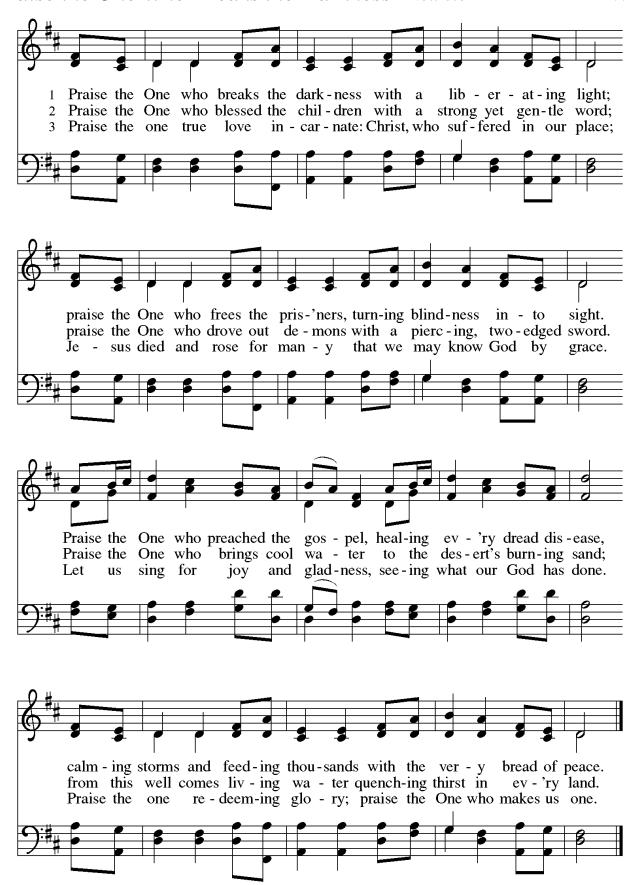
BENEDICTION

The God of peace, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness "Nettleton"

ELW 843



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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Triptych for Manuals (1974) 3. *Very Fast with Fire*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **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, June 19, 2022 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day

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

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

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

MONDAY, June 20, 2022 Juneteenth Observed

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 a.m. Summer Series Bible Study (FR)

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

7:00 p.m. Summer Series Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, June 21, 2022

7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2022

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

12:00 p.m. Property Meeting (RH)

7:00 p.m. Call Committee Meeting (CR)

THURSDAY, June 23, 2022

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

7:00 p.m. Story Time

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

SATURDAY, June 25, 2022

11:00 a.m. Ethel Schleifer Memorial Service (MC)

SUNDAY, June 26, 2022 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Brenda's Last Day at HT

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

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

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Pastor Brenda Reception (RH)



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Todd Kroening. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship Assistant is Rowan Leiser. Reader is Todd Kroening.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Marty Bauer. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty and Helen Wright. Worship Assistant is Ellie Yap.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Joan Pellnat by Jim, Beth, Sara, Marissa and Madison Pellnat.

Council Treasurer Guy Huber 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 Cole and Emily Schweikhard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Juneteenth. Pastor Carroll will still hold both sessions of Bible Study.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SESSION: Pastor Carroll invites you to join him in a MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SERIES. The five-part sessions will be held: June 20, 27; July 25 and August 1. Sessions will be held at 9:30am and 7pm in the Fellowship Room. The topic will be an "Overview of the Gospel Luke" and will be taught by Bishop Tim Smith (of the NC Synod) via the 'miracle' of YouTube.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY for Pastor Brenda's final service with us. We will be holding a special coffee hour in her honor following the 10:30 service.

CALL COMMITTEE: The Call Committee will meet again on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

GOLF OUTING: All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Monday, July 11 at Pendleton Creek Golf Club. Cost for the day is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast, nine-hole scramble and a BBQ lunch. The cost for lunch only is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

VBS: Holy Trinity, partnering with Parkside Lutheran Church, will once again be offering Vacation Bible School at Parkside Lutheran (2 Wallace Ave.) running July 25-29 from 5:30-8:00pm as provided by ELCA World Hunger. This year's theme is 'Tree of Healing' and offers a chance for children and adults to consider what health means and how God invites us to share in the building of a just world where all can enjoy the gifts of God's creation. *Dinner will be provided upon arrival for all campers.* We need VOLUNTEERS! Please go to https://www.myvbs.org/parksidelutheran to register as a volunteer. Children ages Pre-K (3 by 12/31/21 & potty trained) through entering 6th grade are welcome to join us! Register now at https://www.myvbs.org/parksidelutheran/

LUCY AND DESI: Come, Bring your Lunch and join us on Thursday, August 11 at Noon in the Fellowship Room, to watch "LUCY and DESI". From director Amy Poehler, Lucy and Desi explores the unlikely partnership and enduring legacy of one of the most prolific power couples in entertainment history. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz risked everything to be together. Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Popcorn will be provided.) **NEED A RIDE ON THE CONGREGATION'S VAN?** Call/email Linda to reserve your seat no later than 4pm on 8/10. You will be contacted to arrange your pick-up time. Please let us know how many from your party, so that we might "pop" enough corn. (This Event is an effort to address our 2022 <u>Strategic Plan's</u> strategy of: *Reaching – Out to our senior members.*)

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. 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.

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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