

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 10, 2022 Fifth 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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Hankey' (I Love to Tell the Story)

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome "Two Oaks"

ELW 641



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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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.**

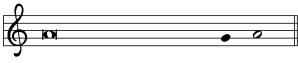
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GREETING

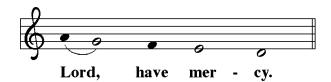
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

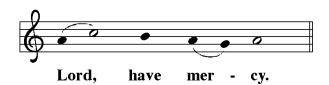


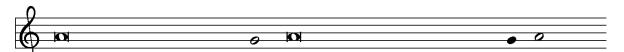
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





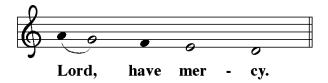
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

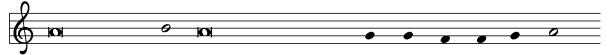




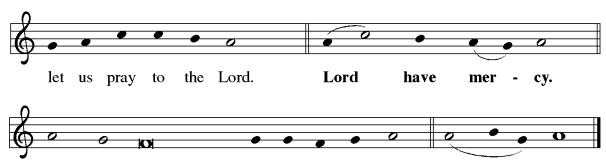
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 30th Chapter.

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Walk Together Children

African-American Spiritual Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna walk and never tire, oh, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'. Gonna sing and never tire, oh, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'. Gonna shout and never tire, oh, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

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

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

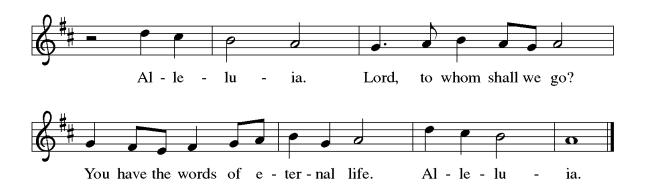
⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

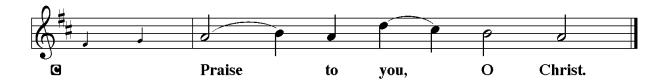
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen **Missional Pastor** St. Lydia's Dinner Church

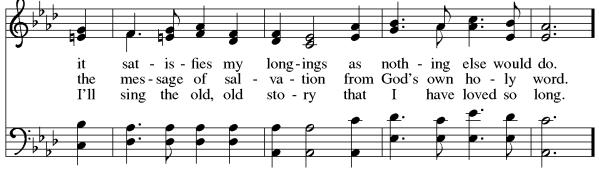
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SERMON HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story "Hankey"

ELW 661









Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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

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

A brief silence.

Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. 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 Lutheran Churches. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, during this season of the Church Year that we are reminded of YOUR POWER and PRESENCE in our lives and within the life of YOUR congregation bring: WISDOM - FORTITUDE - GUIDANCE to our Call Committee and potential Candidates for the Lead pastor of our congregation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the East-Buffalo community and all those affected by mass shootings. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid, and advocacy support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those continuing on the front line of this Covid pandemic. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Audrey and August and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God of grace, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. We remember the life, love, and faith of John MacDonald. 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.

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822–1890)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Bread of Angels, made the bread of men; the Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: a thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble.

We beseech Thee, Godhead One in Three, that Thou wilt visit us, as we worship Thee, lead us through Thy ways, we who wish to reach the light in which Thou dwellest.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

How Lovely are the Messengers from St. Paul Op. 36, Part II

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace, to all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

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

ELW 885

"Old Hundredth"

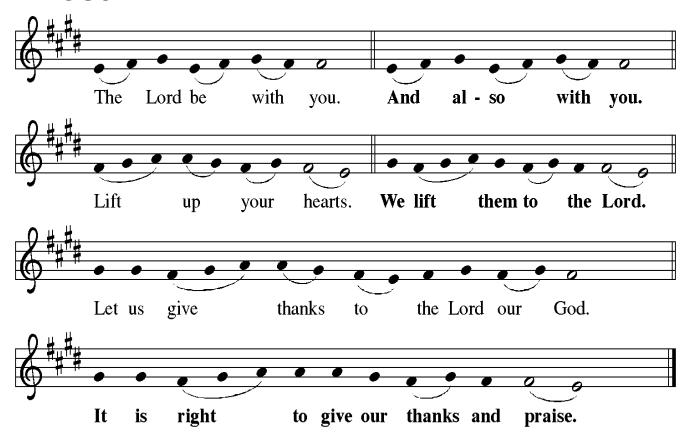
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

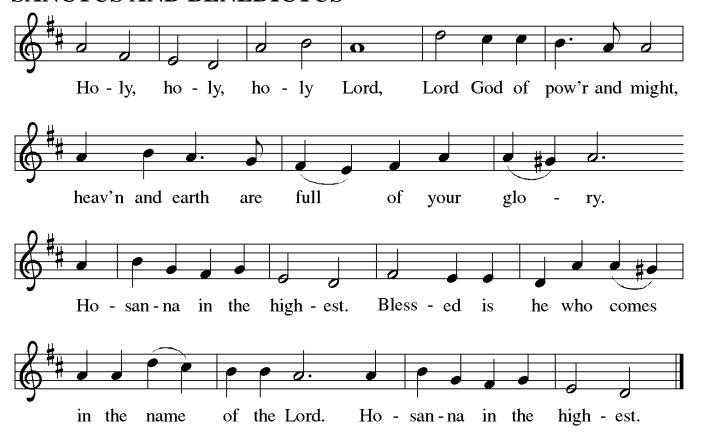
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, 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 Holy agreement 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.

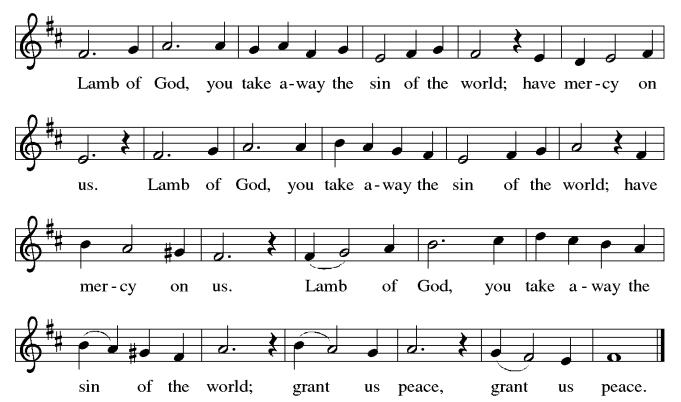
Amen.

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



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.

(10:30)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual Arr. Leo Nestor (b. 1948)

Holly Holdaway, mezzo-soprano

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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.**

The Church of Christ, in Every Age "Wareham"



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000 Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Great Day'

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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

THE DISMISSAL

The worship has ended; the service begins. Go in peace. 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.

There will be no coffee hour for the summer months. We will resume after Labor Day.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 10, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

MONDAY, July 11, 2022

8:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Golf Tournament at Pendleton

6:00 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, July 12, 2022

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

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022

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

12:00 p.m. Staff luncheon with Personnel (FR)

THURSDAY, July 14, 2022

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

SUNDAY, July 17, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

 $\begin{array}{lll} CH = Mansperger\ Chapel & CI = Crib\ Room & CR = Conference\ Room \\ FR = Fellowship\ Room & FI = Fireside\ Room/Library & MC = Main\ Church \\ MR = Music\ Room & PS = Pastor's\ Study & RH = Redeemer\ Hall \\ SC = Sacristy & SS = Sunday\ School & YR = Youth\ Room \end{array}$



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Todd Kroening. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham. Reader is Todd Kroening.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Reader is Vicki Ross. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Dan Griebel and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given: In Loving Memory of Ray and Jeanette Heiss by Al Heiss and Family.

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 Audrey and August Solberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SCHEDULE: The 8:30 service will return to the Chapel beginning today. Both the 8:30 and 10:30 services will return to the Chapel on July 24 for the remainder of the summer.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SESSION: Pastor Carroll invites you to join him in a MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SERIES. The sessions will be held: 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.

REPORT FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE: The Call Committee wishes to report to our members that after much prayer, conversation with the candidate, and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have declined to recommend this candidate to the Church Council. We have therefore asked Bishop Miller for another candidate to consider. It was our consideration that the first candidate did not have adequate experience to serve as Lead Pastor of Holy Trinity.

VBS: Holy Trinity, partnering with Parkside Lutheran Church, will be holding Vacation Bible School at **Parkside Lutheran** (2 Wallace Ave.) running July 25-29 from 5:30-8:00pm. Registration is now closed, however, volunteers are still needed. Please go to https://www.myvbs.org/parksidelutheran to register as a volunteer.

CGN: Did you know that the Faith in Action committee is supporting the Community of Good Neighbors by purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables for the Wednesday food distribution? Monetary donations are gratefully received. Please indicate "CGN Produce" on a check or a note with a cash donation in an envelope.

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. 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 Strategic Plan's strategy of: Reaching – Out to our senior members.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you have a child to enroll in Nursery or Sunday School classes in the Fall, please fill out a registration form and return to the church office as soon as possible as it makes planning much easier. Registration forms may be found on the tables at the entrance ways or in the weekly email.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date is available- July 31- 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

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.

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