

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 3, 2022 Fourth 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

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

Shalom (Peace) from $The\ Aeolian\ Sonata$

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

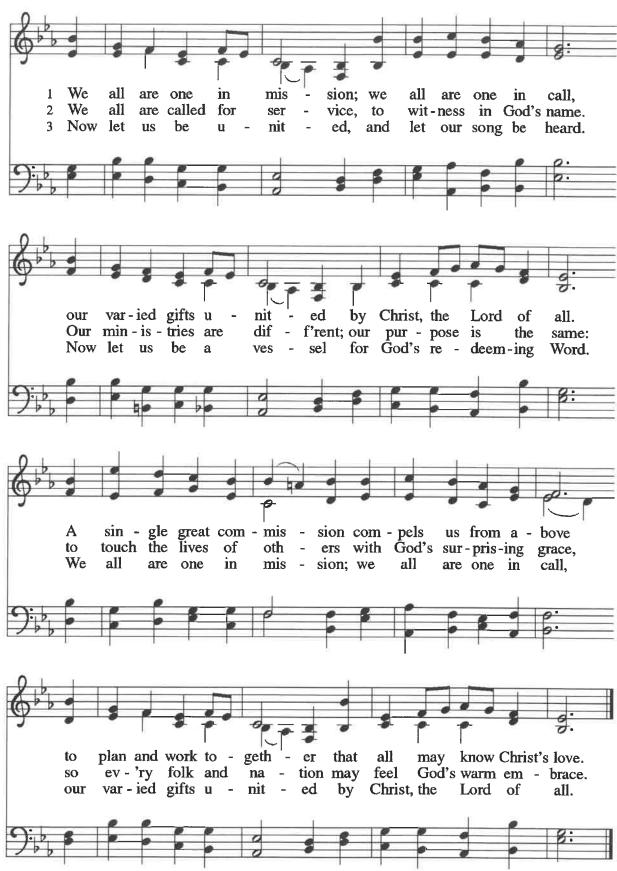
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We All Are One in Mission "Kuortane"

ELW 576



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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.**

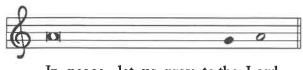
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GREETING

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



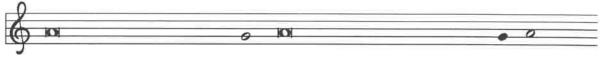
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



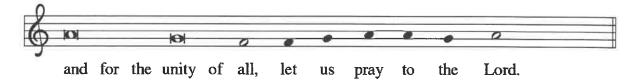


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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







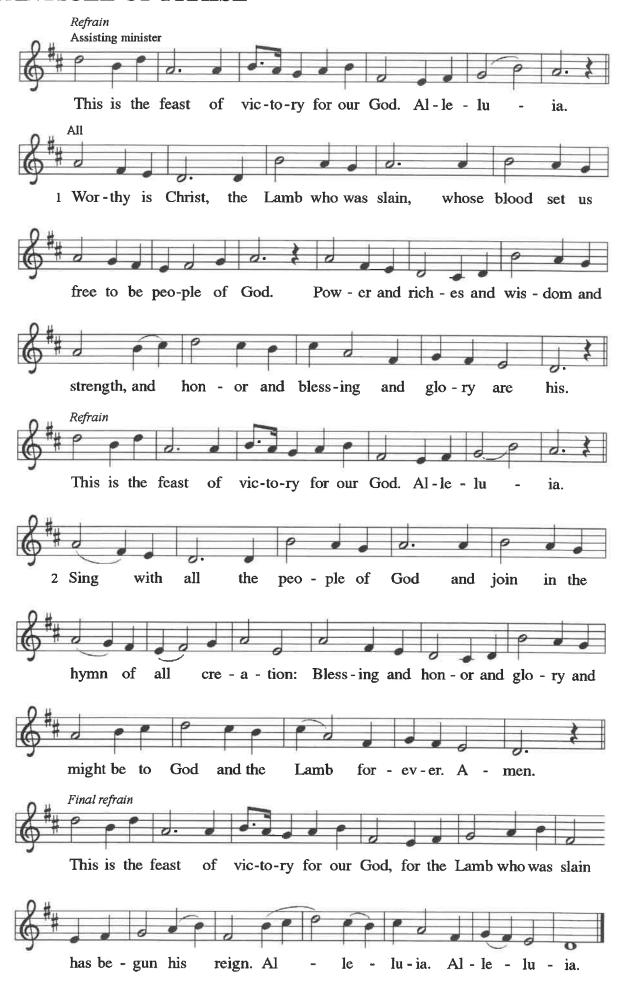
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 66th Chapter.

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her-

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Hear ye, Israel from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Amie Adams, soprano

Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, had'st thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee!" Say, who art thou that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

The second reading for today is recorded in Galatians, the 6th Chapter.

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.

Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride.

⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

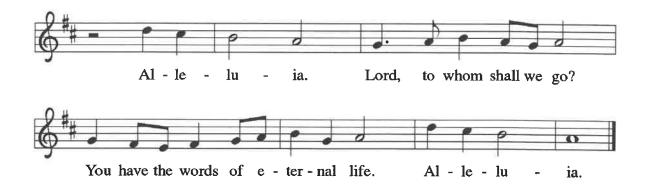
¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house. 8Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll "NO LOLLA GAGGING"

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize "St. Denio"

ELW 575



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt. Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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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.

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. 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.

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. 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 Senior/Lead pastor of our congregation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. 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 desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving. 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 Ella and Jacob and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. We remember the life, love, and faith of Michele Hale-Shay. 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

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Amie Adams, soprano

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

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

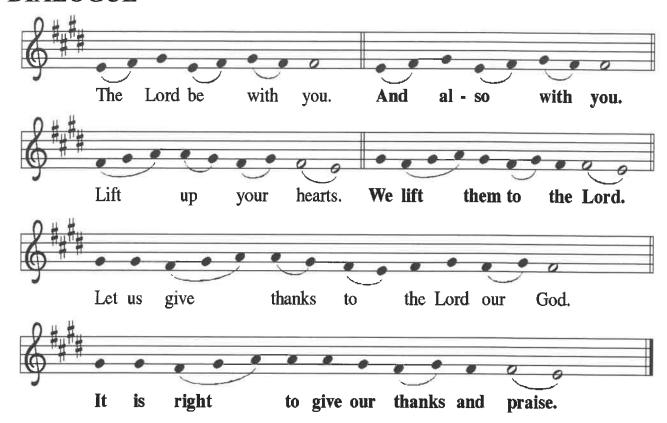
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

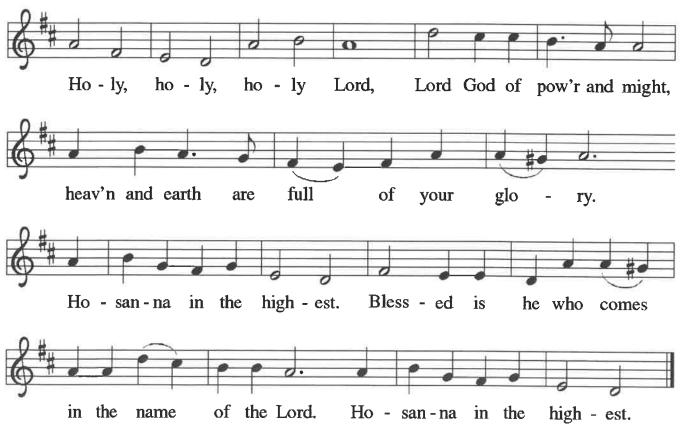
DIALOGUE



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 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.

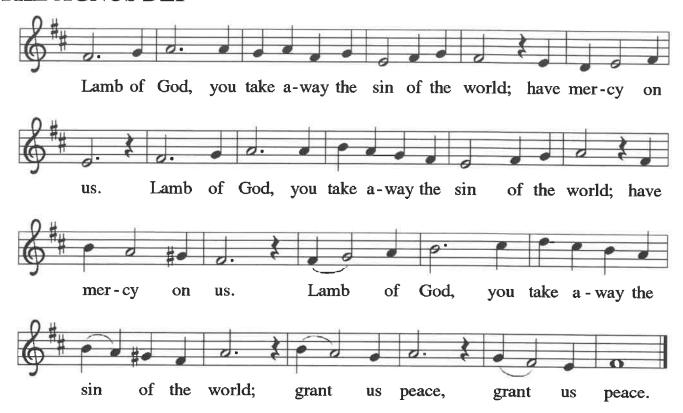
Amen.

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



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, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land "National Anthem"

ELW 891



Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893 Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744 Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Variations on "America"
1. Tune 2. Mirror Cannon 3. Poco Allegro 5. Toccata

Austin Lovelace (1919-2010)

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 3, 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

3:30 p.m. Abraham/Smith Wedding (MC)

MONDAY, July 4, 2022 Independence Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, July 5, 2022

5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR)

THURSDAY, July 7, 2022

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

SATURDAY, July 9, 2022

Happy Birthday Justin Pomietlarz

10:00 a.m. Who Is My Neighbor w/ Rev. Dr. Christian Scharen

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)

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



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Schmidt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Avery Best. Reader is Linda Schmidt.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Pat Lonergan. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

To the Glory of God on our Anniversary and In Honor of Pastor Charles Bang by Orest and Janice Iskalo.

Council Secretary Jen Yap 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 Ella and Jacob Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Independence Day.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: The 8:30 service will return to the Chapel on Sunday, July 10. 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.

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.

MEMORIAL BRICKS: The most recent set of memorial brick dedications are in the process of being engraved. Once the project has been completed, a dedication date will be determined. Please watch the bulletin announcements and/or weekly email for more information.

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.

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/

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

COME, BRING YOUR LUNCH

(Coffee – Tea – Lemonade – POPCORN will be provided)

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A FRIEND --- 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.

WHO: SENIOR CITIZENS (No ID will be required to get in)

WHERE: The Fellowship Hall at 'HT'

WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 @ NOON - 2pm

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.

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PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE COMING IN CARS/ON FOOT --FROM YOUR 'PARTY' – SO THAT WE MIGHT 'POP' ENOUGH CORN.

Pastor Carroll

(This Event is an effort to address our 2022 <u>Strategic Plan's</u> strategy of: *Reaching – Out to our senior members.)*



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

A Day of Reflection Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo NY Saturday, July 9, 2022 (716-886-2400)

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

10:00 am - 1:00 pm **THE MISSIONAL (Evangelism) IMPERATIVE** (Lunch included) Conversation with Dr. Scharen and the Leadership of Holy Trinity (council and committee/task force leaders)

1:00 - 4:00 pm RE-INTRODUCING OURSELVES TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE SIT: Theological and Practical Reflections

For Members of Holy Trinity and Conference/Synodical Neighbors

There is no cost to attend, we ask you to please contact the church office at: 716-886-2400 or info@holytrinitybuffalo.org indicating the number of people coming from your 'neighborhood.'

Sunday, July 10, 2022

8:30am and 10:30am 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

A practical theologian and current missional pastor at St. Lydia's Dinner Church in Brooklyn, New York, Scharen was ordained a pastor in the ELCA in 2001. He holds a PhD in religion from Emory University and has written or edited more than a dozen books and many articles, book chapters, and research reports on religious organizations, religion and culture, social justice, and theological education. He enjoys cooking, poetry, and music, especially learning to play on his grandfather's 1910 Washburn bowl back mandolin. He and his partner, Pierrette, have three adult children, Isaiah, Finn, and Owen--and a bulldog named Walt.

Some recent books authored or coauthored:

Someone Has To Care: The Roots [musical group on the Jimmy Fallon Show] and Hip – Hop's Prophetic Calling (Cascade, 2021)

Welcome to this exploration of the Roots of hip-hop. The roots of hip-hop, as in the Roots—a story of one of the most enduring, multi-talented, and successful groups of the past thirty years in any genre—and the story of the roots of hip-hop, that is, the story of hip-hop, a musical culture born in New York's South Bronx during the 1970s. Alongside the two hip-hop stories I tell here, I also tell the story about what God has to do with the Roots of hip-hop—a theological story, if you will. I describe how, in the process of becoming one of the most creative faith-rooted voices in music today, the Roots' developed a calling as artists. And I do this, in part, to say that you, too, can discover and live your prophetic calling. You can't help but be inspired by the Roots. Yet the best result of that is that you become inspired to be your most playful, passionate, purposeful, prophetic self in the world around you.

Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters May 5, 2016, by Dorothy C. Bass, Kathleen A. Cahalan, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, Christian Scharen

In this richly collaborative work, five distinguished scholars examine the oft-neglected embodied practical wisdom that is essential for true theological understanding and faithful Christian living. After first showing what Christian practical wisdom is and does in several real-life situations, the authors tell why such practical wisdom matters and how it operates, exploring reasons behind its decline in both the academy and the church and setting forth constructive cases for its renewal.

See also:

Fieldwork in Theology: The Church and Postmodern Culture): Exploring the Social Context of God's Work in the World (Baker, 2015)

Serving the Assembly's Worship: A Handbook for Assisting Ministers (Augsburg, 2013) Faith as a Way of Life: A Vision for Pastoral Leadership (Eerdmans, 2008)

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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