

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 17, 2022 Sixth 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

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV730 and 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

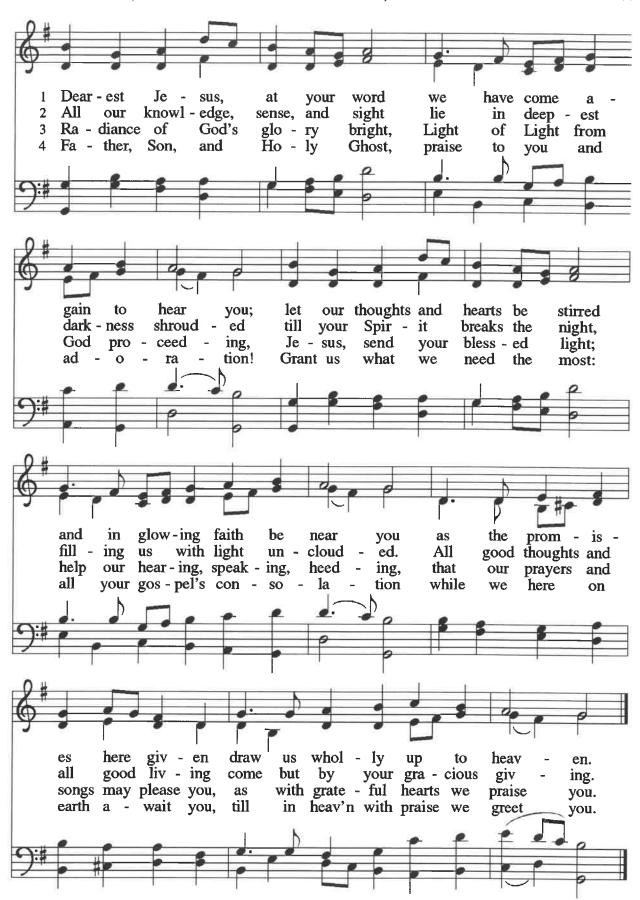
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier"



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.

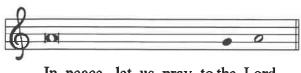
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GREETING

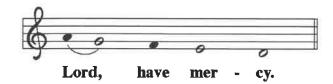
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

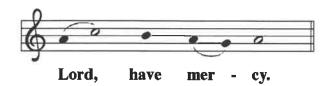


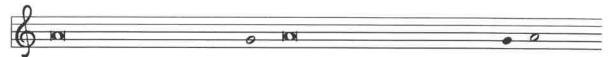
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



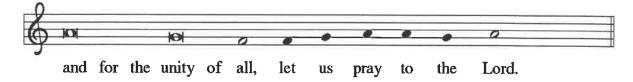


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





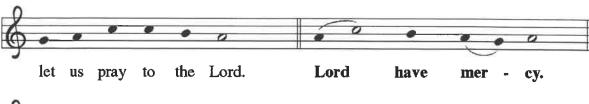
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







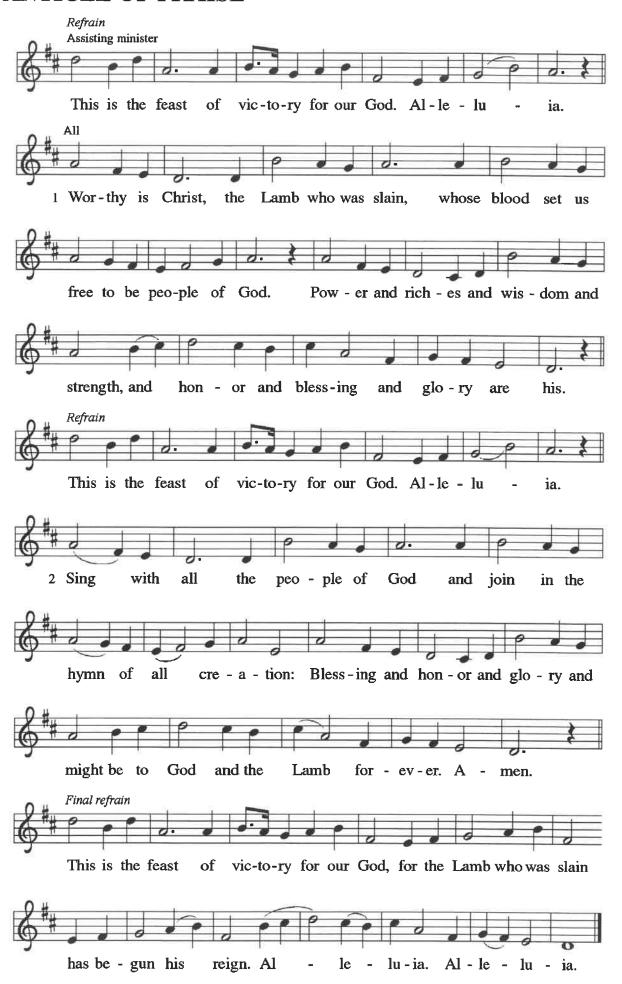
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 18th Chapter.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁶Andaham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ®Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Songs My Mother Taught Me (S. 361, composed 1895) Text: Adolf Heyduk (1835-1923) Charles Ives (1874-1954)

Carolyn Lansom, alto

Songs my mother taught me in the days long vanished, Seldom from her eyelids were the tear drops banished. Now I teach my children each melodious measure; Often tears are flowing from my memory's treasure.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

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

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—
²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

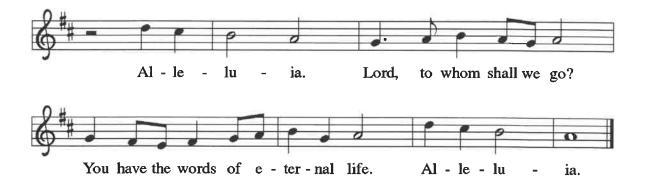
²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

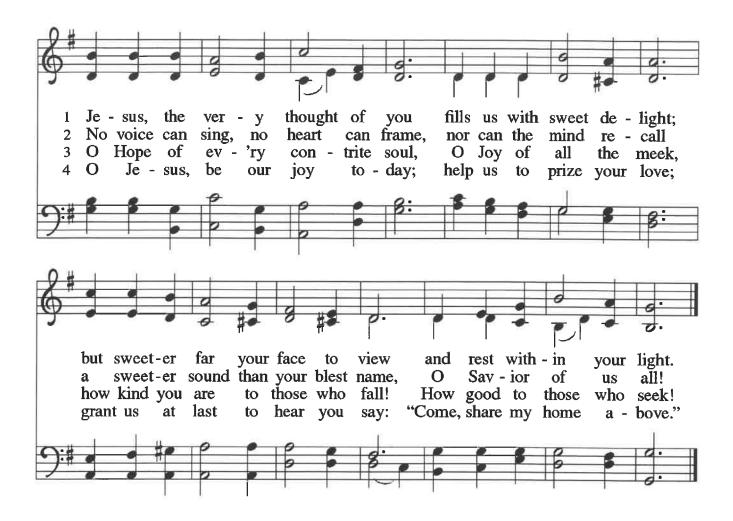


Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Randy Milleville

Please stand as you are able.



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by 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 Lutheran Churches. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. 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.

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. 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.

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. 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 Devin and Casen and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God of grace, hear our prayer.

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace, hear our prayer.

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. 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

O Rest in the Lord from Elijah Op. 70, No. 31

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Carolyn Lansom, alto

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evil doers.

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.

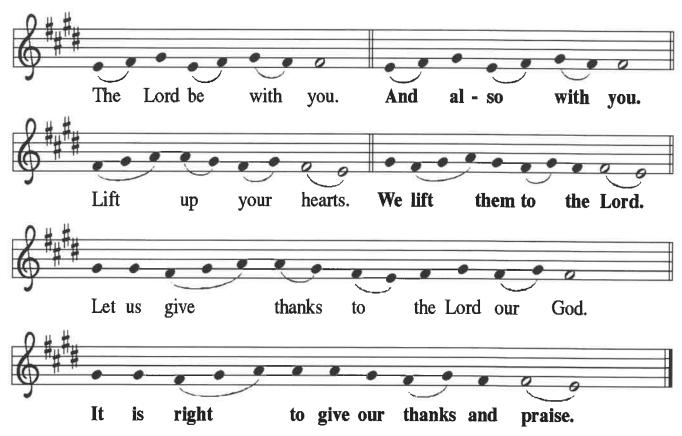
OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth"

ELW 885

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.

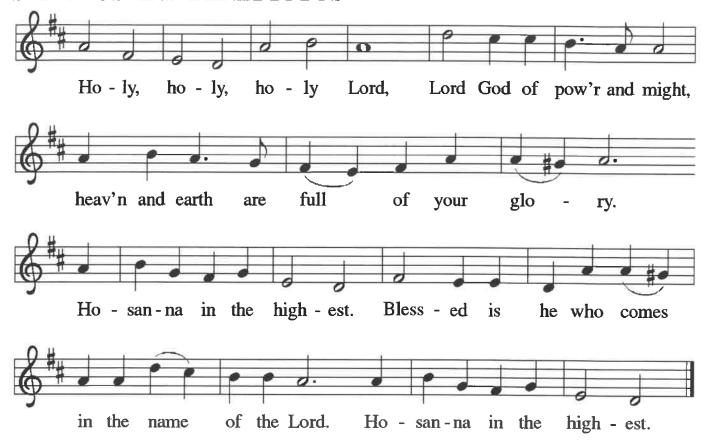
DIALOGUE



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.

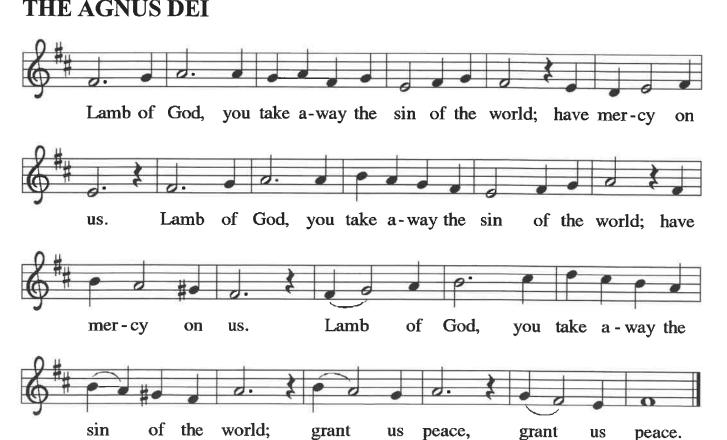
Amen.

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 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

Give Me Jesus "Give Me Jesus"

ELW 770



Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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 a light coffee hour in the Fellowship Room following the 8:30 Service.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 17, 2022 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:30 a.m. Light coffee hour (FR)

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

MONDAY, July 18, 2022

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

THURSDAY, July 21, 2022

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

SUNDAY, July 24, 2022 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:30 a.m. Light coffee hour (FR)

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 Judy Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Max Hakansson. Reader is Judy Kroll.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty and Helen Wright. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given: In Memory of Loved Ones by Sue Spindler; and In Honor of our granddaughters Ella Hope and Hannah Grace and our grandson, Walker James by Paul and Karen Bauchle.

Council Vice-President Kathy Crissey 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 Devin and Casen Thompson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR CARROLL will be away this week attending the Lutheran gathering at Silver Bay. Pastor Carroll will be leading sessions on: African Descent Lutheranism. If anyone is in need of emergency pastoral care, please contact Pastor Neil Kattermann at 716-474-9218, or you may call the church office.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: The 8:30 service has returned to the Chapel. Due to the estimated 30 family members attending a baptism on July 31 at the 10:30 service, the Council has moved our 10:30 Service being in the chapel (for the summer) to August 7.

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.

MEMORIAL BRICK DEDICATION: The most recent set of memorial bricks have been engraved. We will be holding a **special dedication ceremony** on Sunday, August 14, after the 10:30 service by the Memorial Fountain, located between the Church and the Community of Good Neighbors office.

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.

HELP NEEDED in Holy Trinity's Communications Efforts: Would YOU or someone you know (including college age folks) have an interest in evaluating and maintaining Holy Trinity's website and Facebook media platforms? Please contact Pastor Carroll indicating your availability for conversation.

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.

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.

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 Mr. 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.)

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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