

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 14, 2022 Tenth 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

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

PRELUDE

Préambule

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

JiHyun Woo, organist

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers "St. Catherine"

ELW 813



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain Text sts. 2-4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. 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.

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.

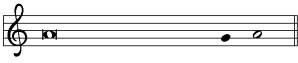
Amen.

GREETING

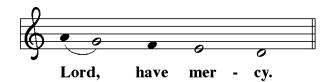
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

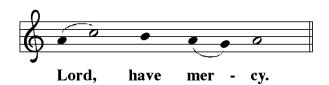


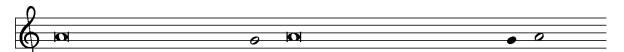
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



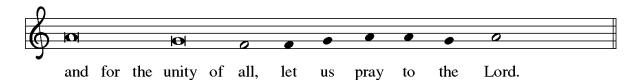


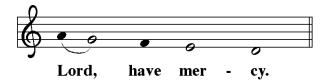
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

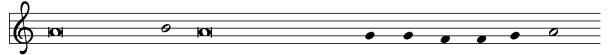




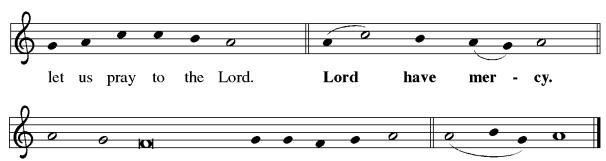
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(10:30)

THE RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Clyde and Valerie Hickok

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

The first reading for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Jeremiah, the 23rd Chapter.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Preist des Erlosers Gute

Ludwig van Beethoven

from Christus am Olberge Op. 85

(1770-1827)

Holly Holdaway, soprano

Tremble, Earth, God's Son lies here!

His face deep in dust depressed, by the Father entirely abandonned,

And suffers unutterable torment.

The benevolent one!

He is willing, a martyr's death to die,

So that the people, that he loves, from death arise and eternally live.

Praise the Redeemer's kindness, people praise thy favor!

He dies for you out of love, His blood wipes out your guilt.

O rejoice! you redeemed, you receive bliss,

When you constant in love, in faith and hope remain.

But woe the impudent, dishonoring the blood that for them flowed,

They meet with the curse of the judge, damnation is their lot.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 11th and 12th Chapters.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

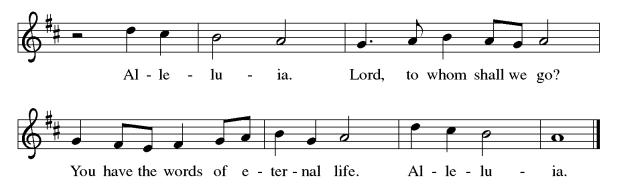
³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

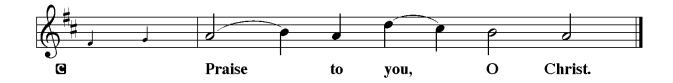
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

- All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
 God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.
- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught. Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. 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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

receive 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. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the East-Buffalo community and all those affected by mass shootings and for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Nathaniel and Adrianna and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. We remember the life, love and faith of Jean, Smith, Kathryn, Donald, Myrtle and Michael. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **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

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

Holly Holdaway, soprano

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb, lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace, Give to us, give peace.

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"

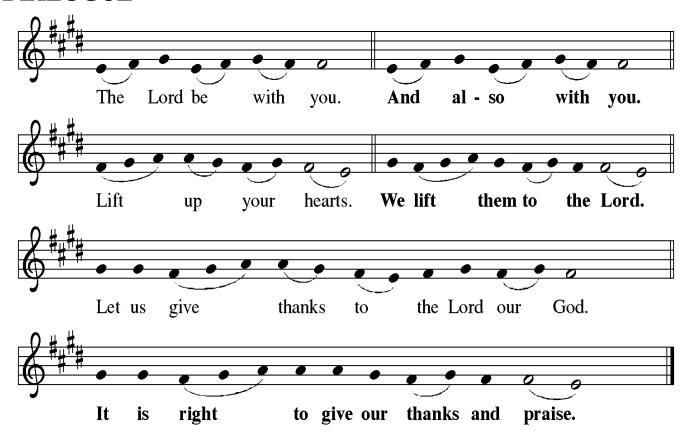
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

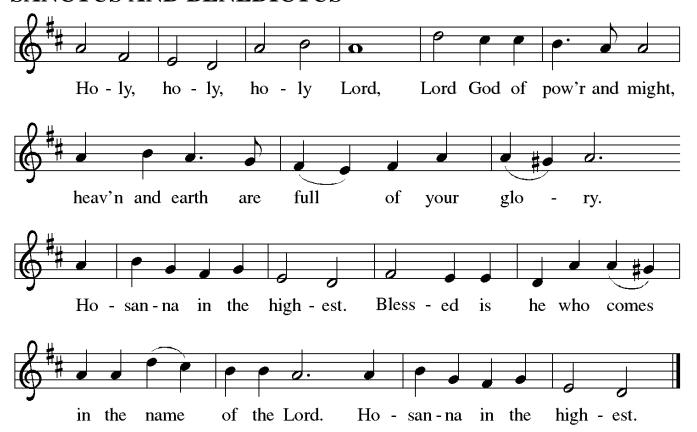
DIALOGUE



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.

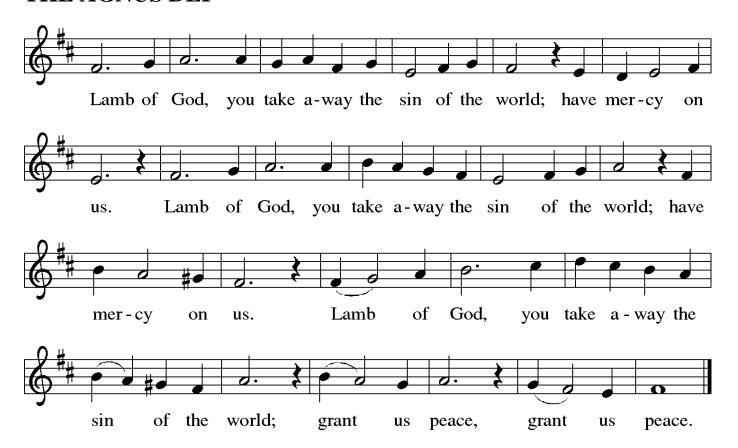
Amen.

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



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.

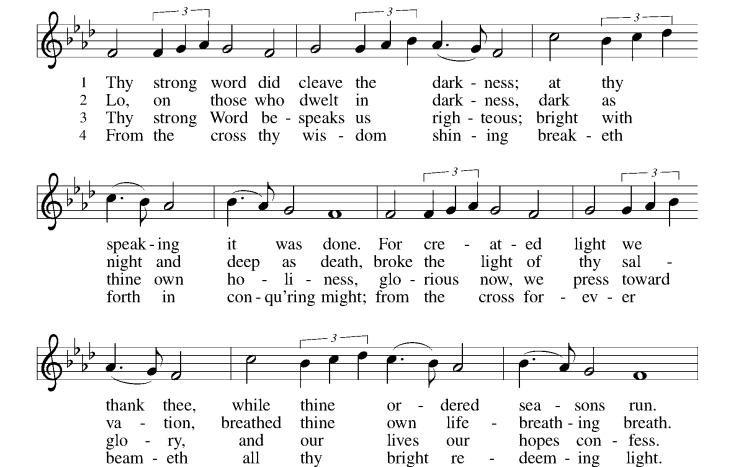
BENEDICTION

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

Thy Strong Word "Ebenezer"

ELW 511





Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on Engelberg

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

JiHyun Woo, organist

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.

After the 10:30 service, please join us in the Memorial Courtyard, located between the Church and Community of Good Neighbors office, for a special brick dedication ceremony.

IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Nikischer
Walter & Doris Stroman
John, Daniel, Dan & Josh
Sheldon Merritt
Laura Dell Blaschke Vlasak
Norma Lee Blaschke Payne
Rev. Dr. & Mrs. C. Charles Bachmann
Katrina Wobschall
Carlton Hughes
Eleanor Busch
Karen Howard
Tony DeSabio

In HONOR OF:

Judy Hardie Amanda, Vicky, Tony, Jenny David Mott, Gloria Rote

In Memory of the 5/14/2022 Victims

R. Whitfield, R. Drury, A. Salter, H. Patterson, P. Young, G. Talley, C. Chaney, K. Massey, M. Morrison, A. Mackneil

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

9:30 a.m. Nurses Meeting (CR)

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

11:45 a.m. Brick Dedication at Memorial Courtyard

MONDAY, August 15, 2022

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

THURSDAY, August 18, 2022

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

SUNDAY, August 21, 2022 – Eleventh 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 (CH)

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



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader are Todd Kroening. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Ellie Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matt Brown. Reader is Franz Ross. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty and Helen Wright. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of my wife Jean Clare and on the occasion of what would have been our 74th Wedding anniversary by Roy Clare; and In Loving Memory of Smith and Kathryn Wright, Donald and Myrtle Jones and Detective Michael Smith Phillips by the Martin Wright Family.

Council member Elizabeth Vihnanek will be in the Chapel narthex 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 Nathaniel and Adrianna Wareham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank you and warm welcome to our guest organist, Dr. JiHyun Woo, senior lecturer of music theory and organ at SUNY Fredonia. Dr. Woo will also be with us next week as Kristen and Justin enjoy a few weeks of family travel. Welcome Dr. Woo!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Faith Formation Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the 2022-23 Sunday School Classes. The schedule is flexible and working with the children is enriching and rewarding. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering to be part of the Faith Formation Staff. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have.

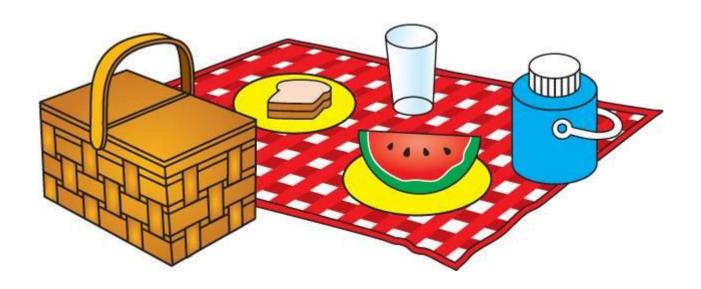
FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 9am to Noon. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu shot early.

BURRITO PROJECT UPDATE: Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center has offered to help Holy Trinity by making and distributing burritos during the months of August and September. They will gather with our group on October 4. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the church office, Guy Huber or Barb Wozniak.

GRIEF/SHARE is a network of grief recovery support group meetings. You will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. Meetings run each Wednesday through October 19 at 11:00am at Abiding Savior, 1534 Ruie Road, North Tonawanda. For more information, please call Karen Hirnle at 716-694-2514.

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CONGREGATION AND TRINITY TOWERS COMMUNITY PICNIC



Sunday, September 18, 2022 11:45 (after 10:30 worship service)

Lunch will be provided.

This event will take place in the parking lot near the bell tower, unless weather is prohibitive, then we will gather in Redeemer Hall. (Basement level)

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

Congregational Council

Barb Wozniak, President Kathy Crissey, Vice-President Guy Huber, Treasurer Jennifer Yap, Secretary

Paul Bauchle, Matthew Brown, Julius Carroll, Pastor Linda Horton, Fred Howard, Pat Lonergan, Eliana Perez, Raúl Saona and Elizabeth Vihnanek

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