

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Eleventh 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

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE

Praeludium in g minor BWV 558

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

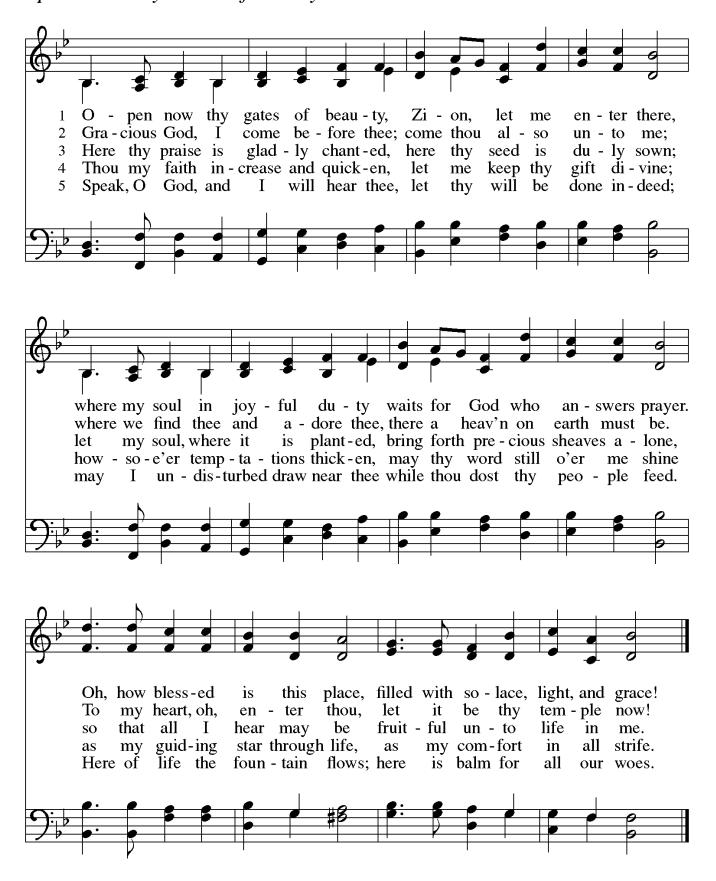
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty "Unser Herrscher"

ELW 533



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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.

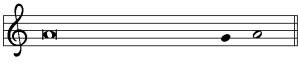
Amen.

GREETING

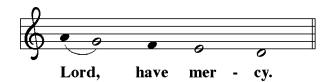
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

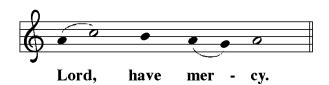


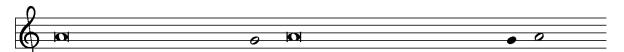
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



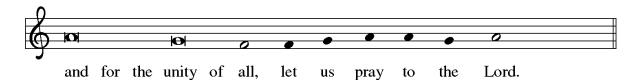


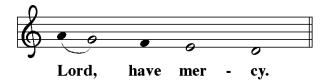
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

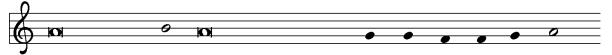




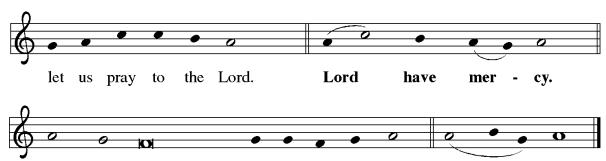
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The first reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 58th Chapter.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

My Life's Delight Op. 12, No. 2 from Seven Elizabethan Lyrics

Roger Quilter (1877-1953)

Ky VerHoef, baritone

Come, O come, my life's delight!

Let me not in languor pine:

Love loves no delay, thy sight

The more enjoyed, the more divine.

O come, and take from me

The pain of being deprived of thee.

Thou all sweetness dost enclose,

Like a little world of bliss:

Beauty guards thy looks: the rose

In them pure and eternal is.

Come then! and make thy flight

As swift to me as heavenly light!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 12th Chapter.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

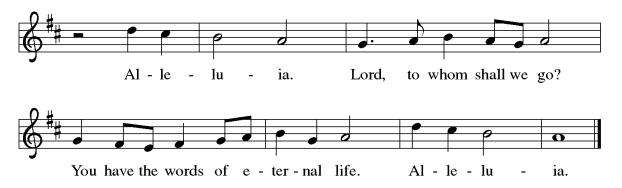
²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



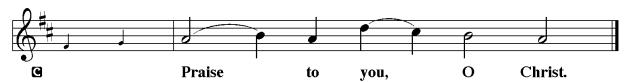
GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

"Careth Thou Not That We Perish?"

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness "Ellacombe"

ELW 521



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

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.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. 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.

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. 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.**

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.

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Mason and Waverly and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. We remember the life, love and faith of John and Victoria. 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

Because of thy Great Bounty

Leon Abbott Hoffmeister (1893-1966)

Ky VerHoef, baritone

Because I have been given much, I too shall give.

Because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live I shall divide my gifts from Thee With ev'ry brother that I see who has the need to help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed by Thy good care,

I cannot see another's lack and I not share my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter overhead,

That he, too, may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord,

A wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,

I shall give love to all I see, all who need my sympathy.

Thus shall I show my thanks to Thee.

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"

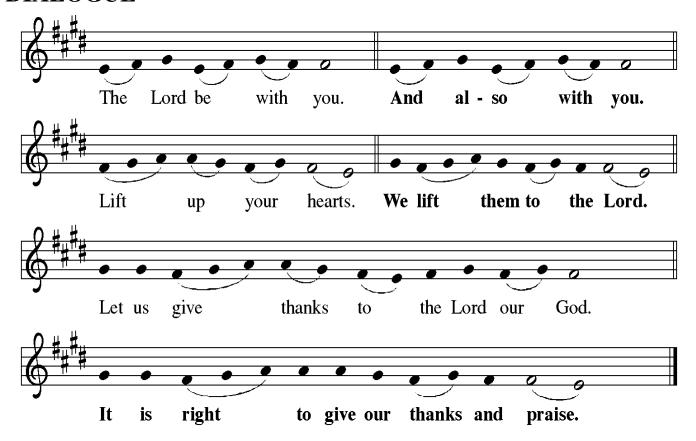
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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.

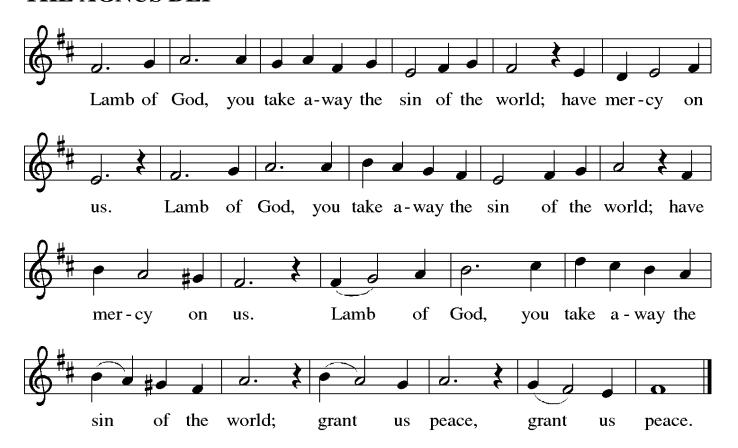
Amen.

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.**



Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in g minor BWV 558

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, 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)

MONDAY, August 22, 2022

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

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

WEDNESDAY, August 24, 2022

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

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, August 25, 2022

5:30 p.m. Youth Event (FR)

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

FRIDAY, August 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. Explore Buffalo Tour

SUNDAY, August 28, 2022 – Twelfth 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 Judy Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Constantino Perez.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Barb Wozniak. Reader is Guy Huber. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolyte is Avery Best.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of their parents John and Victoria Caffarelli by Donna Leiser and Mary Linda Schmidt and their Families.

Council President Barb Wozniak 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 Mason and Waverly Wobschall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. You will also need your doctor's name and address. 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.

Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The following date is available- August 28th-1 or 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 \$50 each.

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.



An evening at HT for the young (and young at heart!)

Have you missed seeing your Faith Formation and Youth Choir friends during the summer?

Let's reconnect!

Everyone, especially youth ages 5 and older, are invited to gather for friendship, food and fun!

When: Thursday, August 25 from 5:30-8pm

Where: Fellowship Room

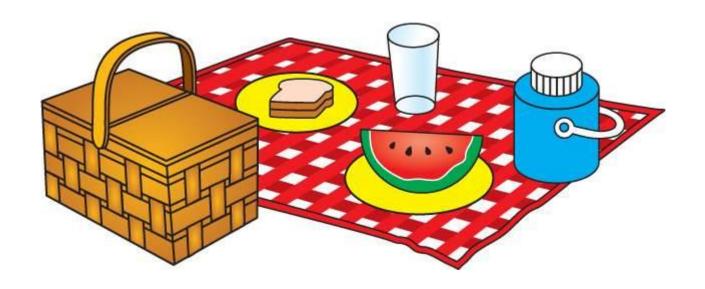
What: Indoor and outdoor games and fellowship. If weather permits, we'll leverage the basketball hoop and sidewalk chalk.

We'll have board games and other activities indoors. Pizza, popcorn and other light snacks will be provided,

RSVP: Please email the church office by Wednesday August 24 to let us know if you plan on joining us so we can plan food accordingly

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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

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

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