

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 28, 2022 Twelfth 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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

PRELUDE

Praeludium in e minor

Nicholas Bruhns (1665-1697)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation "Aurelia"

ELW 654



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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.

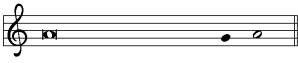
Amen.

GREETING

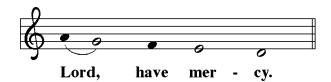
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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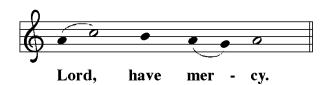


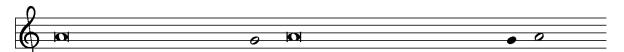
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



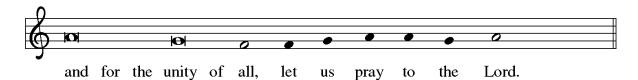


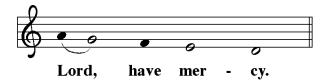
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

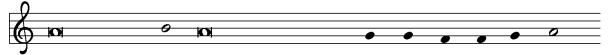




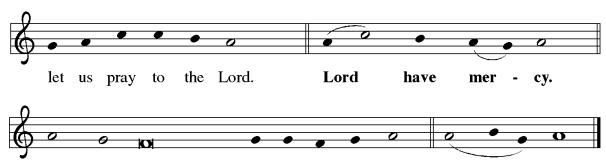
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The first reading for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Proverbs, the 25th Chapter.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

The Call from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Ryan Lockwood, baritone

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 13th Chapter.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

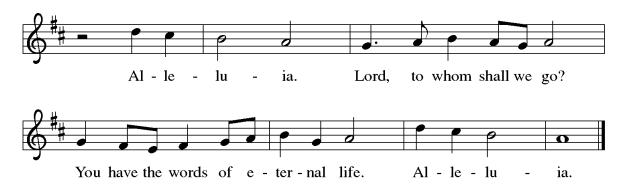
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

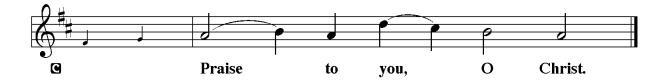


¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

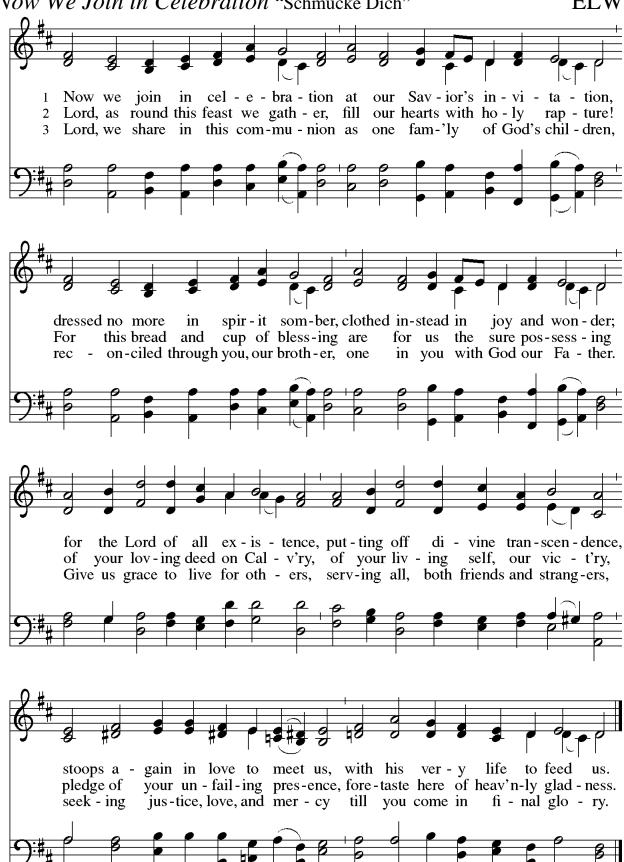
"I'm gonna sit at the Welcome Table – Hallelujah!"

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration "Schmücke Dich"

ELW 462



Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. 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.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. 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.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Madelyn and Ryan and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. 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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Ryan Lockwood, baritone

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees, with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

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"

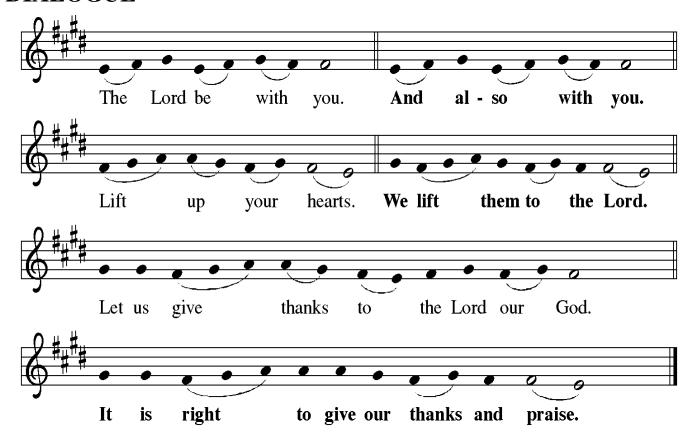
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

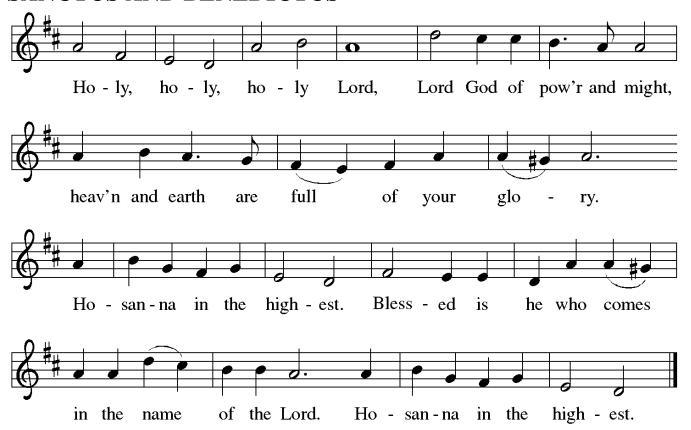
DIALOGUE



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.

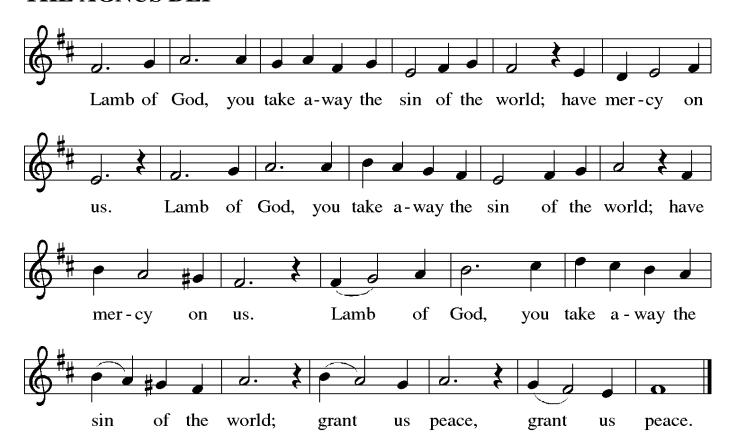
Amen.

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing "The Ash Grove" **ELW 547** Sent forth by God's bless - ing, faith fess - ing, our true con -With praise and thanks - giv - ing God ev er liv - ing, the of God from this dwell - ing peo - ple take leave. ev - 'ry - day life will the tasks of we face our The sup - per end - ed. Oh, be tend - ed is now ex faith ev - er shar - ing, in love car - ing, our ev er fruits of this ser - vice all who lieve. the in be whole hu - man em - brac - ing God's chil - dren. the race. of The Christ's teach - ing, seed cep - tive souls re With feast feed us, with your light your you now reach-ing, shall blos - som ac - tion for God and for all. in in u - nite this life that share. lead us; as one we grace shall cite us, your shall Your love in nite may Then all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing work your king - dom an - swer your call. to for and

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Psalm VXIII

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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 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)

MONDAY, August 29, 2022

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

TUESDAY, August 30, 2022

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, September 1, 2022

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

SUNDAY, September 4, 2022 – Thirteenth 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)

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At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader are Heidemarie Kunz. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matt Brown. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In celebration of the August family birthdays of Martha, Barbara, Luther, Paul, Nancy, Mina and Basil from Elizabeth Vihnanek

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 Ryan and Madelyn Wolf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, Pastor Miranda Hammer, the called part time Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be assisting our congregation as a part time interim for nurturing the congregation. Her responsibilities will include providing pastoral resourcing for the Health Ministry Team; staffing a nurturing team to enable visitation of the homebound; preaching one Sunday during months with five Sundays; providing a pastoral resource for LYO and teaching confirmation classes with Kai Szakmary. Please contact Pastor Carroll or Barb Wozniak with questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will again be collecting school supplies for PS 17. The school houses classes for Pre-K through 4th grade. They are always grateful for any support we are able to provide. Donations may be left in the bin by the entrance way. All supplies are appreciated.

USE YOUR VOICE IN SERVICE TO THE LORD. Opportunities available to read the scripture lessons at the 10:30 worship service. Please submit your name to the church office by voice or email as soon as possible.

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING: The Fellowship Committee will meet on Saturday, September 17 at 10:00am in Redeemer Hall. All are welcome.

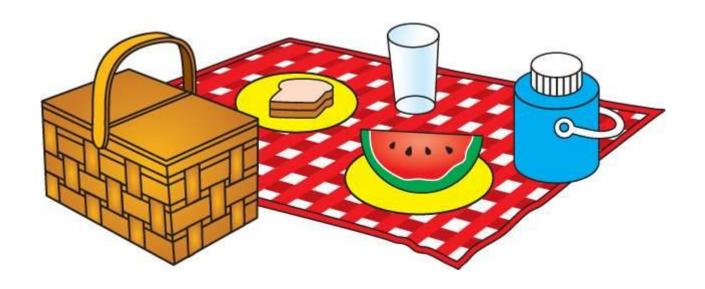
BURRITO PROJECT UPDATE: Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center has offered to help Holy Trinity by making and distributing burritos during the months of August and September. They will gather with our group on October 4. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the church office, Guy Huber or Barb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

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.

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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

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