

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 143<sup>rd</sup> 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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

# **PRELUDE**

Prelude on a Gaelic hymn

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

JiHyun Woo, organ

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens "Holy Manna"

ELW 771



- 1 God, who stretched the span gled heav ens in fi nite in time and place,
- 2 We have ven tured worlds un dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
- 3 As each far ho ri zon beck ons, may it chal-lenge us a new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space: known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space; chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you; probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r, May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do. fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour. great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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#### **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.

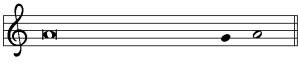
Amen.

#### **GREETING**

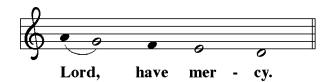
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

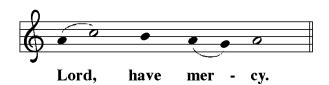


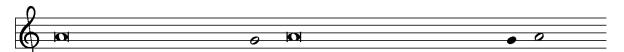
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



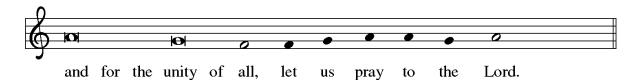


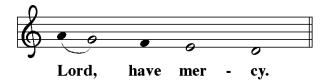
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

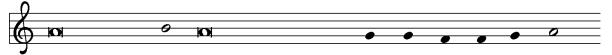




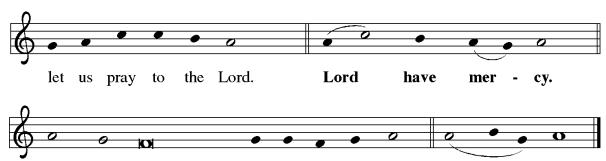
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

# First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

The first reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE SOLO

Lord, God of Abraham from Elijah Op. 70 Text: 1 Kings 18:36-37

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Shane Keyes, baritone

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant!

Lord God of Abraham!
Oh shew to all this people
that I have done these things according to Thy word.

Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, Oh hear me and answer me, and shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!

# Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

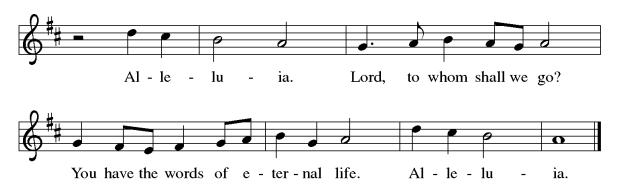
<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

# A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. 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.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. 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,

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the East-Buffalo community and all those affected by mass shootings. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Conor, Caiden and Vivian and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Merciful God,

## receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. We remember the life, love, and faith of Mary Buell. 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**

*God is My Shepherd* Op. 99 No. 4 from *Biblical Songs* 

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Shane Keyes, baritone

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth He restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort 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"

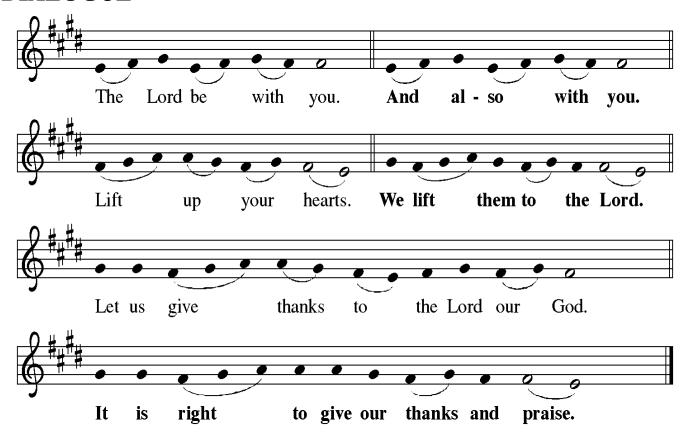
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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.

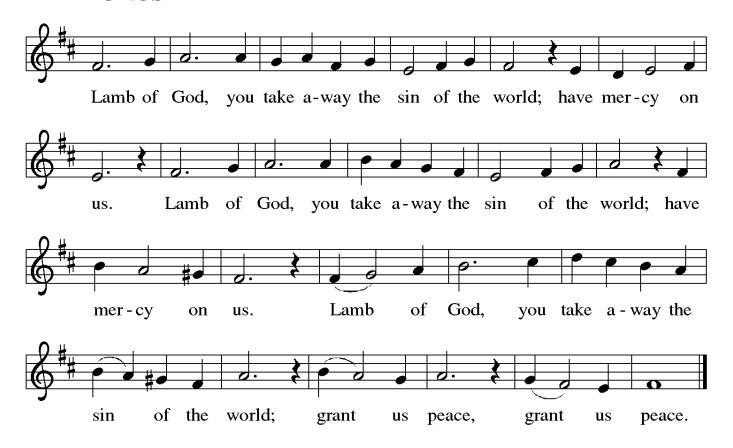
Amen.

#### 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**

#### Blessed Assurance "Assurance"

**ELW 638** 



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908 Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

David A. Schack (b. 1953)

JiHyun Woo, organ

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 7, 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Call Committee Meeting (CR)
- 9:30 a.m. Light coffee hour (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

## MONDAY, August 8, 2022

- Happy Birthday John Busch
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study (FR)

## WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 10:00 a.m. Explore Buffalo Tour

#### THURSDAY, August 11, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. HT Movie Event Lucy and Desi (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

## FRIDAY, August 12, 2022

5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)

## SATURDAY, August 13, 2022

3:00 p.m. Glownia/Mongan Wedding (MC)

## 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)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 11:45 a.m. Brick Dedication at Memorial Courtyard

CH = Mansperger Chapel	CI = Crib Room	CR = Conterence 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 and reader are Linda Schmidt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Eliana Perez.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Dan Griebel and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Dr. Robert Schopp by his wife Gwen Schopp and Family; and

In Loving Memory of Verna and Frank Kolb by Karen Kolb.

Council member Paul Bauchle 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 Conor, Caiden and Vivian Tyree.

# **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!

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SESSION: Tomorrow's Class: "Nobody Knows the Trouble We've Seen – Glory Hallelujah!" An Historical Narrative of African American Lutheranism in the ELCA. Helpful hints in Welcoming African American Christians into Lutheran congregations. Sessions will be held at 9:30am and 7pm in the Fellowship Room.

LUCY AND DESI: Come, Bring your Lunch and join us on Thursday, August 11 at Noon in the Fellowship Room, 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. Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Popcorn will be provided.) **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. Please let us know how many from your party, so that we might "pop" enough corn. (This Event is an effort to address our 2022 Strategic Plan's strategy of: Reaching – Out to our senior members.)

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 at the Memorial Courtyard, located between the Church and the Community of Good Neighbors office.

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.

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.

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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