

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 11, 2022 Fourteenth 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, for those individuals who choose to continue to wear a mask for safety or comfortability, please feel free to do so.

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 grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE

Praeludium in B Flat Major BWV 560

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:

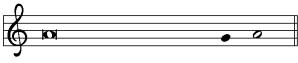
your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

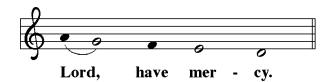
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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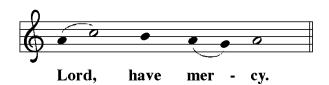


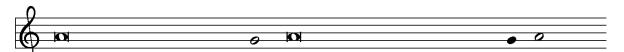
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



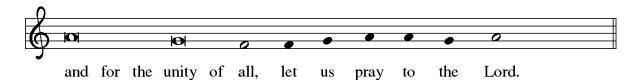


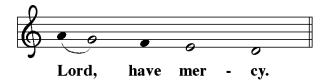
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

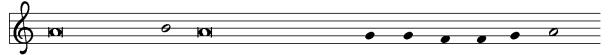




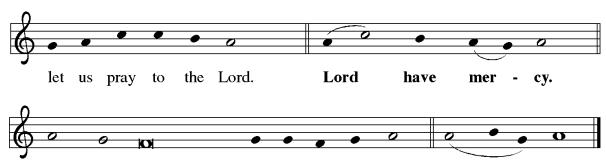
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

HOLY BAPTISM THE HYMN

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Children of the Heavenly Father "Tryggare kan ingen vara" ELW 781

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

The first reading for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Exodus, the 32nd Chapter.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

My Heart Ever Faithful

Johann Sebastian Bach

Text: from Cantata BWV 68: Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, Tr.

(1685-1750)

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near. Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

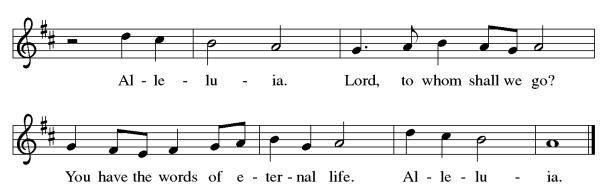
¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

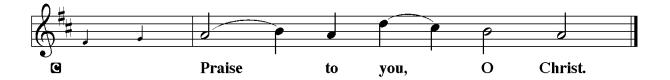


¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Rachel Weeping for her Children (Jeremiah 31, 15)

Please stand as you are able.



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune (8:30)

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. 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. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, during this season of the Church Year that we are reminded of YOUR POWER and PRESENCE in our lives and within the life of YOUR congregation bring: WISDOM - FORTITUDE - GUIDANCE to our Call Committee and potential Candidates for the Lead pastor of our congregation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need, especially Merriejann Miller. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Michael Paul and Jonah Philip and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. We remember the life, love and faith of Theresa. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Text: from Cantata BWV 147: Herz und Mund und That und Leben, Tr.

(1685-1750)

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring dying, round Thy throne.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

"Old Hundredth"

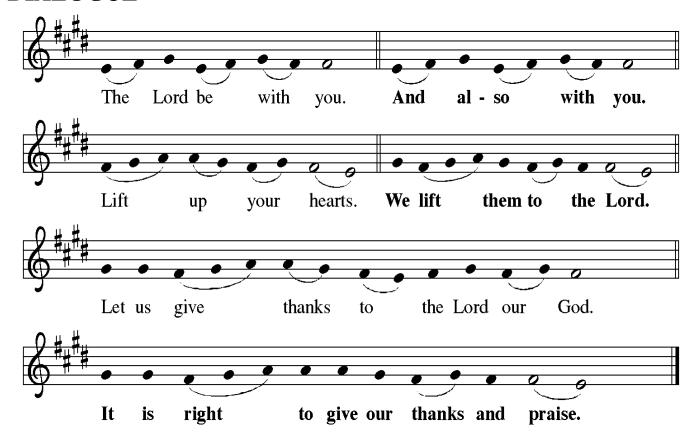
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

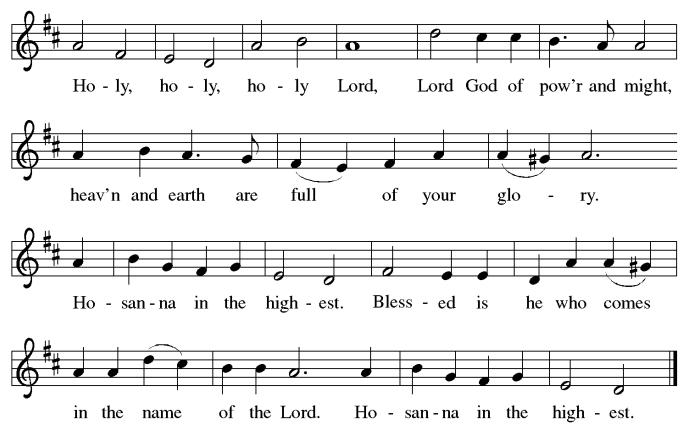
DIALOGUE



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.

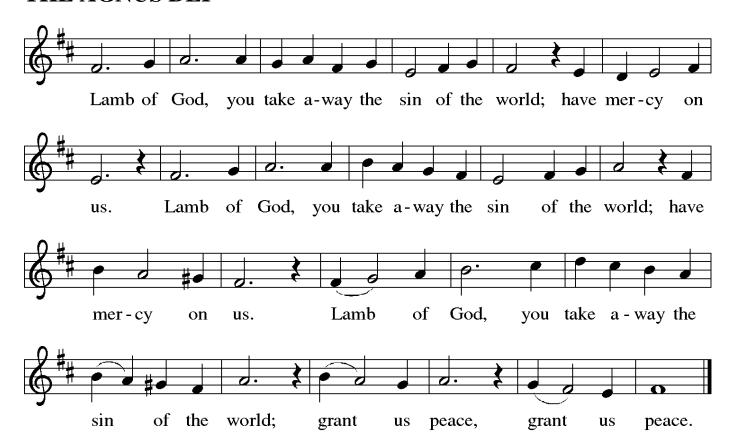
Amen.

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.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak "Canonbury"



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in B Flat Major BWV 560

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, with Christ beside you. **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.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and into our fellowship in the gospel: Michael Paul Gilchrist, Jr. and Jonah Philip Gilchrist, children of Shanice and Michael Gilchrist, Sr.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 11, 2022 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:00 a.m. Flu Clinic (RH)

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

11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting (CR)

MONDAY, September 12, 2022

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (FR)

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, September 13, 2022

12:30 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2022

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

THURSDAY, September 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)

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

FRIDAY, September 16, 2022

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, September 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (RH)

2:00 p.m. Cox/Buck Wedding (MC)

SUNDAY, September 18, 2022 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)

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

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Community Picnic

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At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Richard Lee. Usher and altar guild is Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Sofia Atlas.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Max Hakansson, Morgan Leiser, Griffin Miller, Tim Yap, Rowan Leiser and Ellie Yap.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Thanks for the gifts of labor and love of family, friends and HTLC in my life by Guy Huber; and

In Loving Memory of our beloved Mother and "Grammy", Theresa Pomietlarz from Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz.

Council Vice-President Kathy Crissey will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Michael Paul and Jonah Philip Gilchrist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held today 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.

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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES will begin tomorrow at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room. The studies for this series will be "What is the Message from the Book of Revelation – for us?" Future dates will be October 3, 17, 24 and 31.

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.

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

WATERCOLOR CLASS with our own Paul Biesinger continues each Thursday from 10am to Noon in Redeemer Hall. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies. All are welcome.

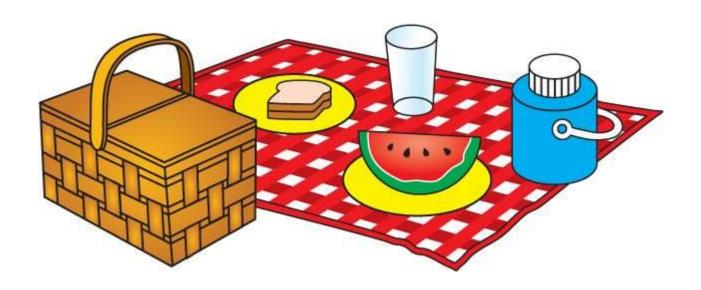
CONCERT! Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. Holy Trinity is excited the 2022-2023 season hosting the Rochester-based professional choir VOICES in a program entitled "Clear and Gentle Stream: Two Centuries of Choral Song." This concert is sponsored by Black Rock Controls LLC. Free admission with a goodwill offering to benefit the Buffalo Community Music School. The program will feature gems from composers such as Brahms, Debussy, Stanford, Finzi, Barber, Vaughan Williams, and Coleridge-Taylor. Conducted by William Weinert, Director of Choral Activities at the Eastman School of Music, VOICES consists of twenty-four of Western New York's finest ensemble singers and is celebrating its 16th season in 2022. The choir has presented over fifty concerts of music including two complete cycles of Bach's Motets, as well as his St. John and St. Matthew Passions and the B-minor Mass. They have also presented a broad range of vocal chamber music, numerous premieres and first U.S. performances.

CGN: Beginning in mid-October and continuing through March, the items we've been collecting for the clothesline- scarves, hats, gloves/mittens and socks - will now be given to Community of Good Neighbors. Pastor Kwame will be sharing them with those in need as she visits various locations in East Buffalo with the Mobile Food Pantry. Baskets for these items are located in the narthexes of the main sanctuary and chapel.

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.

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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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