

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 4, 2022 Thirteenth 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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

# **PRELUDE**

Vorspiel

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

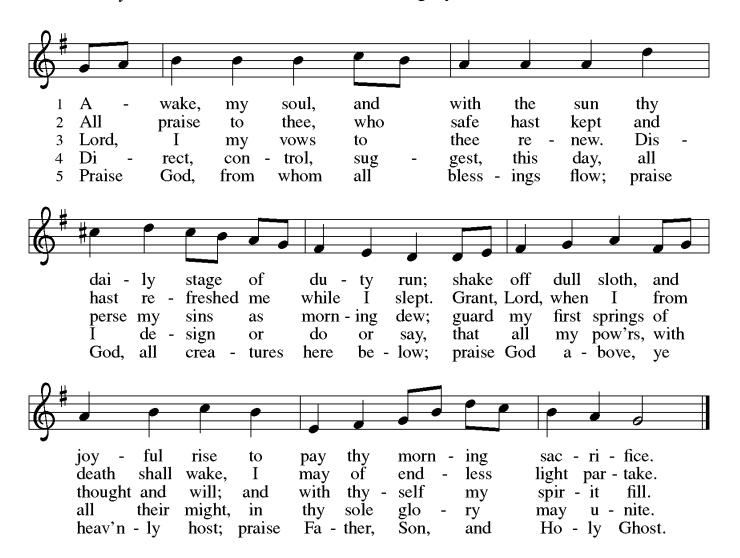
# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun "Morning Hymn"

ELW 557



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

# **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.

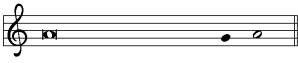
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# **GREETING**

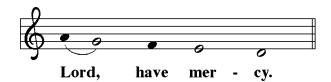
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

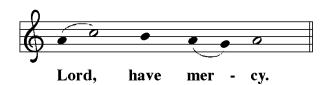


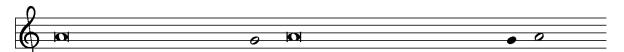
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



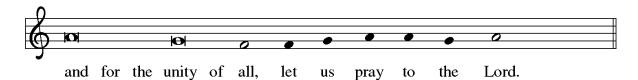


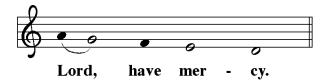
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

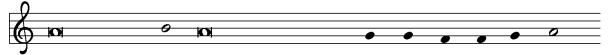




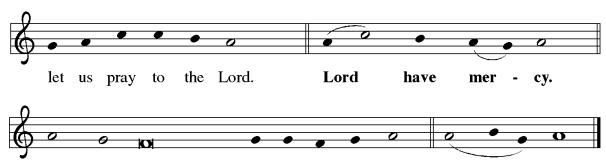
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

# First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The first reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John Stainer (1840–1901)

#### Joshua Kane, tenor

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

# **Second Reading: Philemon 1-21**

The second reading for today is recorded in Philemon, versus 1-21.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

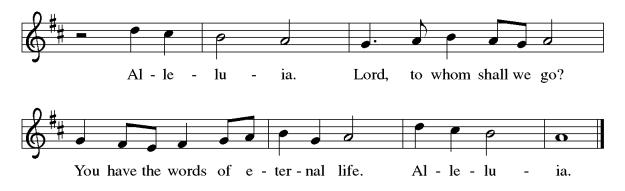
<sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. The Word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

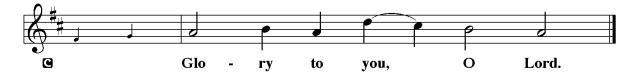
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



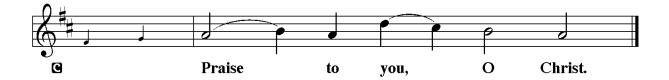
# **GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

# **SERMON HYMN**

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus "Ouimette"

ELW 451



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker Text and music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

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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

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.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. 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.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. 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.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Tim and Ellie and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. We remember the life, love and faith of Jeanette Kuck, Donna and Carlton. 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**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

Joshua Kane, tenor

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee! Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. (*refrain*) Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see! All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; Sun moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow; Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! (*refrain*)

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.

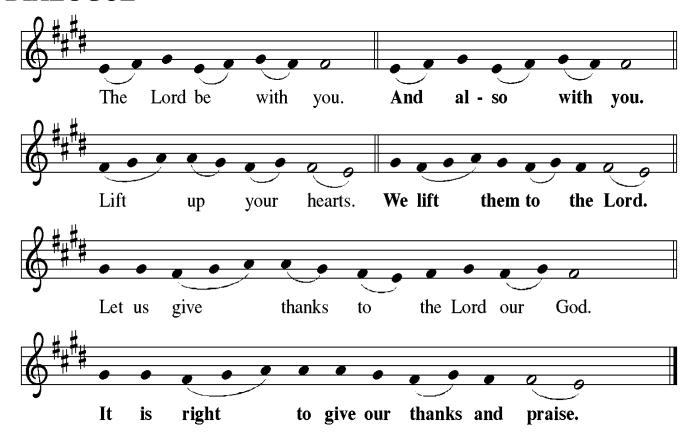
# **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "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.

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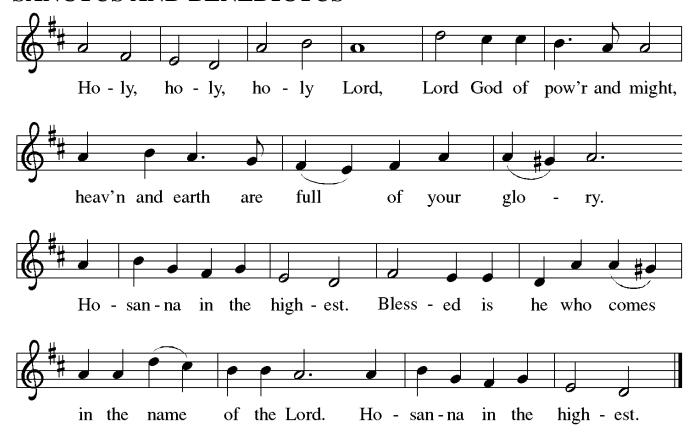
# **DIALOGUE**



# **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.

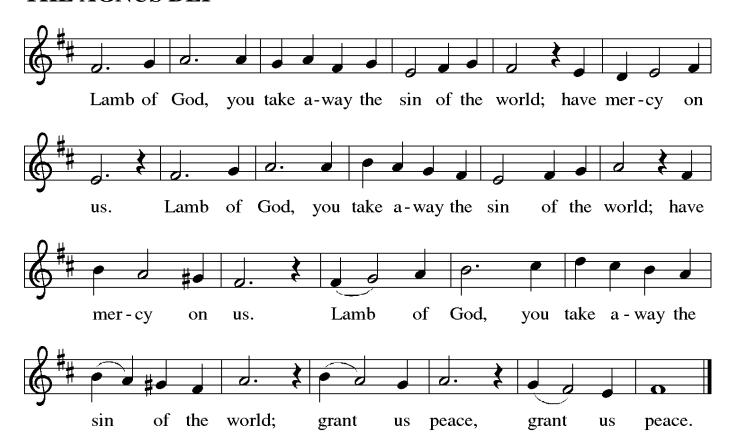
Amen.

# 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.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus "Lasset Uns Mit Jesu Ziehen"



Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Nachspiel

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

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.

There will be a light coffee hour in the Fellowship Room following the 8:30 Service.

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

# 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)

# MONDAY, September 5, 2022 Labor Day

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

# TUESDAY, September 6, 2022

5:30 p.m. Needlers (FR)

# THURSDAY, September 8, 2022

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

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

# FRIDAY, September 9, 2022

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

#### SATURDAY, September 10, 2022

3:00 p.m. Morrison/Pulci Wedding (MC)

# 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)



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Paul Biesinger. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Dan Griebel and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of my mother, Donna Stutzman by Gail Camilleri; and

In Loving Memory of Carlton Hughes by Karen, his sister, and Raúl Saona.

Council Member Elizabeth Vihnanek will be in the Chapel narthex to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Tim and Ellie Yap.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, Pastor Miranda Hammer, the called part time Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be assisting our congregation as a 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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES will begin September 12 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 as soon as possible.

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

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held next Sunday 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.

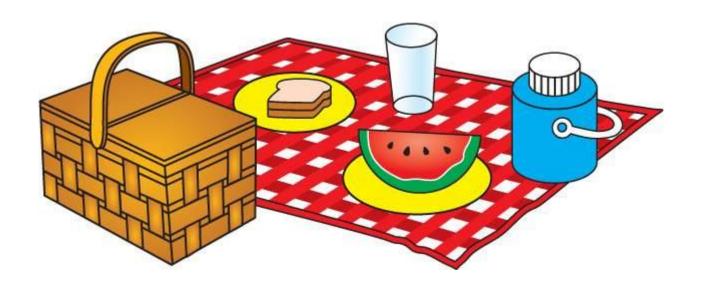
WATERCOLOR CLASS with our own Paul Biesinger will start again this Thursday, September 8, in Redeemer Hall. We will meet each Thursday from 10am to Noon. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies. All are welcome.

CONCERT! Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. Holy Trinity is excited open 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.

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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