

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 30, 2022 Reformation Sunday Celebrating our 144<sup>th</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, 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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### **PRELUDE**

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort BuxWV 185 Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott BuxWV 184 Dietrich Buxtehude (1668-1707)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

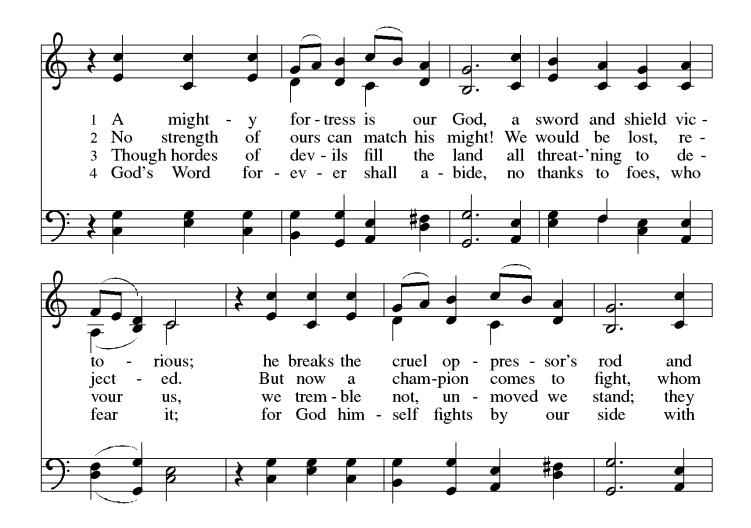
#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God "Ein Feste Burg"

**ELW 504** 





Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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#### **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.

(10:30)

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able

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  $\pm$  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.** 

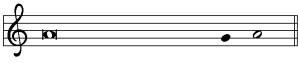
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## **GREETING**

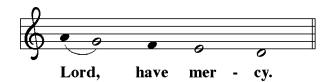
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

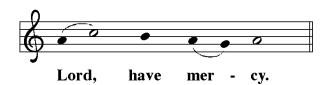


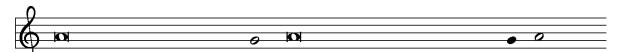
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



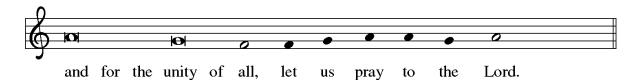


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

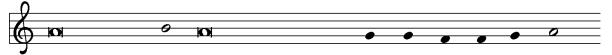




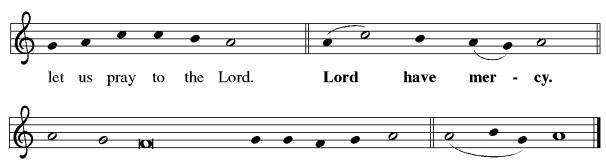
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

## PRAYER AND SENDING OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

(Thru Grade 3)

Jesus Loves the Little Children; All the Children of the World; Native - Asian - Black or White; All are precious in God's Sight; Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World.

# First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading for Reformation Sunday is recorded in Jeremiah, the 31<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

## THE ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God
Text: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), adapted.

William Allen Pasch (b. 1948)

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!

(10:30)

## THE ANTHEM

Into the Light
I. The Universe of Light
II. The Lightless Dark

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

Please see Reformation Sunday bulletin insert for texts.

# **Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

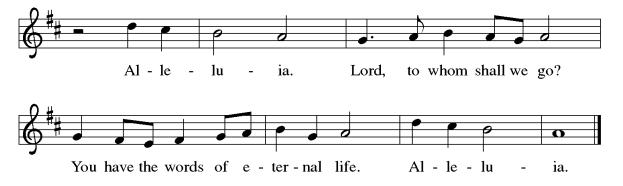
<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The Word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

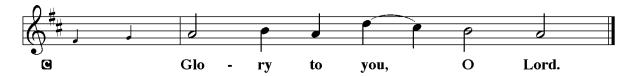
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

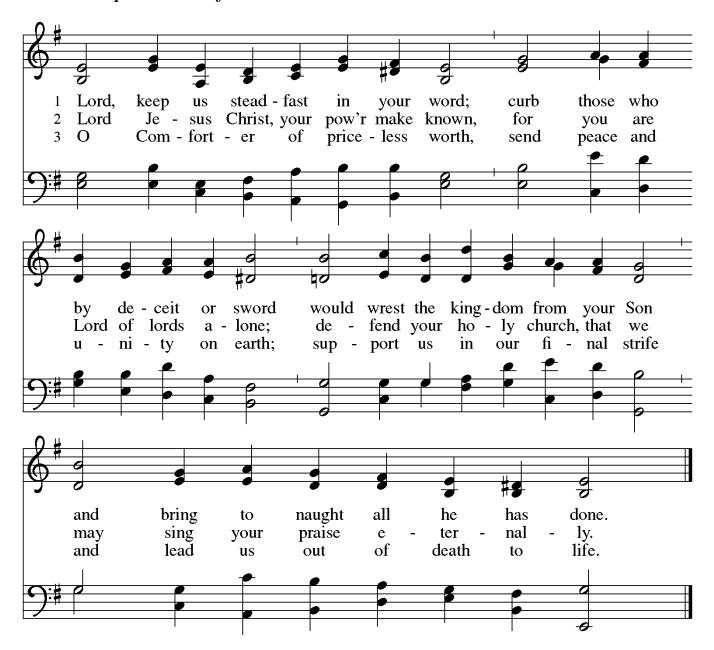
The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

#### **SERMON HYMN**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word "Erhalt Uns, Herr"

ELW 517



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

#### **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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the East-Buffalo community, the women and their male supporters in Iran, all those affected by mass shootings and for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis, especially Michael Lucas and Alan Balcourt. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Avery and Clayton, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, ... We pray for our ecumenical and inter – faith siblings at VOICE BUFFALO, the Network of Religious Communities and Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors and Holy Trinity; the only Evangelical Lutheran Church in America witnesses to the good news of Jesus remaining in the City of Buffalo. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Holy Spirit, keep us focused on your never -failing presence in our lives and within the life of this congregation. Encourage members of the Call Committee that their work will not be in vain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, especially **Helen and Martin**. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther, and all reformers, Ruth, Jack, Jo, Bud and Teddy. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

# (8:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Praise ye the Lord

Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Text: Psalm 148: 1-3

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise ye the Lord!

(10:30)

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Into the Light
III. The Warm Fogs of Fear

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

Please see Reformation Sunday bulletin insert for texts.

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"

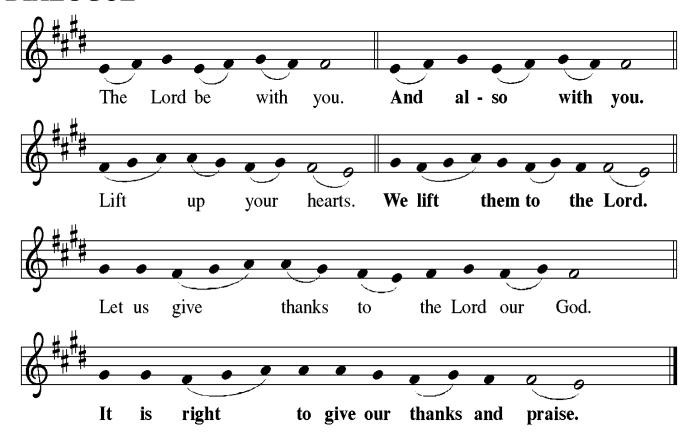
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

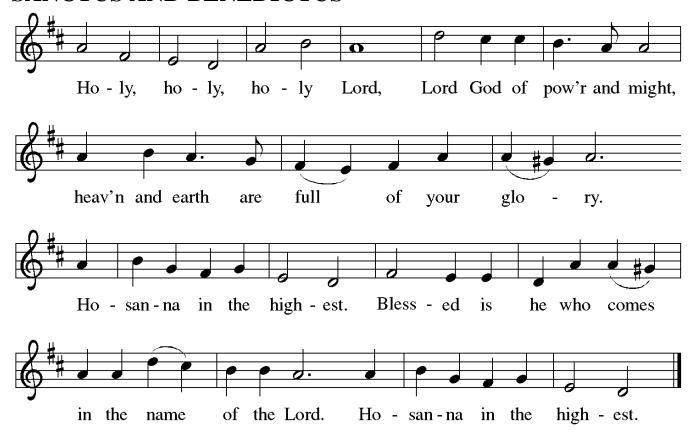
# **DIALOGUE**



## **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.

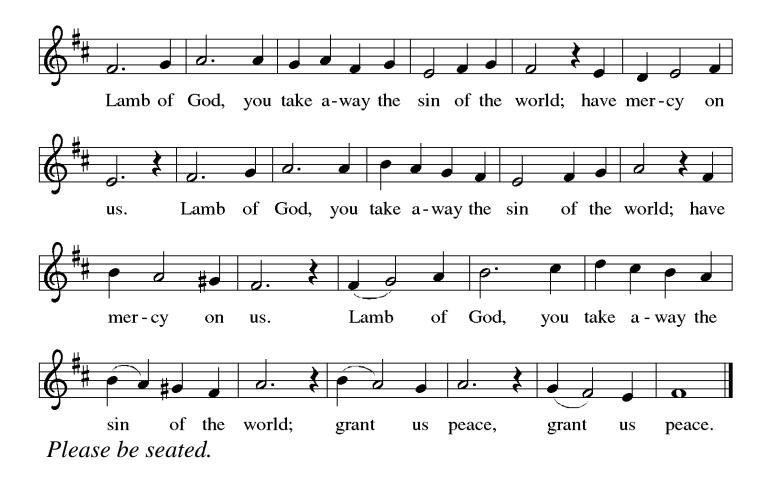
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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#### THE AGNUS DEI



## 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.

# (10:30)

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Into the Light
IV. Flower Into Kindness
V. Into the Light

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

Please see Reformation Sunday bulletin insert for texts.

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.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation "Foundation"

**ELW 796** 



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on How Firm a Foundation

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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 communion cup and attendance sheet at your seat, they will be collected following the service.

You are encouraged to take the bulletin home with you for future reference.
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins at the entrance ways.

We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

#### SUNDAY, October 30, 2022 – Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)

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

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

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

#### MONDAY, October 31, 2022

Happy Halloween

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

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

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

# TUESDAY, November 1, 2022

5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

5:30 p.m. Needlers (FR)

## WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2022

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

## THURSDAY, November 3, 2022

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

6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)

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

## SUNDAY, November 6, 2022 – All Saints Sunday

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/Nursery (SS)

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)



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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Dan Griebel and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Sofia Atlas, Madalyn Brown, Brandon Howard, Avery Best, Henry and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Ruth and Jack Alexander and Jo and Bud Hunt with love from the Hunt Family; and

In Honor of Helen and Martin Wright's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary given by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best and Karen, Tim, Kyle and Cameron Taylor.

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 Avery and Clayton Best.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES: "What is the Message from the Book of Revelation – for us?" October 31 (Chapters 12 & 13), 11/7, 11/14 at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

STEWARDSHIP: you should have received your pledge card in the mail. We would appreciate it if you could return it by November 13, which is Commitment Sunday. Extra cards are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 or 2 vases available. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com">msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</a> or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

IT IS TIME TO FALL BACK... Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates can be sent to the church office and designated "holiday baskets". Thank you for your donations.

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. Items will be given to our neighbors during the distribution of Burritos. Baskets for these items are located in the narthexes of the main sanctuary and chapel.

CGN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The new bus is about ready to roll. (Just waiting for insurance coverage.) Starting November 5<sup>th</sup> volunteers will be needed, now on Saturdays and continuing on Wednesdays. Please contact Pr. Kwame directly by phone at 716-553-0219 or email: <a href="mailto:infoCGNBuffalo@gmail.com">infoCGNBuffalo@gmail.com</a> to confirm your volunteering information and availability. (Other questions? Contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862)



We'd like to extend a sincere "thank you" to our magnificent Chapel and Chancel Choir members for all of their faithful dedication to Holy Trinity's historic music program. Equally, we extend our gratitude to all of our musicians and vocalists - members and guests alike - for sharing their gifts of time and talents toward making Holy Trinity's Reformation Sunday celebration so beautiful! Truly, each singer's and musician's presence here is a blessing to Holy Trinity, and we hope that this place and experience may also be a blessing to you.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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