



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Celebrating our 144th 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

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

PRELUDE

Veni Emanuel

Dennis Lovinfosse
(b. 1947)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry "Puer Nobis"


ELW 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(10:30)

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

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

(10:30)

Please stand as you are able.

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

While we light the Advent Wreath we sing together:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel “Veni Emmanuel” ELW 257, vs. 1 & 2

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and 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

*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: Isaiah 11:1-10

The first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent is recorded in Isaiah, the 11th Chapter.

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30) THE SOLO

I Want to Be Ready

African-American Spiritual

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

(1866-1949)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
I want to be ready, my Lord, to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

John said the city was jus' four square, walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.
An' he declar'd he'd meet me there, walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

When Peter was preachin' at Pentecost, walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.
He was endow'd with the Holy Ghost, walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

(10:30) ANTHEM

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Traditional German Carol

Text: German, 15th Century, Tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, The virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior, When half-spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness Fills the air.
Dispel in glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere:
True man, yet very God.
From sin and death now save us, And share our ev'ry load.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 15th Chapter.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

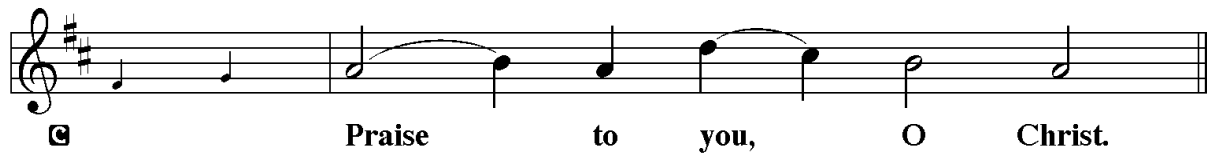
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

“Putting one foot in front of the other”

Genesis 12:1

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Here I Am, Lord "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. 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, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. 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. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation. 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. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation. We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones, especially Cheryl Barrett. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Madalyn and Killian, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died, especially Sarah, James and Cornelia, trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. We remember the life, love and faith of Erich Nikischer and Lorretta Queffelec. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. We thank you for the gift of marriage for Sheila and Juan Perez. In Jesus' name we pray.

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)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sunshine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, may God hold you,
may God hold you, ever in the palm of His hand, the palm of His hand.

(10:30)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

On Jordan's Banks

Charles Coffin

Text: Tr. John Chandler (1808-1876); Descant Richard Lloyd (b. 1933) (1676-1749)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

For Thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without Thy grace our souls must fade,
and whither like flow'r decayed.

Stretch forth Thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon Thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise eternal Son,
To Thee whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit blest, for evermore.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

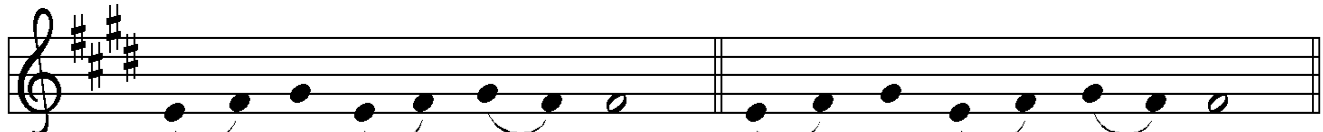
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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



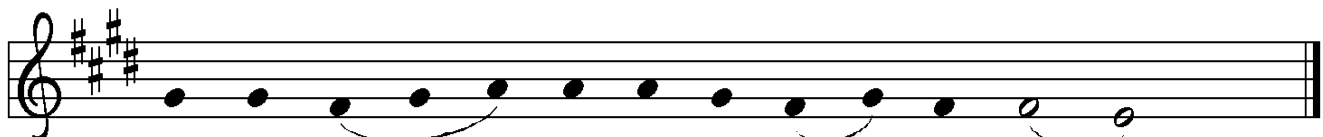
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

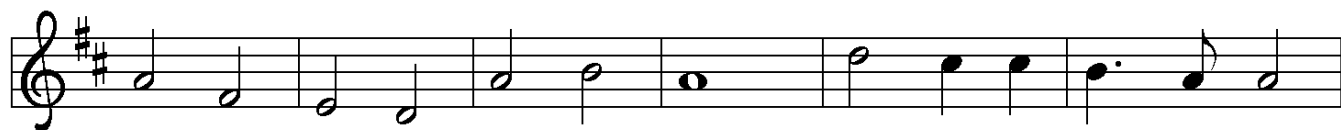


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



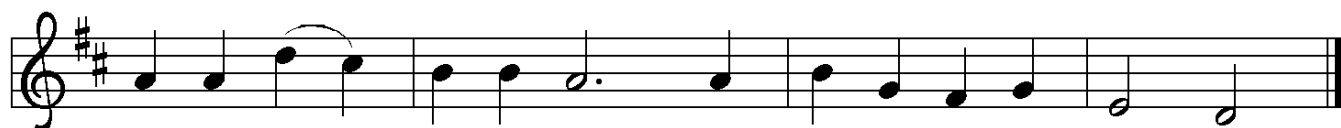
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

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 pre-package 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

The Peace of God

John W. Becker

Text: The Rev. Dr. Ralph Loew (1907-1996)

(1927-2021)

Composed for and first performed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, February 1964.

Holy Trinity's Hymn is sung, this day, as a blessing to Pr. Carroll for his ministry at Holy Trinity.

The peace of God, we pray will strengthen all our days,
The joy that startles and consoles when faith sustains our ways.

The peace of God we seek will stir through all despair,
Till righteousness and justice come, to all men everywhere.

The peace of God we know within the loving heart
That helps us risk and even fail lest we from truth depart.

The peace of God is shared through Christ our living Lord,
When deeds match words in selfless love His peace our sole reward.

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.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

PASTORAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing “Ar Hyd Y Nos”

ELW 543



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional
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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

Adolphus Hailstork
(b. 1941)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

PASTORAL DISMISSAL

“This life is not godliness, but **growth** in godliness; not health, but **healing**; not being, but **becoming**; not rest, but **exercise**. We are not now what we shall be, but we are **on the way**.” -Martin Luther

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 a special reception in honor of
Pastor Julius and Geneva Carroll
following the 10:30 Service.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

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. Special Coffee Hour (RH)

MONDAY, December 5, 2022

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, December 6, 2022

10:00 a.m. Explore Buffalo Tour
5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2022

4:30 p.m. Christmas Tree set-up (MC)

THURSDAY, December 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Budget Presentation (RH)
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
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)
7:00 p.m. An Evening of Lessons and Carols (MC)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Usher and altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Acolyte is Sofia Atlas.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Justin Pomietlarz. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty and Helen 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 Loving Memory of Sarah and James Bigham and Cornelia Ball by James Bigham; and

Happy Anniversary Sheila and Juan! Love, Natalie and Stephanie.

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 Madalyn and Killian Brown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION will take place next Sunday, December 11 at 9:30am in Redeemer Hall.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES:

December 5 and 12 will be a special presentation by Pastor Kwame (mission developer to Easter Buffalo) **9:30 am session only**.

No class December 19 – January 2 for Christmas recess.

EXPLORE BUFFALO will be touring Holy Trinity on Tuesday, December 6 at 10:00 am. You can visit their website. www.explorebuffalo.org for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREES for the Church will be set up on Wednesday, December 7 at 4:30pm. A light supper will be provided. All are welcome.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT: Join us on Tuesday, December 20 for *Nurturing Our Bodies, Feeding Our Souls*. Christmas carols and hymns whose texts are sung to different tunes in the United Kingdom (led by our own Doug Alderdice). Two sessions:

9:30am for brunch and 10:30am for Carols or 6:00pm for a light supper and 7:00pm for Carols.

Meals will be held in the Fellowship Room and carols and hymns in the Chapel. Reservations through the Church office are appreciated for the food planning.

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.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Don't miss the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer to the children of PS 17 this season! In the area just outside the Sanctuary, you'll find the Holy Trinity Angel Tree. Here you'll choose a child's name along with a list of needs and gift ideas. Gifts will need to be wrapped or bagged and securely tagged with the student's name and room number. Please be sure to drop off your gifts at Holy Trinity by December 18 and we'll do the rest!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. **Flowers are \$12 each** and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

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.



CONCERT! Friday December 16th, 7:00 pm.

The Camerata di Sant' Antonio Chamber Orchestra,
Christopher Weber, *Artistic Director* and the
Holy Trinity Chancel Choir, Justin Pomietlarz, *Music Director*

The Camerata di Sant' Antonio presents their Holiday Concert at Holy Trinity, featuring our very own Holy Trinity Chancel Choir performing Jake Runestad's cantata, *Into the Light*, which was heard here during the 10:30 am Reformation Sunday Service. The concert will also feature a number of other holiday selections with a number of guest soloists including Buffalo favorite, Colleen Marcello, *soprano*. Tickets are \$20, FREE for students 17 and under and will be available at the door!



Usher in the Christmas Season with Holy Trinity's
5th Annual Evening of Nine Lessons and Carols

featuring

The University at Buffalo Choir and Chamber Ensemble
Claudia Brown, *conductor*, Clinical Assistant Professor of Voice
and Choral Music

Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ*

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Inspired by the renowned annual Service from King's College - Cambridge, England, Congregational members share lessons with musical responses and Hymns led by our friends from the University of Buffalo, Claudia Brown, *conductor*.

This is a unique, ongoing partnership between the University at Buffalo and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Following the singing of *Once in Royal David's City*, The UB Choir and Chamber Singers perform under the direction of Claudia Brown, presenting works from their semester program. Each musical offering is interspersed with congregational Christmas hymns and readings chronicling the birth of Jesus. Congregation Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church read the Lessons.

2022 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Candlelight/Communion/Children's Time
10:00 p.m. Preservice music
10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 **10:30 a.m. Christmas service**

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