



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 19, 2023  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
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.*

*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**

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Schönster Herr Jesu*

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

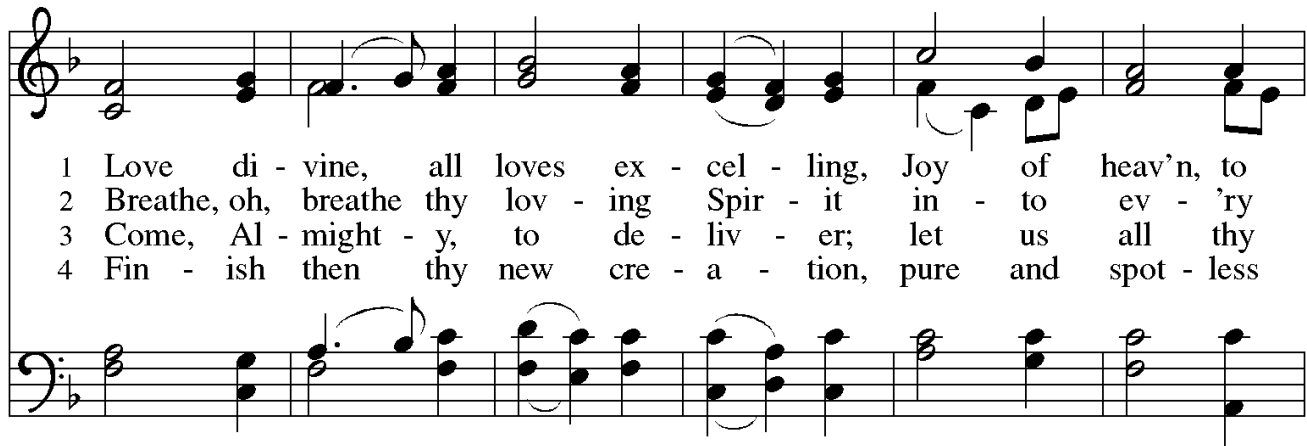
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* “Hyfrydol”

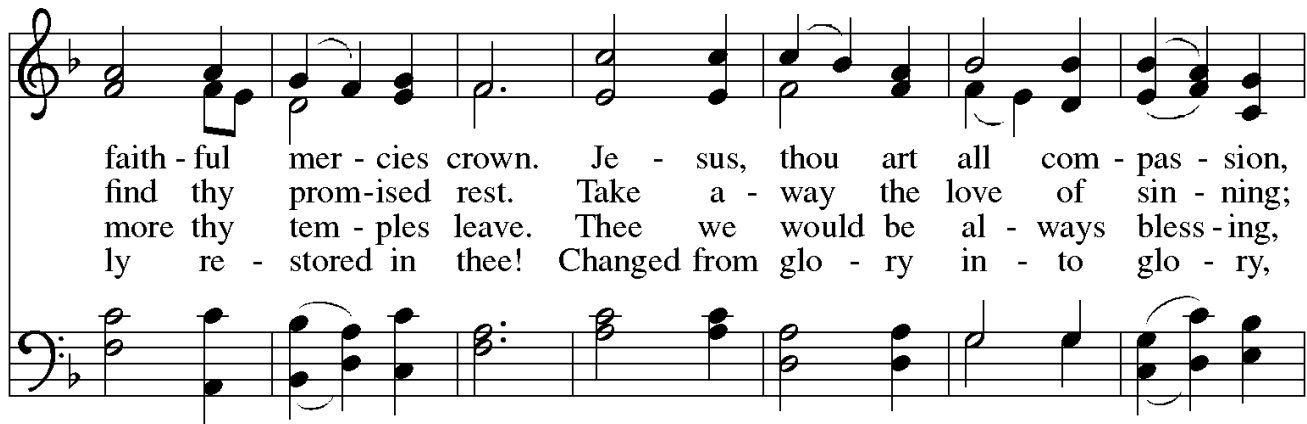
ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
 whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

(10:30)

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

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have not practiced your righteousness.**  
**Our hearts have turned away from you.**  
**For the sake of the world you so love,**  
**forgive us,**  
**that we may be reconciled to one another**  
**for the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

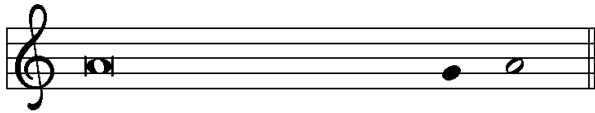
Thus says our God:  
“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”  
God’s mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*(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.**

# KYRIE



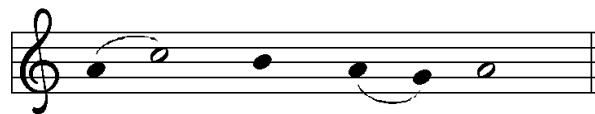
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



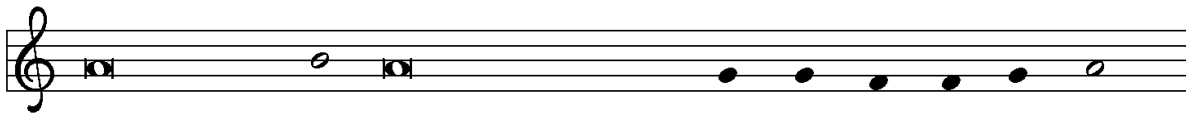
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

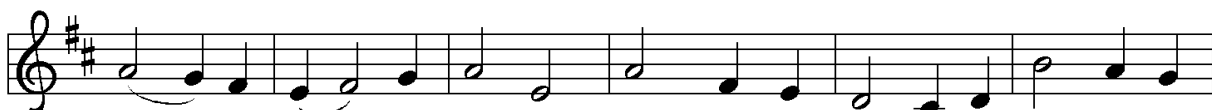
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Richard Neal

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

The first reading for the Transfiguration of Our Lord is recorded in Exodus, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.



<sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE ANTHEM**

*Arise, O God, and Shine*

Text: William Hurn (1754-1829)

Gordon Young

(1919-1998)

Arise, O God, and shine, in all Thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light:  
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near, to sing Thy glorious praise;  
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways!  
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, And govern by Thy righteous laws!

To God the only wise, the one immortal King,  
let halleluiahs rise from every living thing:  
Let all that breathe, on every coast, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **SECOND READING: 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:16-21**

The second reading for today is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

<sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9

The Holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



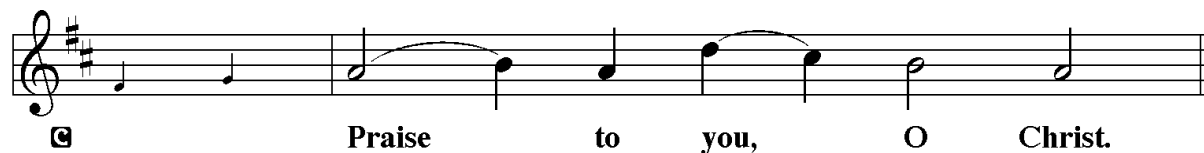
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

Beautiful Savior “Schönster Herr Jesu”

ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## **THE 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts .... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. We pray for all your beloved children, especially Saniyah, Mer'Liah, Michael and Jonah. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

# THE OFFERING

**(8:30)**

## THE ANTHEM

*Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love*

Robert J. Powell

(b. 1932)

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,  
Guiding Light of God above;  
Make Your beacon ours;  
Inspire us to shine so all may know  
The radiance of the Spirit's own  
Revealing power.

Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,  
Stirring Song of God above,  
Make Your music ours;  
Excite us to sing so all may know  
The anthem of the Spirit's own  
Resounding power.

Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,  
Blazing Breath of God above,  
Make Your passion ours;  
Impel us to live so all may know  
The fervor of the Spirit's own  
Resplendent power.

**(10:30)**

## THE ANTHEM

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

African-American Spiritual

arr. William Dawson

(1899-1990)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

*(Refrain)* Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray.  
Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, Out of His mouth came fire an' smoke.  
Jordan River, chilly an' cold, Chill the body but not the soul. *(Refrain)*  
All around me look so shine Ask me Lord if all was mine.  
Ain't but one train runs this track, It runs to Heaven and runs right back. *(Refrain)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Liberating God,**

**you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

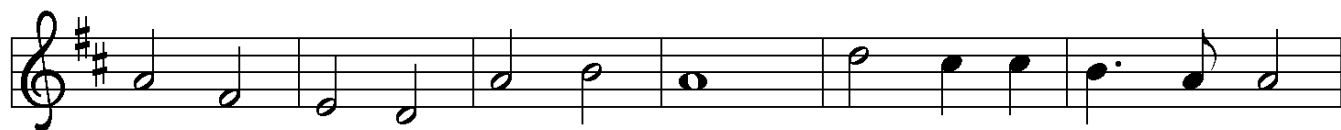
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

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



## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



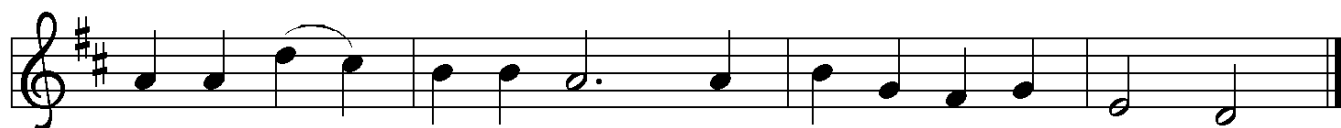
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.**

# THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

**(10:30)**

## **COMMUNION ANTHEMS**

*Prayer for Transfiguration Day*

Text: Traditional collect, adapted

John Weaver

(1937-2021)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son, you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings. O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

(1902–1986)

Where charity and love are, there is God.  
The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in that love itself.  
Let us fear and love the living God,  
and let us love from a pure heart. Amen.

*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.

**Holy One, we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always. **Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* "St. Denio"


ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young  
(1919- 1998)

*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, February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor (FR)
- 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, February 20, 2023 *President's Day***

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, February 21, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2023 *Ash Wednesday***

- 7:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run (Main Street)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes (MC)

### **THURSDAY, February 23, 2023**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)
- 9:40 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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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 Richard Lee. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Avery Best.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of our parents Robert and Mira Thomson and Etta and Franklin Kroll by Paul and Judy Kroll; and

In Loving Memory of their mother Carolyn Hughes by Karen Saona and her brother Don Hughes and In Loving Memory of Raúl Saona's sister, Violeta Saona.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Neil Kattermann and Sue Spindler.

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 Saniyah, Mer'Liah, Michael Jr. and Jonah Gilchrist.

Many thanks to our Youth Choir and Assistant Conductor, Erin Alexander, for leading the Chapel and Chancel Choirs this Transfiguration Sunday. Justin is away at a family gathering for the Baptism of his Goddaughter Carraugh Garrigan.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR:** Join Pastor Rich for the next two Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. worship service (approximately 9:40 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room for a time of fellowship and free-ranging conversation as we get to know his journey of faith, explore our own, and discuss our life and ministries at Holy Trinity.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed tomorrow in observance of the President's Day holiday.

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Because the church office will be closed, there will be no session tomorrow. Dave Ulrich will continue the series on February 27 with "Applying the Creed: The Constitution, 1787".

**HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM MEETING** will take place next Sunday, February 26, between the services, in the conference room.

**EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE:** Lutheran World Relief already has a team coordinating a response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria and our generosity will rush that emergency care. If you would like to make a donation online, please go to [lwr.org/quake](http://lwr.org/quake) or you can send a check made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and we will forward all donations to LWR. Please write "Quake" in the memo. All donations are appreciated.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** The 2023 Lenten Devotionals "Water & Spirit" are available on the tables at the entrance ways. *Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord. Please feel free to take a copy.

**MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF LENTEN COLLECTION:** For the last three years during Lent, we have held a friendly "competition" to see who could collect the most toilet paper, female hygiene products, and diapers. This year the conference council would like to challenge congregations to collect **change for change**. We are working with nonprofit medical debt to make a difference. They have a unique model that combines generosity of donors with debt industry experts to produce a high volume of debt relief. Every \$100 dollars donated leads to about \$10,000 forgiven. We ask that you drop your spare change in the plastic jars located at the entrance ways which can be found during the Lenten season. Thank you for your support.

**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. The following dates are available- March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>-1 or 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at 716-835-3325 or [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**CGN UPDATE:** Mobile Food Pantry non-perishable donations needed, as fresh produce supplies will decrease with the winter season. **Only these specific items** are requested. **Breakfast food:** Cold and Hot Cereals, **Rice:** small bags or boxes ex. 1 or 2 lb. **Pasta with Sauce,** **Beans:** Canned or Dried, **Meats:** tuna or chicken, **Canned** fruits. PLEASE VERIFY DATES. NO expired foods can be given out. **Volunteer helpers** needed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month for food distribution at 21 Doat St. next to Jericho Road Community Health Center from 10 am until the food is gone (Often only 1 hr). Other volunteer times are Monday mornings from 9-11 and Wednesdays from 12-2 to prepare and organize the non-perishables. See or contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862 with any questions. More details in upcoming Holy Trinity Newsletter.



## **2023 Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **Ash Wednesday, February 22**

7:30–9:00 a.m. Ashes on the Run on Main Street in front of HT

**7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes with Choir

### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

**7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

### **Good Friday, April 7**

**7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group

10:00 a.m. Pre-service music

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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