



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 26, 2023  
First Sunday in Lent  
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 gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

## **PRELUDE**

*O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde groß*  
BWV 622 from *Orgelbüchlein*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* “Erhalt Uns, Herr”

ELW 517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

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

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*(10:30)*

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

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,

so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

*(10:30)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GREETING**

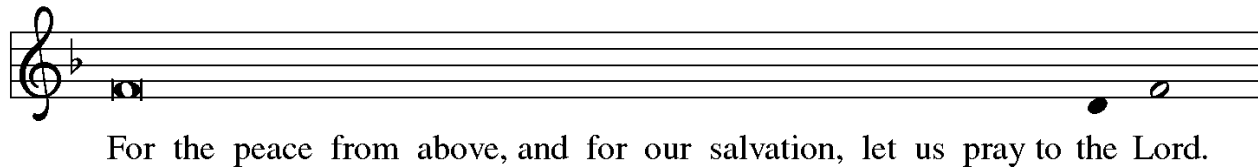
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

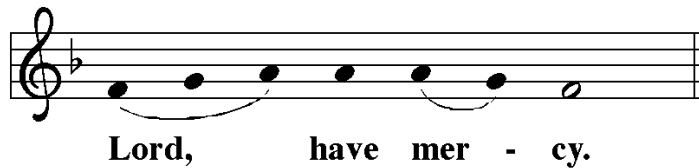
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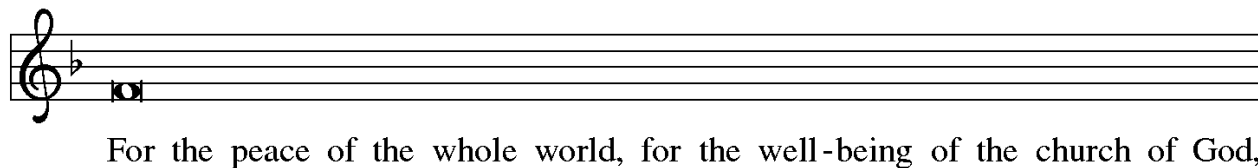
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



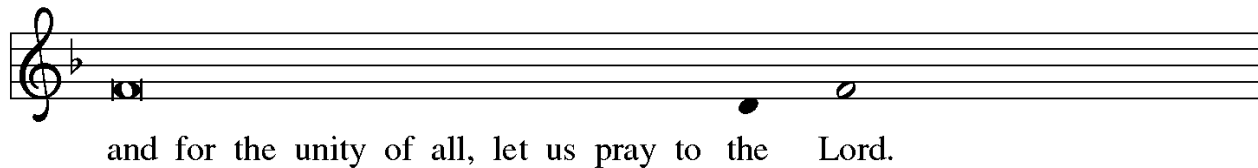
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



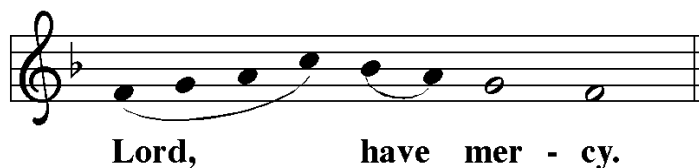
Lord, have mer - cy.



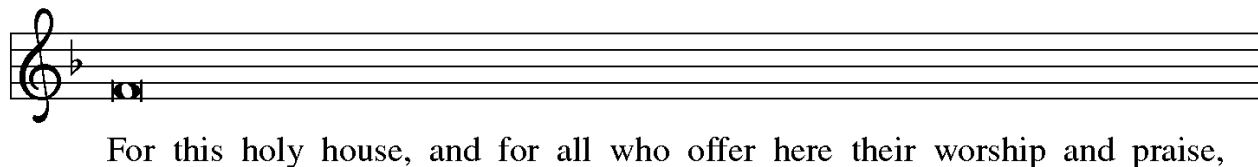
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



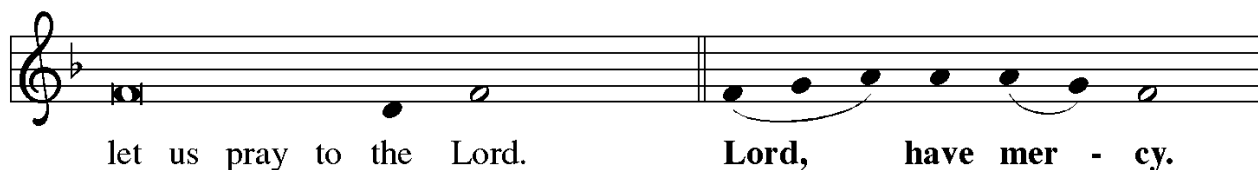
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



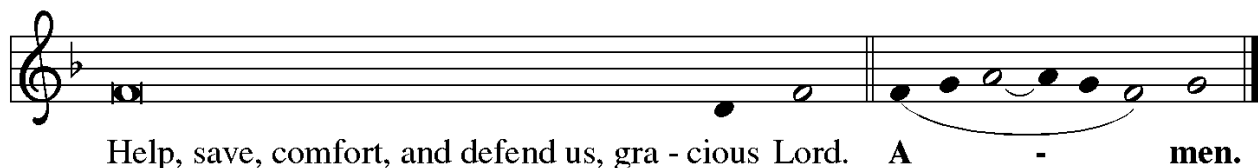
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The first reading for the First Sunday in Lent is recorded in Genesis, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapters.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

The congregation will speak responsively the bold-faced type.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time  
of trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should  
go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay  
near you."



<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin.

For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

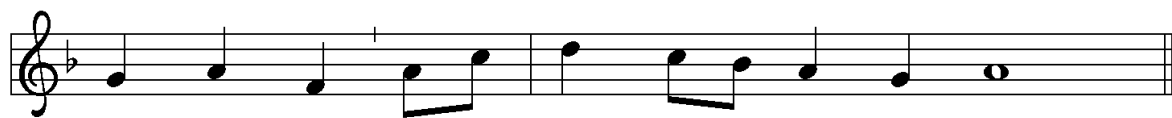
## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* “Consolation”

ELW 319

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003  
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## **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**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Reconciling God: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace may pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. We pray for all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts... . Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You offer abundant life to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. We pray for all your children, especially Oscar and Sam. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

## THE SOLO

### *Song of the Wanderer*

Dan Forrest  
(b. 1978)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

The barren land around me lies  
My flame is burning low  
Cold and pale the winter skies  
And I am far from home.  
With my light that burns so dim,  
Am I visible to Him?  
Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly  
To greet the coming spring.  
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise  
Then gives our spirits wing.  
He speaks, and winter melts away,  
Hears us when we come to pray,  
Turns our nighttime into day –  
Our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun,  
The gentle healing rain,  
Banishing our tears and sighs,  
With beauty for our pain.  
Earth and sky, lay glory by-  
Christ the Lord is drawing nigh!  
All creation, bow to Him  
From whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come  
The autumn of the year  
With its golden light of love  
Still shining ever clear.  
From the rising of the sun  
To the place where day is done,  
Peace on earth has not begun  
To cast away our fear.

[Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## **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, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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 are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,

your Spirit led him into the wilderness,

where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to

life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,

and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,

you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,

that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced

to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy  
Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**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.

*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.

## THE SOLO

*Be Near Me Still* Op. 46 No. 1

Ferdinand von Hiller  
(1811–1885)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Lord! In my heart's deep love I hide Thee, be near me still! Thou tower of strength, whatever betide me, be Thou with me. O be my guard in life's bright places, lest pride prevail, when fear of self mistrust override me, be near me still. Like dew upon the vine Thy grace is, I'm not alone, but when I storm the heights, then guide me to do Thy will; Be near me still! O Thou my hope, my power unshaken, my soul's true sun, Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken, be near me still!

*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.

**Embodied God,**

**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.**

**With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,**

**empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors**

**and touch the world with your love.**

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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 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)

### **MONDAY, February 27, 2023**

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

### **TUESDAY, February 28, 2023**

- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

### **WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m. Property Meeting (RH)

### **THURSDAY, March 2, 2023**

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

### **SUNDAY, March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (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)
- 12:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting (FR)

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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 Pat Ulrich. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is Ron Pellnat. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Arthur O. Pellnat. Happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday from Ron Pellnat; and

In Honor of my first great grandson, Austin Valor Byrne's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by Thomas W. Johnson.

Collection counters are Peter Bergenstock, Uli MacDonald and Barb Wozniak.

Council Treasurer, Fred Howard, 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 Oscar and Sam Guzzino.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR:** Join Pastor Rich 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.

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** continues tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. Dave Ulrich will continue with the topic: "Applying the Creed: The Constitution, 1787". The series will conclude next Monday, March 6, when the topic will be "Re-defining the Constitution, 1860-1870". All are welcome.

**PLANT SALE:** It's that time of year for the annual LYO plant sale! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 13. Order forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in our weekly email. Orders are due back to the church by Sunday, March 26. The proceeds will go towards our mission fund which helps to support service events. All orders are appreciated.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

**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. 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.

**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.



## **2023 Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **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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