



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the blue sign in sheet.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience! Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

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INTRODUCTION

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision "Slane"

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

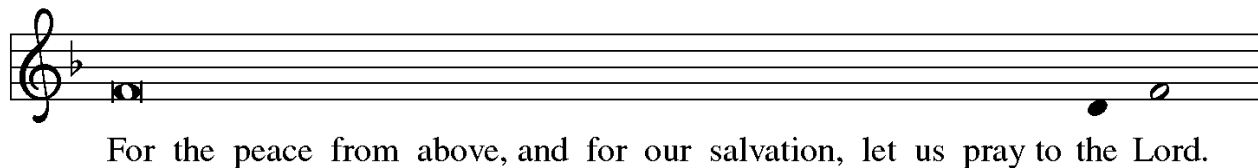
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

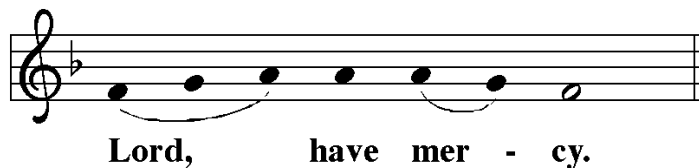
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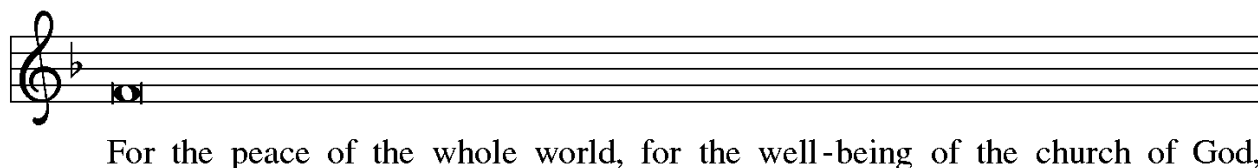
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



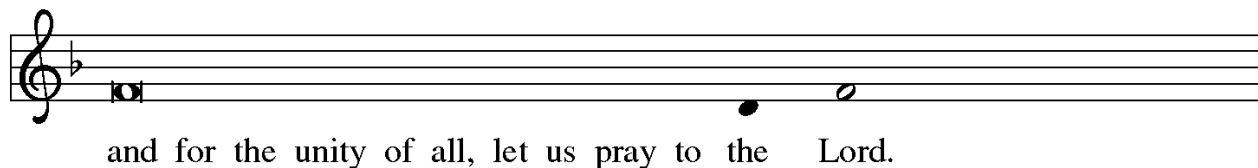
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



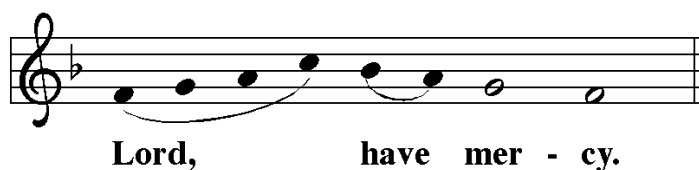
Lord, have mer - cy.



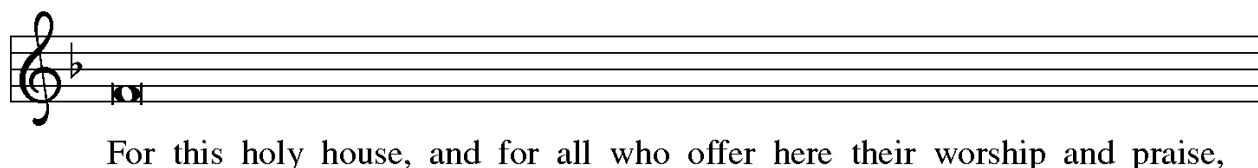
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



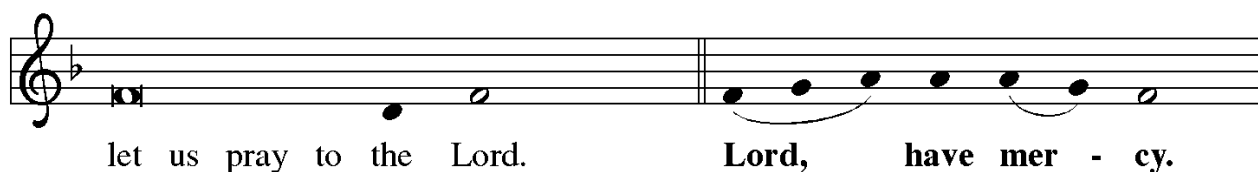
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



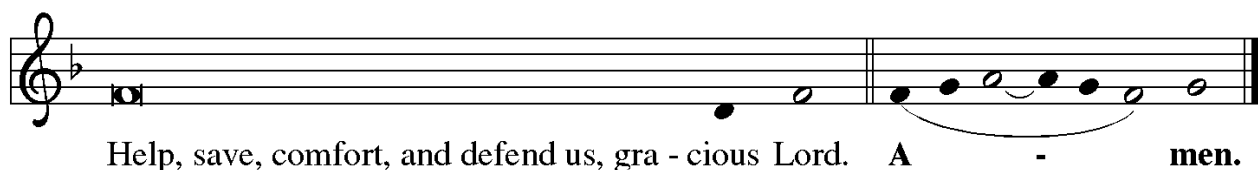
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and be known among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is recorded in 1st Samuel, the 16th Chapter.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

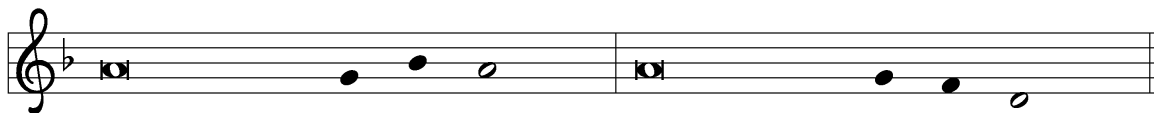
⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the [|] LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 5th Chapter.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

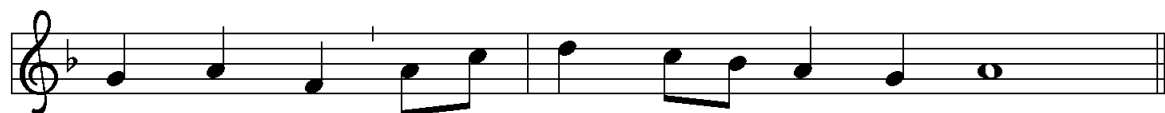
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: John 9:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’”

Then I went and washed and received my sight.”¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light “Houston”

ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Caleb and Nora. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve and for all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts... . We remember especially the life, love and faith of Cliff Lochhaas. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. 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

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

God Be in My Head

Henry Walford Davies
(1869–1941)

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

The Lord is My Shepherd from *Requiem*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Dr. Julia Tunstall, *flute*

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for His Name's sake, for His Name's sake, for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,
in the house of the Lord for ever, for ever.

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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and...

Again after supper, he took the cup, ...

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.

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

The Bird's Song from *The Pilgrim's Progress*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(10:30)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Eyes of All Hope in Thee, O Lord

Richard Felciano
(b. 1930)

The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord, and thou givest them meat in due season.
Thou openest thy hand, and thou fillest ev'ry living creature with thy blessing.
Amen.
My heart is ready, I will sing and give praise to thee, my glory.
The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord.

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.

(10:30)

Please be seated.

(10:30)

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

The 23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)

Bobby McFerrin

(b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.
Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, And my cup overflows.
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life, And I will live in Her house,
Forever, forever and ever.
Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end.
Amen

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

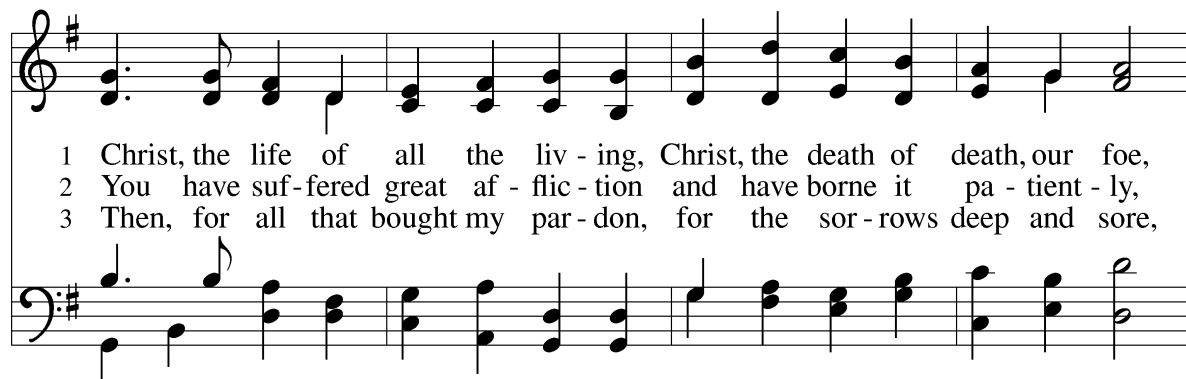
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living “Jesu, Meines Lieben”

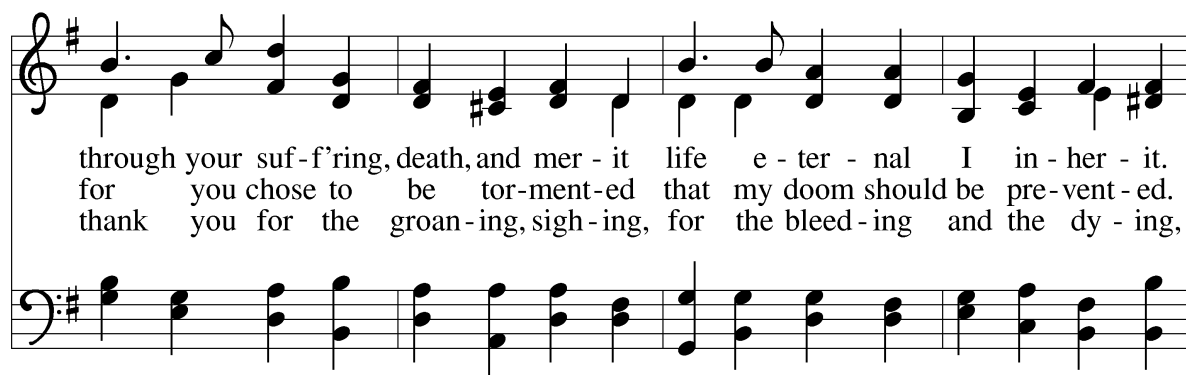
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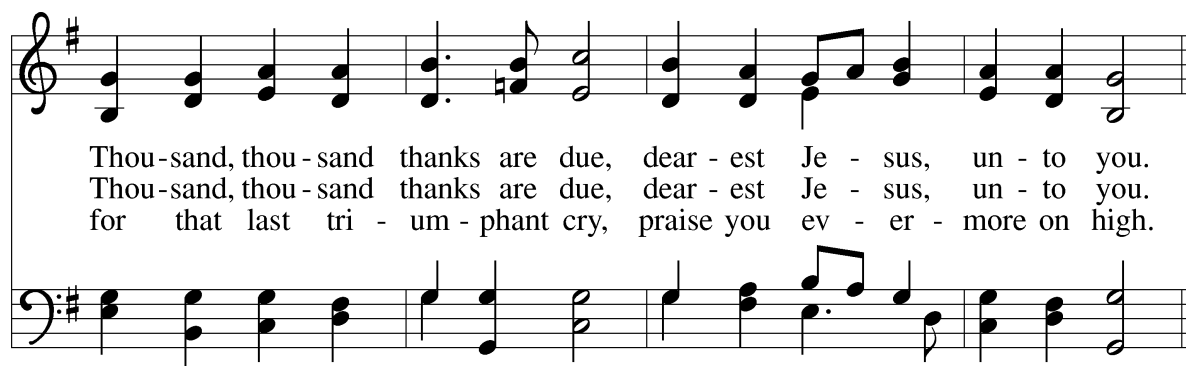
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

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, March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat 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)
- 12:30 a.m. Confirmation at Good Shepherd
- 3:00 p.m. Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus Concert (MC)

MONDAY, March 20, 2023

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

TUESDAY, March 21, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (FR/Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 p.m. Frontier High School Concert (MC)

THURSDAY, March 23, 2023

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

FRIDAY, March 24, 2023

- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, March 25, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. LaGreca/Berry Wedding (MC)

SUNDAY, March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat 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)

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 Linda Schmidt. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Brandon Howard.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Karen Saona. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of JoAnne and Sue from Paul Biesinger;

In Honor of our grandchildren Aidan and Ella, whose birthdays are in March, from Larry and Barb Wozniak; and

In Celebration of our granddaughter Morgan's 15th birthday on March 22, from Ron and Donna Leiser.

Collection counters are Tom Johnson, Uli MacDonald and Barb Wozniak.

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 Caleb and Nora Kattermann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Rich resumes Bible Study tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. The new series will be “Spiritual, but Not Religious?”. All are welcome.

CHAT 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 about our faith and discuss our life and ministries at Holy Trinity.

HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING: The team will meet next Sunday, March 26 at 9:30am in the Conference Room.

PLANT SALE: The annual LYO plant sale continues! 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Our congregation will be collecting items to make Personal Care Kits for our neighbors around the world. Please see the flyers located on the tables at the entrance ways, or the weekly email for guidelines and more information. Please bring kits/items to the display near the church office (Kahler's Korner) by April 1.

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 date is available April 30th- 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 msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

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.

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.



The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Buffalo Chamber Players
present

**This is Our Story: Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*
and J.S. Bach's *Magnificat***

Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Tickets \$25 at www.bpchorus.org or by calling (716)980-5701
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This is Our Story: an afternoon of hope and healing:
The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Buffalo Chamber Players, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York, will present a moving performance under the baton of BPC Concert Master Dr. Adam Luebke. The first half of the concert will consist of Bach's *Magnificat*. During a brief intermission you can listen to a talk presented by the Buffalo Alzheimer's Association. The second half of the concert will be the moving and poignant work of Robert Cohen, *Alzheimer's Stories*.

Several of Holy Trinity's Lead Singers will be featured soloists, including Erin Alexander, *mezzo-soprano*, Amie Adams, *soprano*, and Ky VerHoef, *baritone*.

The BPO Chorus is offering a 30% ticket discount for Holy Trinity membership.

Visit www.bpchorus.org and enter "HOLYTRINITY" into the Promo Code, or scan the QR Code on one of the posters in the narthex.



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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