



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second 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.

You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo, on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

PRELUDE

Elegy

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

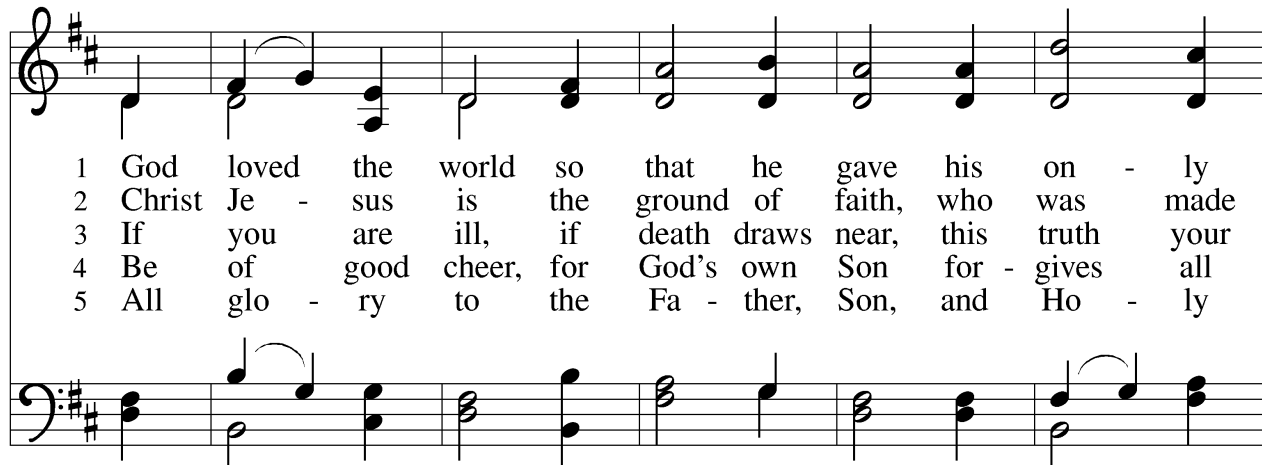
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Loved the World "Rockingham Old"

ELW 323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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

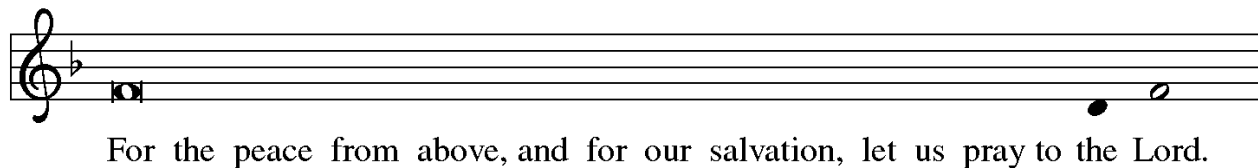
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

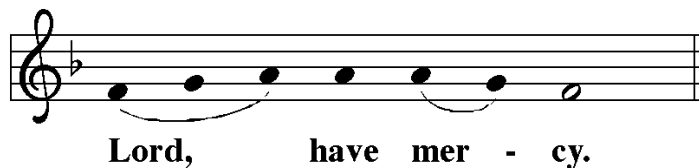
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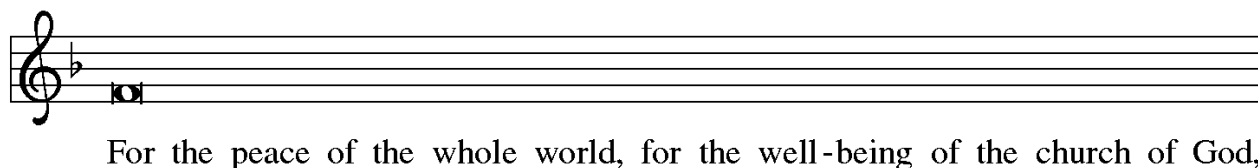
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



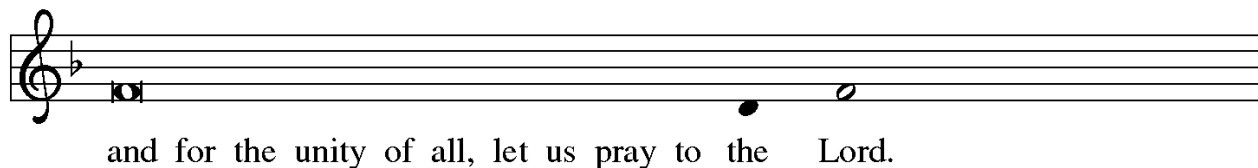
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



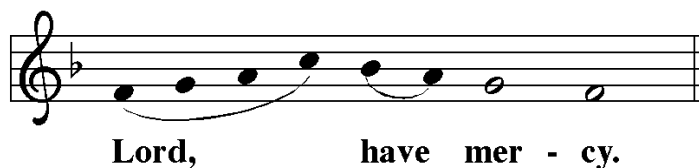
Lord, have mer - cy.



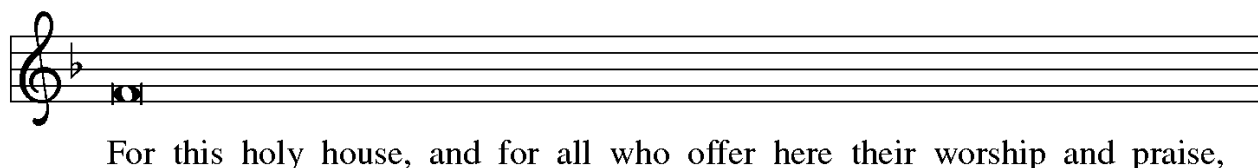
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



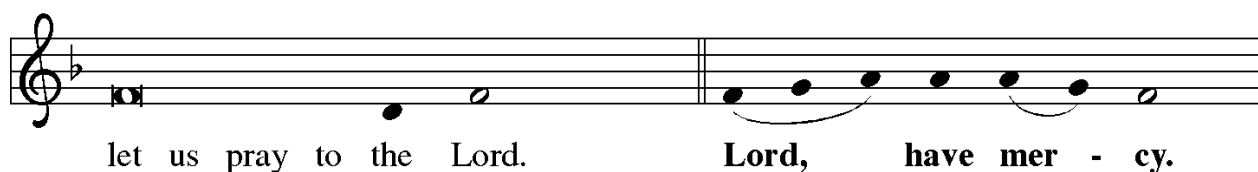
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



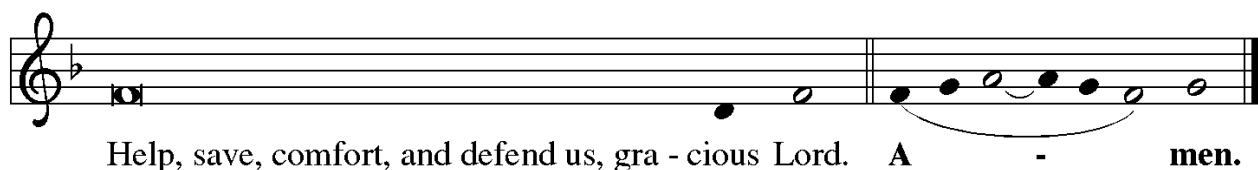
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a

The first reading for the Second Sunday in Lent is recorded in Genesis, the 12th Chapter.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 121

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



- ¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶**the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 4th Chapter.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus "Ouimette"

ELW 451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir-it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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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.

O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress and for all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts... . Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, especially Joy and Mattison, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Enliven our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. We remember especially our fallen firefighter, Jason Arno. 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 So Loved the World

John Stainer

(1840–1901)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Witness

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Jack Halloran

(1916–1997)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not, man; if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord; soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth, he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times, he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a wand'rin about. Samson's strength was never found out, 'til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk so fair. Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will 'come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness, for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord, There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

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

I Will Sing of thy Great Mercies, O Lord!

from the Oratorio, St. Paul Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809–1847)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Recitative: So they, being filled with the Holy Ghost,
departing thence delay'd not,
and preached the word of God with joyfulness.

Aria: I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord,
of Thy mercies of Lord, my Saviour,
I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord,
and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

(10:30)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Edie Hill

(b. 1962)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

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

I Will Lift Mine Eyes (2010)

Text: Psalm 121

Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills.
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of the heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper,
the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this day forth forever more.

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

Lift High the Cross "Crucifer"

ELW 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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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.*



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

Tickets will be available at the door.

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*.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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. 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)
- 12:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting (FR)

MONDAY, March 6, 2023

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

TUESDAY, March 7, 2023

- 5:30 p.m. Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Musicales (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, March 9, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, March 11, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (RH)

SUNDAY, March 12, 2023 – Third 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)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at Good Shepherd

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 Paul Kroll. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Ellie Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Neil Kattermann. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Honor of my father, Karl B. Huber, Sr., born on March 7, 1914, from Guy Huber; and

In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck and her grandchildren Melissa and Aaron from their family.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Linda Horton and Sue Spindler.

Council Secretary, Linda Horton, 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 Joy Greenough and Mattison Harvey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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: "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. Please feel free to take a copy.

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, March 11 at 10:00am in Redeemer Hall.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

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 12th and 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 716-835-3325 or 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 1st and 3rd 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

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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