

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Good Shepherd Sunday 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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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

Psalm 23 the Lord is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want

Cary Ratcliff (b. 1953)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Day of Resurrection! "Ellacombe"

ELW 361



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

(10:30)

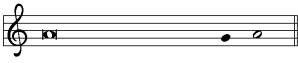
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GREETING

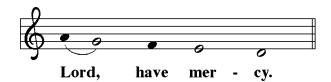
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

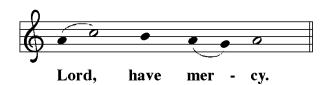


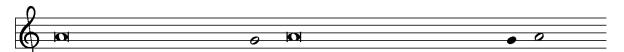
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



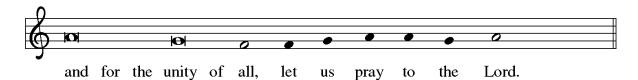


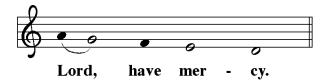
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

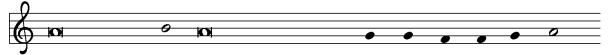




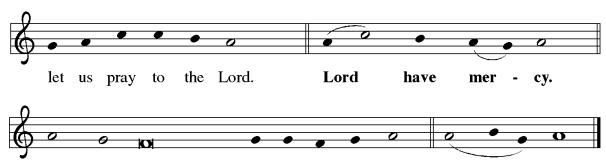
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



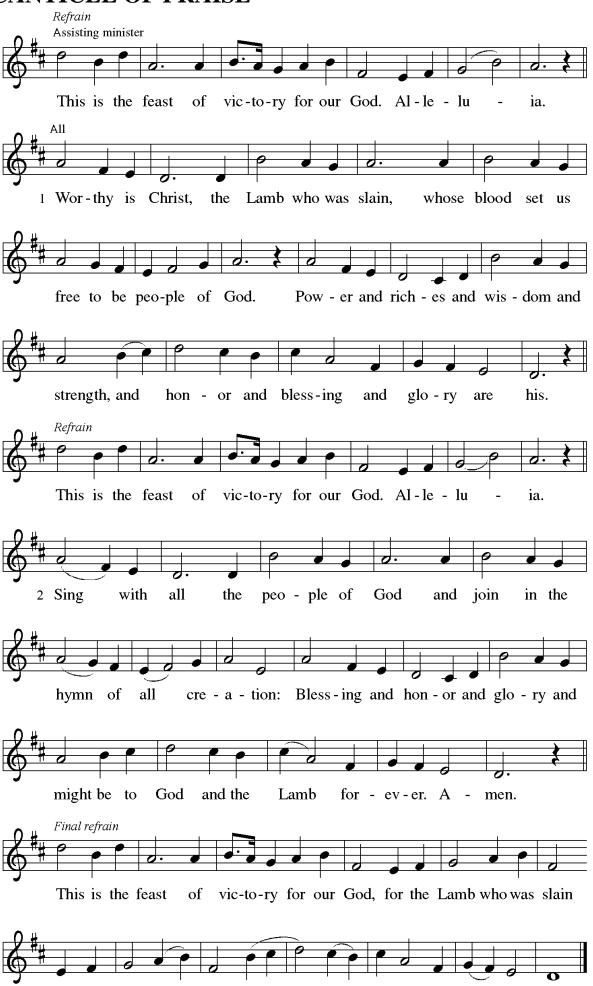
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 2nd Chapter.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

The Lamb

Text: William Blake (1757–1827)

John Tavener (1944–2013)

Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, by the stream and o'er the mead, gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly bright, gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for He calls Himself a Lamb. He is meek, and He is mild; He became a little child. I a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by His name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Peter, the 2nd Chapter. ¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

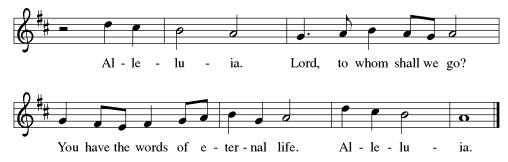
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The Holy gospel according to Saint John



[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the sheepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

Amen.

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Blessed be you, O God, and blessed be the longing that draws us to you. Blessed be your voice, that disturbs us when we have settled into something safe. Blessed be your guidance, that stirs in us a longing for where you want to take us. And blessed is your abiding presence, that sustains us in our journey. May we come to accept our longing for life as divine urgency, and may we know the urgency with which you long for us. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You embody a shepherd's love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Anthony and Claire. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or who suffer in any way and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. May all refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment find safe refuge in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. In those who mourn, raise hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822–1890)

Colleen Flynn, soprano

The bread of the angels is made the bread of man: the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven. O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant. We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you; through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Southern Hymn Tune arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, nomore a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth"

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

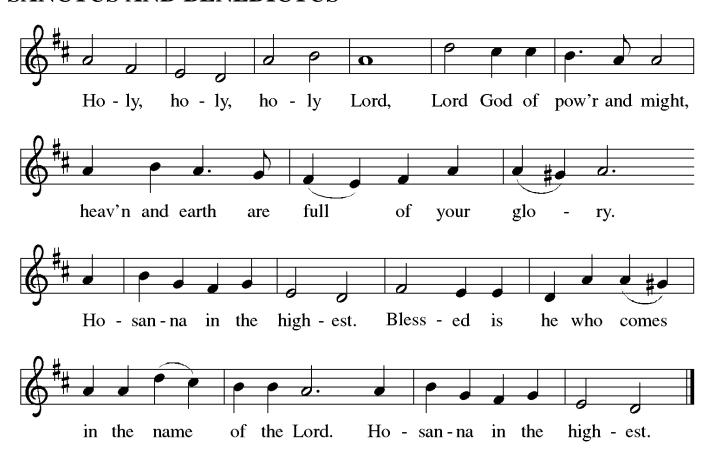
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

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

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

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

After supper, he took the cup, . . .

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

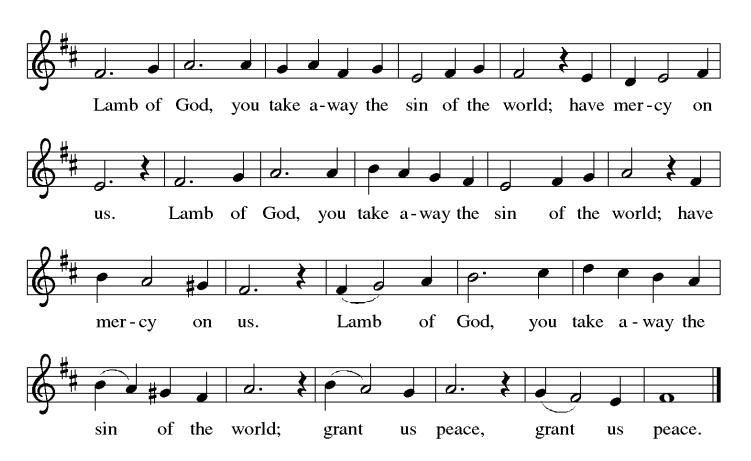
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI



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

The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23, The Scottish Psalter, 1650

Bob Chilcott

(b. 1955)

Colleen Flynn, soprano

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,

e'en for his own name's sake, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:

for thou art with me and thy rod and staff comfort still.

My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes;

my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows, overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:

And in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be,

my dwelling place shall be, my dwelling place shall be.

(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. Alleluia.

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.

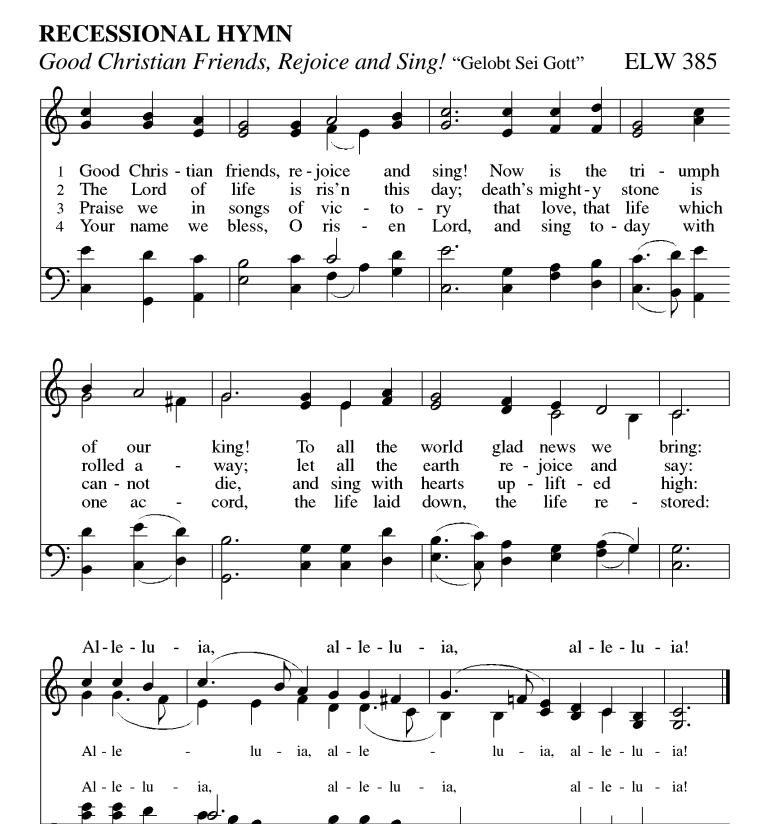
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised \pm Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve all in the spirit of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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, April 30, 2023 – Good Shepherd Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich) (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 3:30 p.m. Friends of Vienna Concert (MC)

MONDAY, May 1, 2023

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

TUESDAY, May 2, 2023

- 12:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

THURSDAY, May 4, 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, May 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. Niagara Conference Assembly (RH)

SUNDAY, May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich) (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion and Baptism (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Dave Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Reader is Neil Kattermann. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Claire Carmer and Uli MacDonald.

Council Member Chris Huber 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 Anthony and Claire Lizauckas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow at 9:30am with the series introducing five distinct ways to pray with scripture using an ancient practice called *lectio divina*, or divine reading. All are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL invite you to join us on Tuesday, May 9 for a presentation by Sheri Scavone, CEO of WNY Women's Foundation. Sheri will highlight the history of the organization and current program offerings. More information can be found at their website wnywomensfoundation.org. We will begin with a potluck luncheon at noon. Please contact Barb Wozniak if you have any questions.

LYO PLANTS: The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 13 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

We will also be planting the church grounds that day. All are welcome to come and help with the planting and enjoy a hot dog lunch.

CPR, AED TRAINING: Interested? We need to know by our deadline of May 31, in order to arrange class. Please call the church office and provide your name and contact number. For more information contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862.

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 Friends of Vienna and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church present Classical Guitar duo Stephen Guerra and Sungmin Shin Viva Brasil Sunday, April 30th at 3:30 pm

Today at 3:30 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,1080 Main St. Buffalo,14209, the Friends of Vienna in conjunction with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church present guitar duo, Stephen Guerra and Sungmin Shin in a program titled 'Viva Brasil", a collection of newly composed traditional and contemporary style-Brazilian music.

This is a FREE performance for the entire Western New York Community made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Services Inc.

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