

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter 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

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

PRELUDE

Aurora from Dawn Liturgies

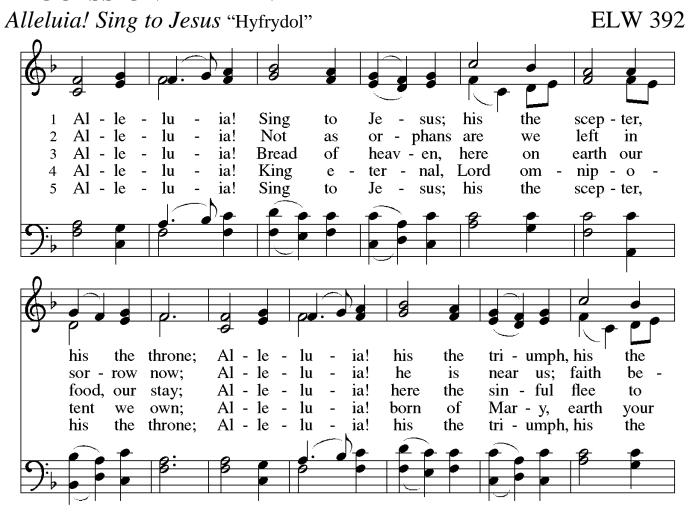
Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN





Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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.

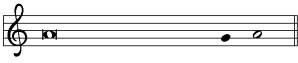
Amen.

GREETING

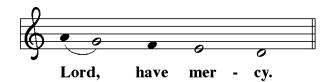
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

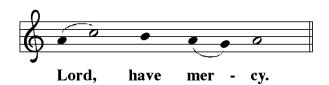


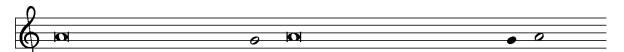
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



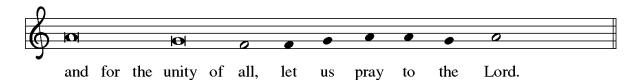


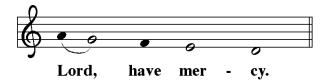
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

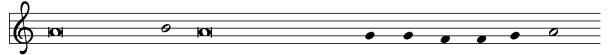




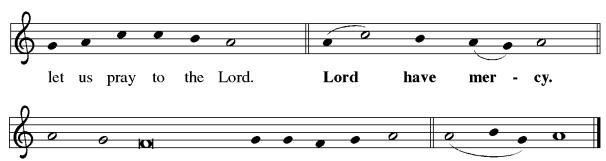
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



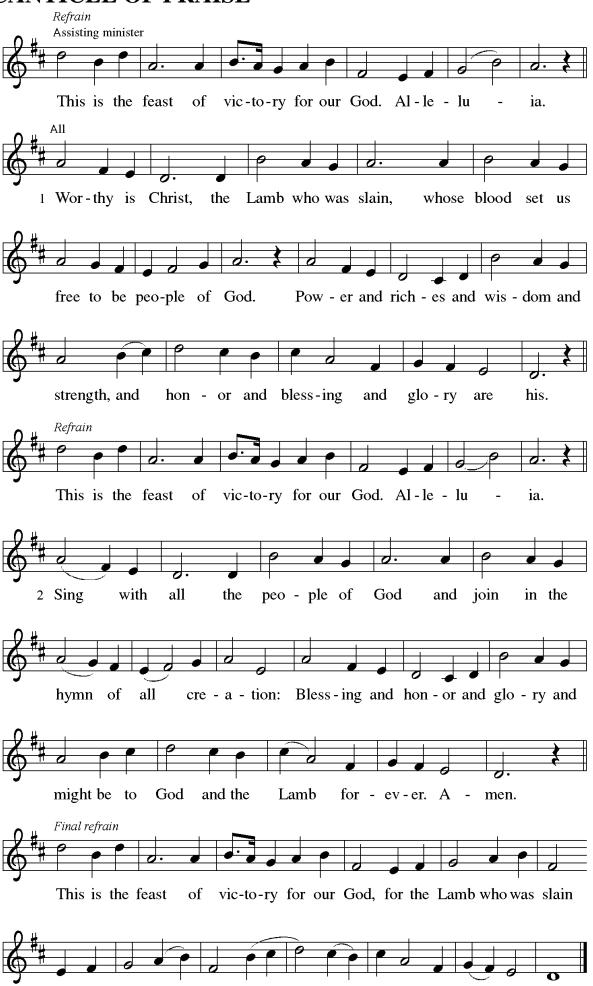
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 1st Chapter.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Ratisbon

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiancy Divine, Scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day. Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The second reading for today is recorded in 1^{st} Peter, the 4^{th} and 5^{th} Chapters.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

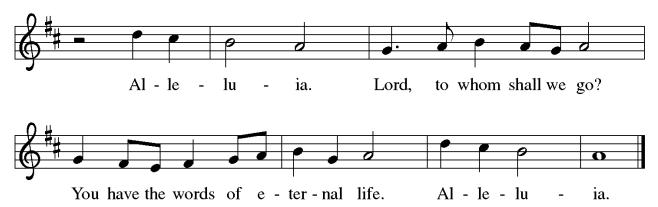
^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

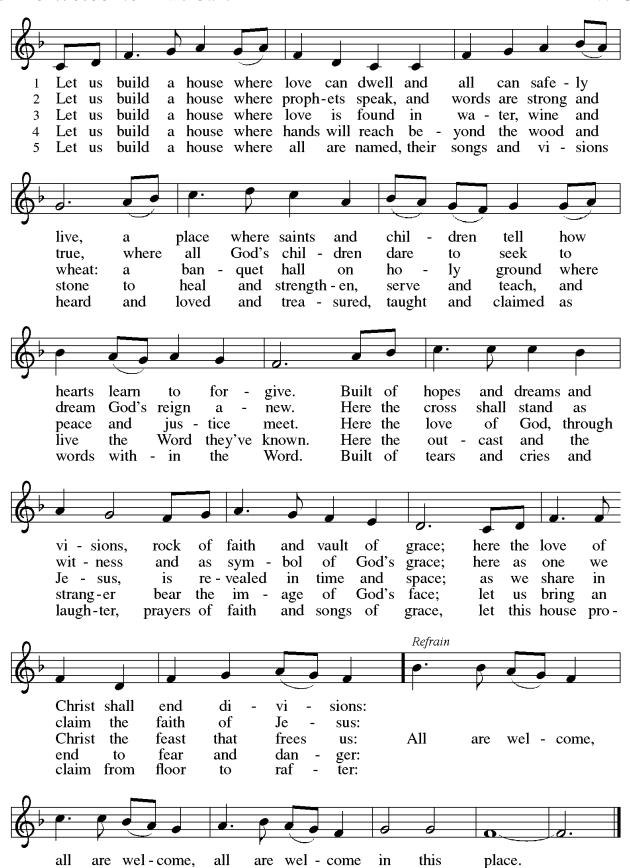
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SERMON HYMN

All Are Welcome "Two Oaks"

ELW 641



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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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

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children especially Calvin and Damon. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewards of your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

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(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

God Is Gone Up

Text: Edward Taylor (c. 1646–1729)

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: sing praise. Sing praises out, unto our King, sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.

Me-thinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

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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

ELW 885

"Old Hundredth"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

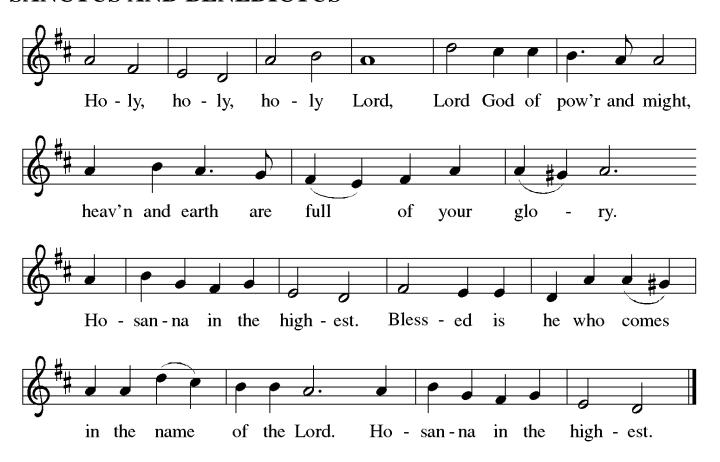
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.

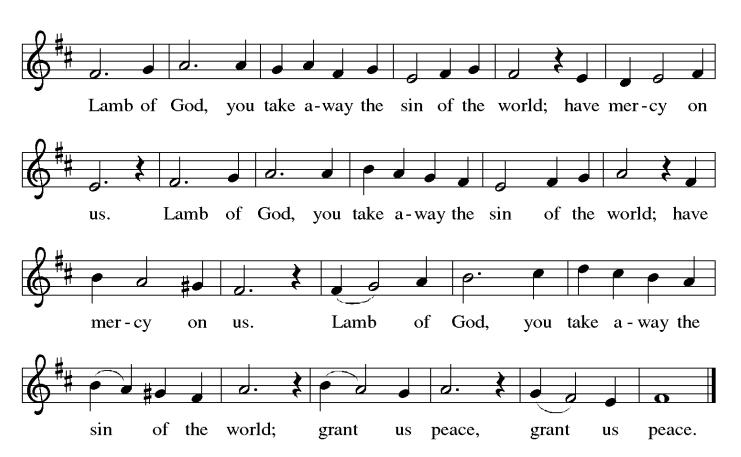
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 ANTHEM

King of Glory, King of Peace Text: George Herbert (1593-1633) Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

King of Glory, King of Peace, I will love Thee:
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me:
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spar'd me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee.
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Thou grew'st soft and moist with tears, Thou relentedst:
And when Justice call'd for fears, Thou dissentedst.
Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll Thee:
Ev'n eternity is too short to extol Thee.

(10:30)

Beautiful Savior

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677, Tr.

Silesian Folk Song Arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

Holly Holdaway, mezzo-soprano

Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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.**



THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lumen in Christo from Dawn Liturgies

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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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, May 21, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (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)

12:00 p.m. Social Media Task Force (FI)

4:00 p.m. AGO Event (FR)

MONDAY, May 22, 2023

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, May 23, 2023

6:00 p.m. Dinner with Confirmands and Council Meeting (RH)

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)

THURSDAY, May 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)

7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, May 28, 2023 - Day of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Confirmation (MC)

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At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Paul Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of our father, Charles Crissey from his daughters; and

In Loving Memory of Thomas Barney, Sr. by the Barney Family; and In Loving Memory of my parents Clifford and June Hehr by David Hehr.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Claire Carmer and Neil Kattermann.

Council Treasurer Fred Howard will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Calvin and Damon Long.

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.

NO COFFEE HOUR: There will be no coffee hour next Sunday, 5/28.

CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION: Dear Holy Trinity, as many of you may know, unrest and unsafe situations in Haiti prevent actual travel to provide help. However, our commitment to support Caribbean Children's Foundation remains strong. Fundraising events are being planned. Sponsorships and donations may be provided anytime. If you are able to help with those, please feel to use a Pledge Form. Feel free to take and read a copy of the Spring Bulletin sent from Nora, which can be found at the tables at the entrance ways or on the tables in Redeemer Hall. Her stories and the pictures help to keep us connected. Make sure you flip to side 2. Our own Guy Huber is featured as a new CCF Board Member!!

HEALTH FAIR coming to the Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo 14211. Community Health Day, sponsored by Independent Health, will be held on June 19 from 10am – 2pm at the Buffalo Museum of Science. This event is free and for All Ages. Families are invited to enjoy free general Museum admission and explore together at Independent Health's annual Community Health Day! All guests may participate in a variety of fun and interactive happenings with a focus on health and wellness throughout and outside the Museum.

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.

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