In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spírít

A Service of Holy Communion and Affirmation of Baptism "The Rite of Confirmation" For

Avery Matthew Best

at

the 10:30 a.m. service on The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity 1080 Main Street Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 28, 2023 The Day of Pentecost 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.

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INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. **PRELUDE** *Partita on Le P'ing "Greet the Rising Sun"*

Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Day Full of Grace "Den Signede Dag"



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt. Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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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



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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. Miranda Hammer

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The first reading for the Day of Pentecost is recorded in Acts, the 2nd Chapter.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Laudate Dominum from Three Latin Motets Psalm 150

Naji Powe, tenor

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 12th Chapter.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Miranda Hammer

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Borning Cry "Waterlife" **ELW 732** was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. "I 1 of the Word I was there to cheer you on; "When you heard the won-der 2 of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young, 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges Ι re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun. I'11 be was there when you were but a child, with a faith to Ι suit you well; you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, If When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." a blaze in to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing I'll be there sun." I'll be there Ι have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise." as Ø. 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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(10:30) AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – CONFIRMATION Page 234

(8:30) 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Avery Matthew. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. We remember the life and love of Clara Gomez. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. 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

THE SOLO

This Day

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Naji Powe, tenor

This day will you strength us, this day will you bless us. This day will you lift us, visit us for good. This day inscribe for us a happy, happy life. This day hear our cry. This day accept our prayers in mercy and favour. This day support us with your righteous hand. This day accept our prayers in mercy and favour. This day accept our prayers in mercy and favour. This day, this day. This day will you lift us, visit us for good. This day inscribe for us a happy, happy life. This day hear our cry. Amen. 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" 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.

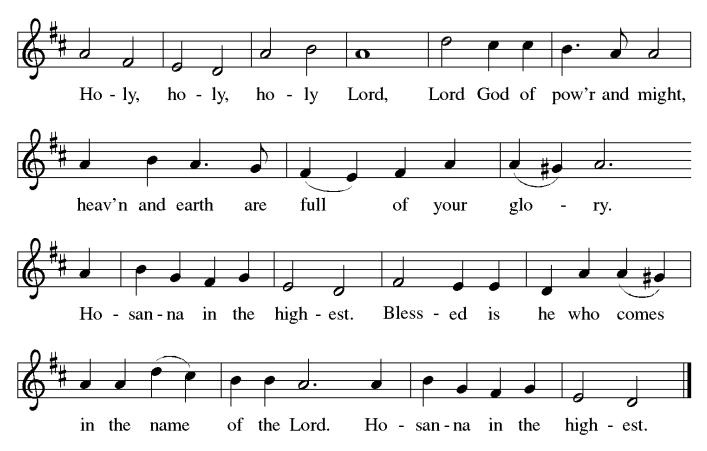
PREFACE

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

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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.**

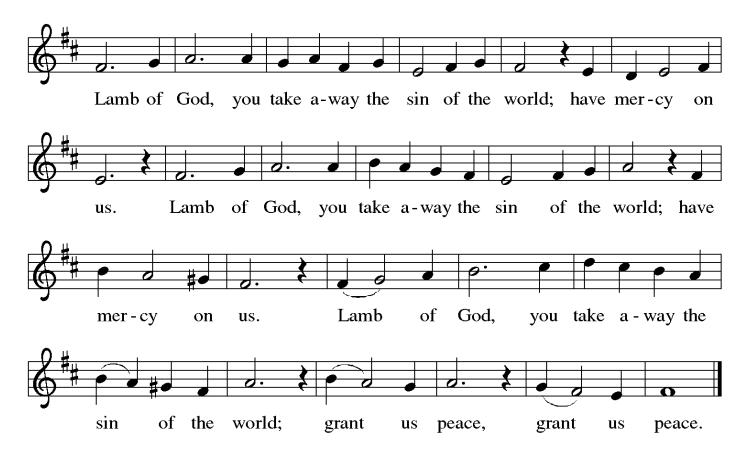
All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Waterlife

setting David Christiansen (b. 1957)

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 + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.** **RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* "In Babilone"



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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Michael Helman (b. 1965)

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.

> There will be no coffee hour today., We will continue next Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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) MONDAY, May 29, 2023 Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, May 31, 2023 6:00 p.m. Vocalis Rehearsal (MC) THURSDAY, June 1, 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) **FRIDAY, June 2, 2023** 7:30 p.m. Vocalis Community Sing (MC) SATURDAY, June 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. Vocalis Rehearsal (MC) SUNDAY, June 4, 2023 – The Holy Trinity 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) 4:00 p.m. Vocalis Concert (MC) CH = Mansperger Chapel CI = Crib Room CR = Conference RoomFR = Fellowship Room FI = Fireside Room/Library MC = Main Church MR = Music RoomPS = Pastor's StudyRH = Redeemer Hall SC = SacristySS = Sunday SchoolYR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Worship Assistant is Brandon Howard.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Jen Yap. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given: In Gratitude for the Chancel Choir from Pat Lonergan; and

In Loving Memory of Dan Schlosser, Josh Sweers, Daniel Shedd and John Camilleri Jr. from John and Gail Camilleri.

The flag flying on our flagpole is dedicated in Honor of Larry Wozniak for his service in Vietnam by Barb Wozniak.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice and Sue Spindler.

Council Vice-President Kathy Crissey 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 today's confirmand, Avery Matthew Best.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO COFFEE HOUR: There will be no coffee hour today following the 10:30 service.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE - The summer service schedule will begin **June 11** in the air-conditioned Chapel with the same service times, 8:30 and 10:30.

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.

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.

Choral Connections Weekend The Music of **Jake Runestad**

Community Sing Friday, June 2 - 7:30 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1080 Main Street, Buffalo

Sing under the direction of composer Jake Runestad, as he rehearses you through his music. All in the community are invited, and music will be provided. Bring your voice, or just sit and listen.

Community Sing participants are also invited to perform the rehearsed work on Sunday afternoon, June 4th.

Join Vocális and Jake Runestad as part of our Season Finale Concert and add your voice to the celebration.

Choral Connections Concert Finale -The Music of Jake Runestad Sunday, June 4, 4:00 pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 1080 Main Street, Buffalo



Get your tickets to both events using the following QR codes:



Friday Community Sing Tickets



Concert Tickets Including Optional Community Sing

Admission: Eriday Sing Only – \$10 Concert and Friday Sing - \$20

Tickets also available at the venue and at our website: **vocalischamberchoir.org**



James Burritt-Director



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