

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 2, 2023 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 145<sup>th</sup> 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

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## INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

# **PRELUDE**

Adoration
A Pleasant Thought

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table "Babilone"

**ELW 522** 



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932 Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

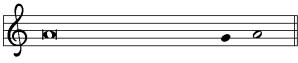
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## **GREETING**

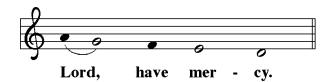
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

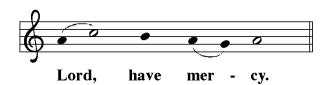


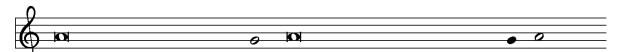
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



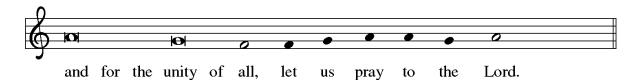


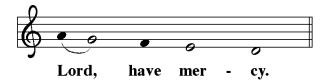
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





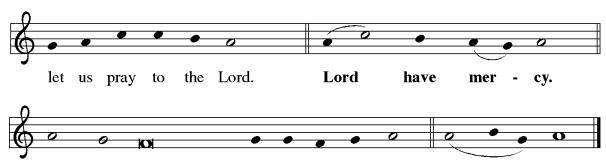
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



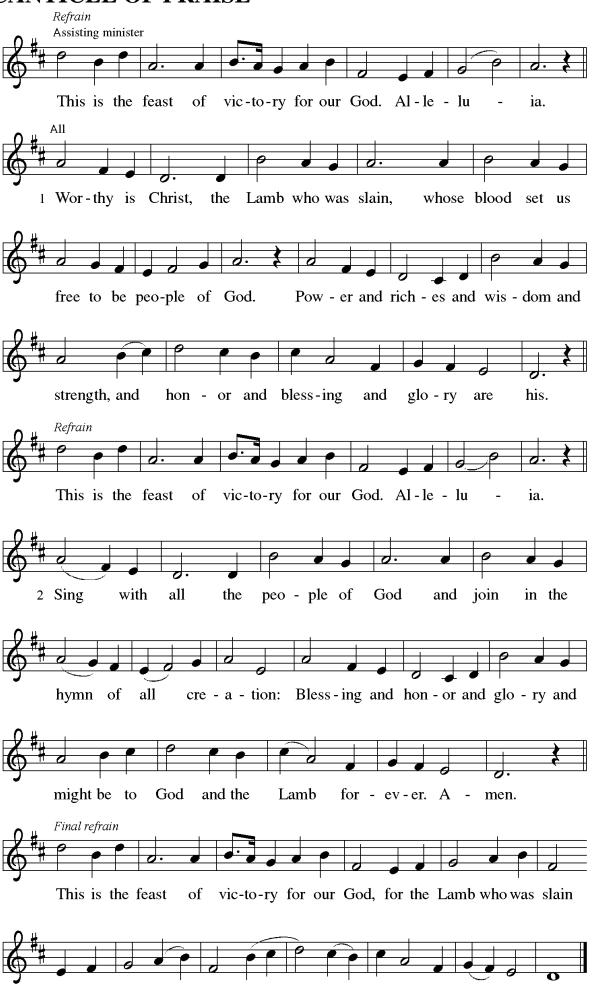
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Neil Kattermann

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Jeremiah, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE SOLO

The World Feels Dusty

Text: Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

The world feels dusty when we stop to die We want the dew then Honors taste dry

Flags vex a dying face
But the least fan
stirred by a friend's hand
Cools like the rain

Mine be the ministry when thy thirst comes Dews of thyself to fetch and holy balms

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

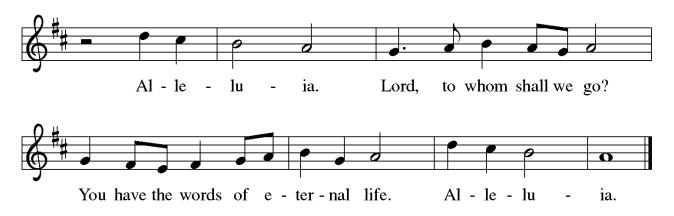
<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



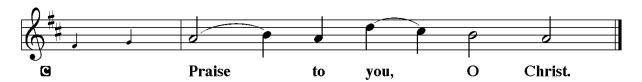
## **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Neil Kattermann

Please stand as you are able.

## **SERMON HYMN**

## All Are Welcome "Twin Oaks"

**ELW 641** 



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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## **APOSTLE'S 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 PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

# A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We pray for all children of this congregation, especially Abriella and Aidan. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. We remember especially the life, love and faith of Mary Sellig. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

## 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

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

He's Got The Whole World In His Hand

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Margaret Bonds
(1913-1972)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the woods and the waters in His hand, He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He's got the beast of the field right in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got you and me right in His hand, He's got everybody in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

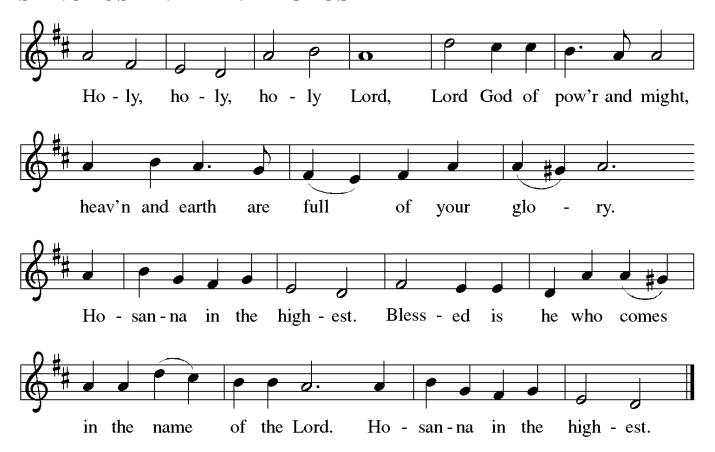
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever.

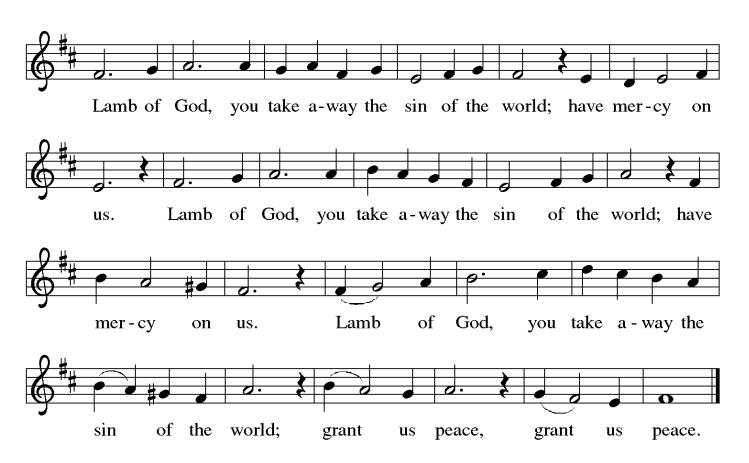
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## 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



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.

## **SOLO AT COMMUNION**

Sure on This Shining Night Op. 13, No. 3 Text: James Agee (1909-1955)

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep
for wonder wand'ring far alone
of shadows on the stars.

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.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a broken and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons, or in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we are one in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar for your use. If you take a bulletin from this morning's worship service, you will be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.

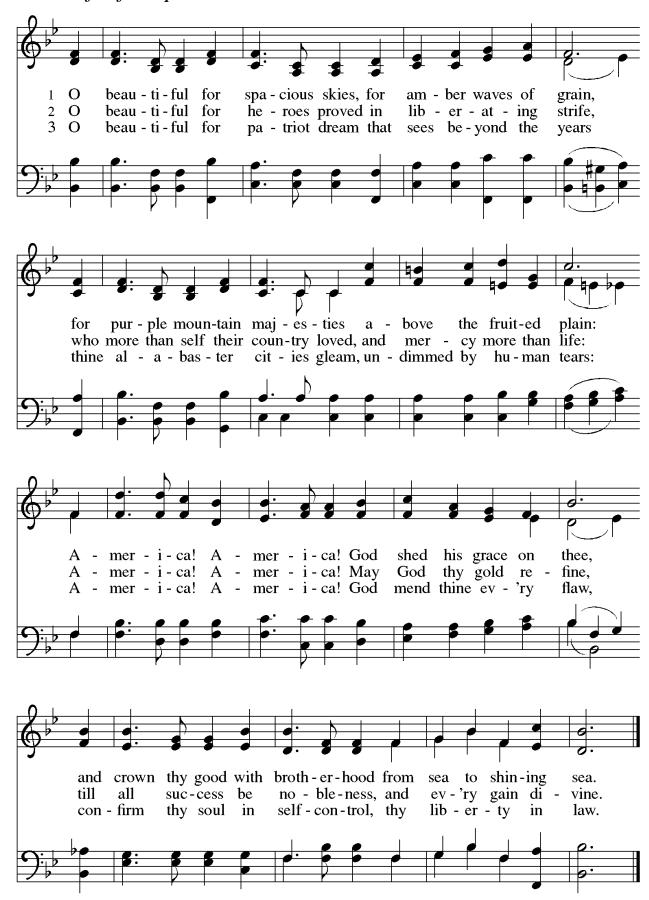
## **BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.** 

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies "Materna"

**ELW 888** 



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

# THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

Variations on "America"

Austin Lovelace (1919-2010)

You are encouraged to take the bulletin home with you for future reference.

Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bin at the entrance way.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

## SUNDAY, July 2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

## **MONDAY, July 3, 2023**

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

# TUESDAY, July 4, 2023 Independence Day

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

## THURSDAY, July 6, 2023

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal (MC)

6:00 p.m. CPR Training (FR)

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

## **FRIDAY, July 7, 2023**

2:00 p.m. Benson/Lang Wedding (MC)

# SUNDAY, July 9, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Birthday Justin Pomietlarz

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

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion CH)

 $\begin{array}{lll} CH = Mansperger\ Chapel & CI = Crib\ Room & CR = Conference\ Room \\ FR = Fellowship\ Room & FI = Fireside\ Room/Library & MC = Main\ Church \\ MR = Music\ Room & PS = Pastor's\ Study & RH = Redeemer\ Hall \\ SC = Sacristy & SS = Sunday\ School & YR = Youth\ Room \end{array}$ 



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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Raúl Saona. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

To the Glory of God on our 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with reverence to Pastor Charles Bang by Orest and Janice Iskalo.

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

Council Member Raúl Saona will be at the entrance way 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 Abriella and Aidan Murphy.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PASTOR RICH is away on vacation, returning July 22. Pastor Neil Kattermann will be our preacher during this time and will also be available for any pastoral emergencies.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE: As of late June, the Call Committee is in conversation with a new candidate. Please continue to keep the Committee and candidate in your prayers as they discern the next steps for our congregation.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *Journey Together: An Intergenerational Summer Event* will take place at Holy Trinity Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 5:30 to 7:30. You are welcome to join whenever your schedule permits. The evening begins with a meal followed by different themed activities. Sign up sheets may be found at the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

GOLF OUTING: All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on **Saturday**, **August 19 at 1:00pm** at Pendleton Creek Golf Club. Cost for the day is **\$60** and includes cart, nine holes of golf and a BBQ Dinner. Checks may be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Please list the players/riders included in your group. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

# **Congregational Council**

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