

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 11, 2023 Second Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 145th 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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

There's a Wideness in God' Mercy "Lord, Revive Us"

ELW 588



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



God's jus - tice which is there's a kind-ness more than lib - er - ty. in there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood. most won-der - ful - ly kind. the heart of the E - ter - nal is great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for fresh bliss. zeal God will not we mag-ni fy its strict-ness with a and own. and our lives will thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the be Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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.

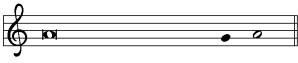
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREETING

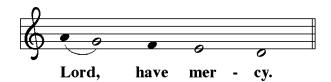
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

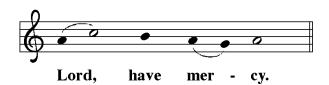


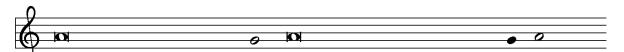
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



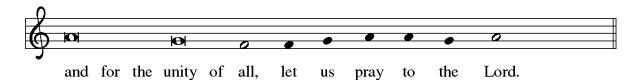


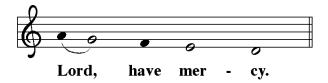
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

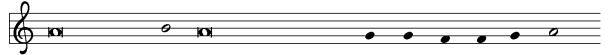




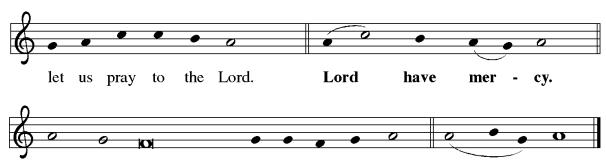
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



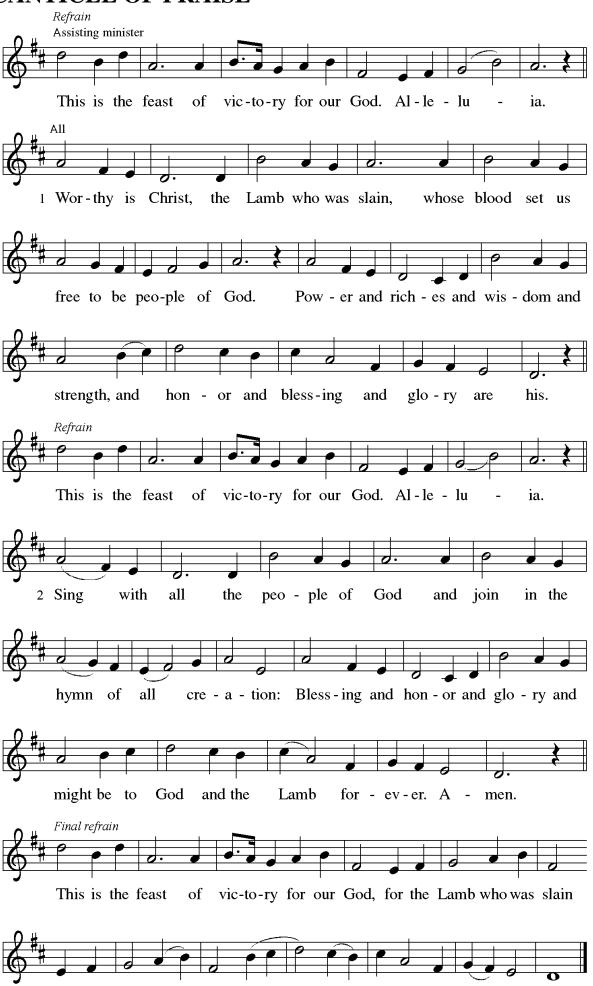
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

has be - gun his

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15--6:6

The first reading for Second Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Hosea, the 5^{th} and 6^{th} Chapters.

¹⁵I will return again to my place

until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1"Come, let us return to the LORD;

for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;

he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;

his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
 I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
 and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
 the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 4th Chapter. ¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

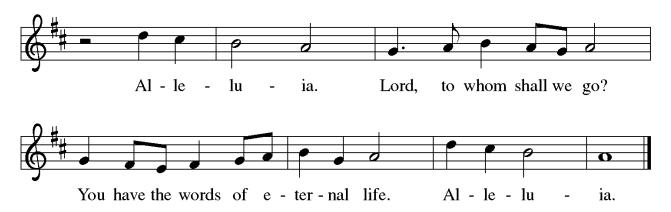
²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

We All Are One in Mission "Kuortane"

ELW 576



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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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

Sometimes when we turn to you in prayer, O God, you seem distant, careless of the concerns that fill our hearts and the words that carry them to you. We may feel you have struck us down and left us wounded and broken. Yet you have promised to come to us like the spring rains that water the earth. You have not left us; it is we who have turned from you. All you ask of us is our steadfast love. Just so will we know your intimate and abiding presence and be made perfect in love. In that love, and trusting in your abundant mercy, help us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for creation. Inspire us to care for forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Move us to care for lakes, rivers, and oceans. Teach us to respect habitats in danger and to care for lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often been forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Lorelai and Scarlett. Be known to anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. 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

THE SOLO

Faith from Vedic Hymns Op. 24, No. 9

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Carolyn Lansom, alto

By Thee the fire doth shine

Upon the sacred altar:

To Thee we raise our song of joy and homage,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee the gen'rous heart

Is blessed with wealth and wisdom:

To Thee he giveth all in humble gladness,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee the prayers are heard

That rise in silent worship:

To Thee mankind and God are drawing nearer,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee inspired, our song

Ascendeth ever higher

To Thee at early morn, at noon, at even,

Most Holy Faith!

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.

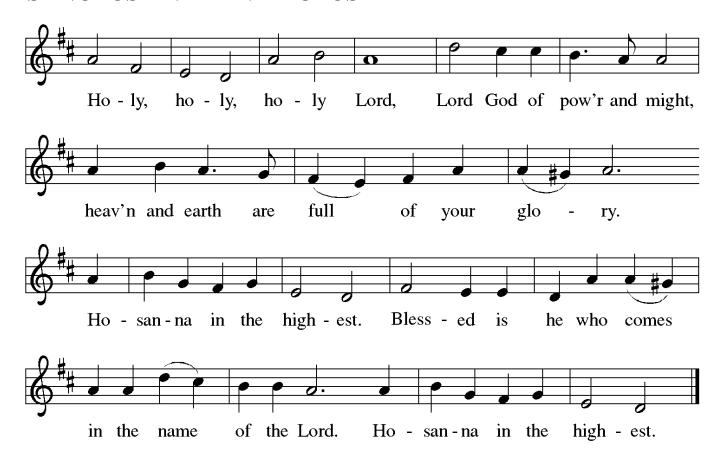
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

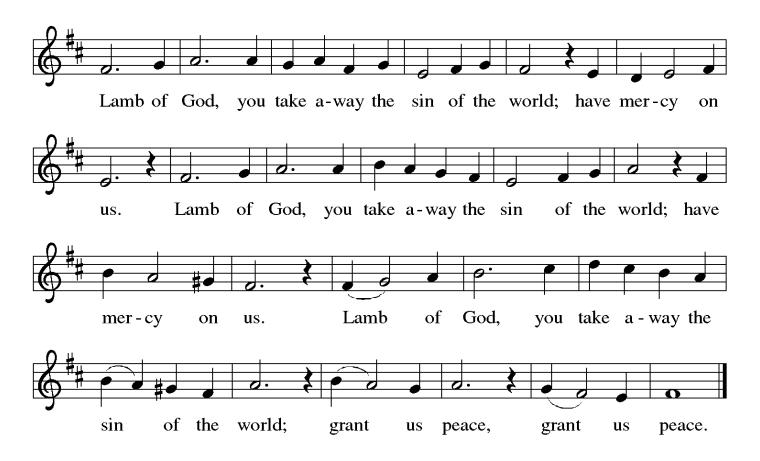
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Carolyn Lansom, alto

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sunshine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again, may God hold you, may God hold you, ever in the palm of His hand, the palm of His hand.

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, 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "Hymn to Joy"

ELW 836



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

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 in the Fellowship Room for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, June 11 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich) (FR)

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

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)

12:00 p.m. Evangelical Outreach Meeting (CR)

MONDAY, June 12, 2023

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

TUESDAY, June 13, 2023

12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023

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

THURSDAY, June 15, 2023

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

SUNDAY, June 18, 2023 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day

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

9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich) (FR)

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

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)



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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given: In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck from her Family; and In Celebration of our 55th Wedding Anniversary on June 8 by Ron and

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

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Sue Spindler.

Donna Leiser.

Council Secretary Linda Horton 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 Lorelai and Scarlett McFarland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Next Sunday will be our final coffee hour before summer. We will celebrate with a hot dog roast following the 10:30 service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Join members and friends of the Niagara Frontier Conference for a **presentation by Bishop Lee Miller II** who will be sharing some of his experiences of his recent trip to the Holy Land on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 10:00am (9:30am Refreshments) at Holy Trinity. Reservations are not required, but would be helpful in preparation for the event. Please contact the Church Office at 716-886-2400 or info@holytrinitybuffalo.org

WOMEN AT THE WELL will gather on Tuesday, June 13 at noon in the Fellowship Room. Bring a lunch and chat before we carpool over to Harvest House Ministry Center for a tour. https://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date is available- June 25th-1 vase. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

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.

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