

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 18, 2023 Third 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.
You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

# **INTRODUCTION**

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

#### **PRELUDE**

Arabesque Op. 31, No. 15

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

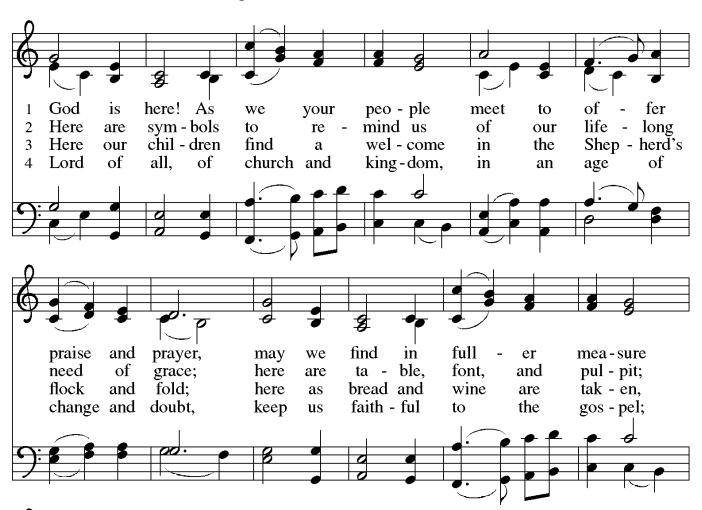
#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Is Here! "Abbot's Leigh"

**ELW 526** 





Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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#### **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.

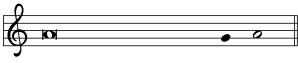
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### **GREETING**

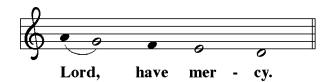
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **KYRIE**

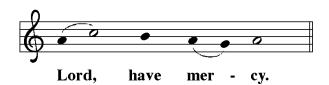


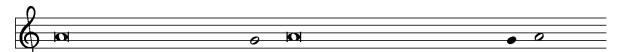
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



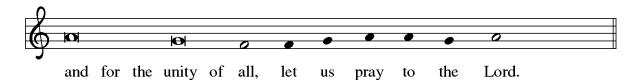


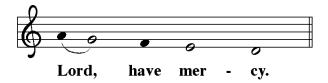
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

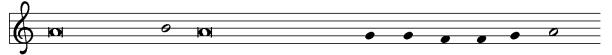




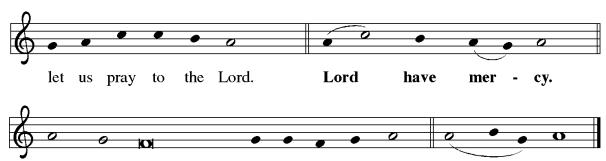
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



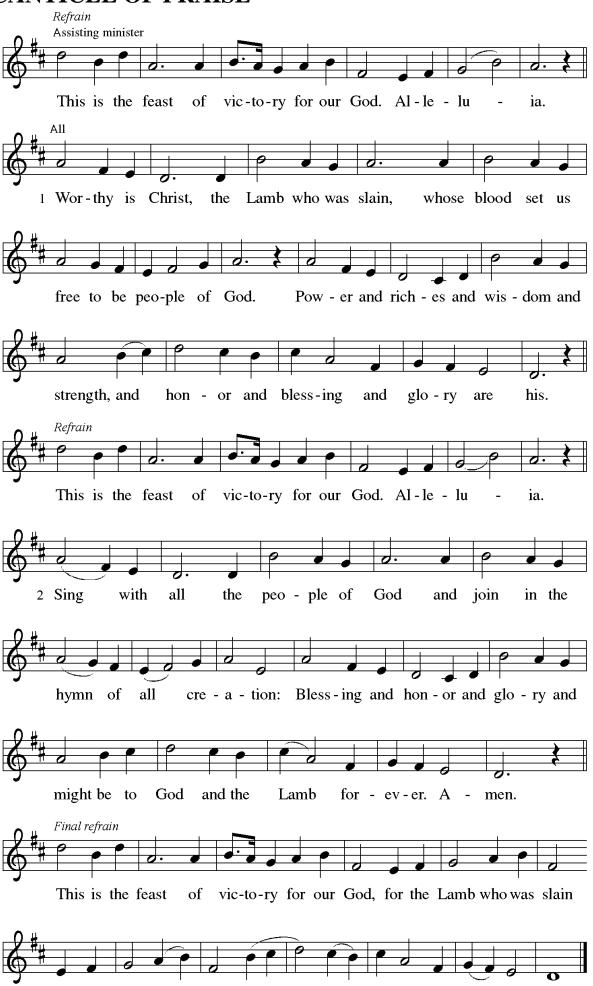
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news 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: Exodus 19:2-8a

The first reading for Third Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Exodus, the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

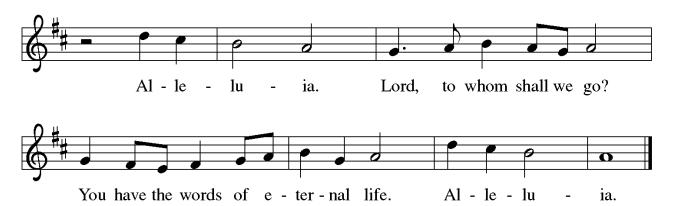
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

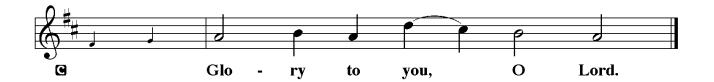
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:4**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

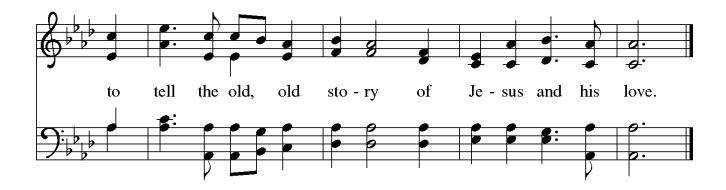
#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.







Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

# **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

Almighty and all-embracing God: Motivated by his compassion for those who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd, our Lord Jesus sent his disciples among them to offer healing and wholeness and to lead them to abundant life. Give us eyes to see those we too easily overlook, hearts opened by compassion for sisters and brothers in need, and the will to use resources entrusted to us for the healing of creation. Trusting in your abundant mercy, help us pray for a world in need.

# A brief silence.

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Give us grace to apprehend you in all things, for you are in all things created, and every creature is a word spoken by you, a scripture about you. Renew in us a faithful and effective stewardship of your creation. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Guide us to work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

For those who suffer, we pray. Be known to those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Melody and Griffin. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to you all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the saints, we give thanks. Help us entrust to your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

#### THE OFFERING

#### THE SOLO

Wayfaring Stranger

# Southern American Folksong arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Amie Adams, soprano

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger A traveler through this world of woe But there's no sickness, toil nor danger In that fair land to which I go I'm going there to see my father I'm going there no more to roam I am just going over Jordan I am just going over home I know dark clouds will gather round me I know my way is rough and steep But beau-teous fields lie just before me Where God's redeemed their vigils keep I'm going home to see my mother She said she'd meet me when I come I'm only going over Jordan I'm only going over home I'm just a going over home

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.

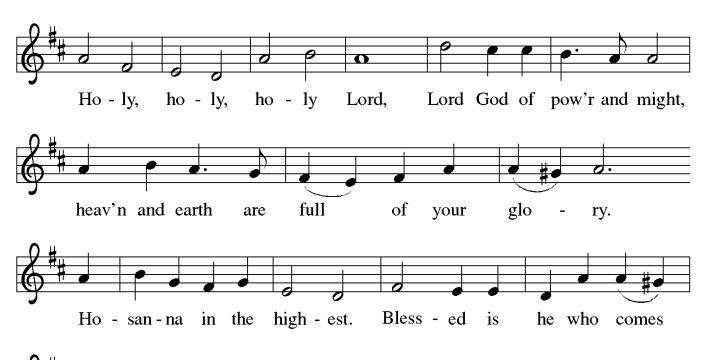
#### **PREFACE**

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name

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

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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of the Lord.

#### 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.

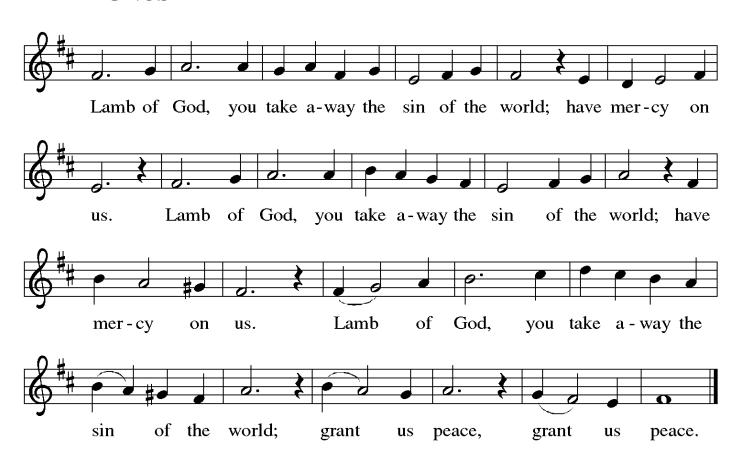
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### 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



#### 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**

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

#### Amie Adams, soprano

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb, lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace, Give to us, give peace.

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**

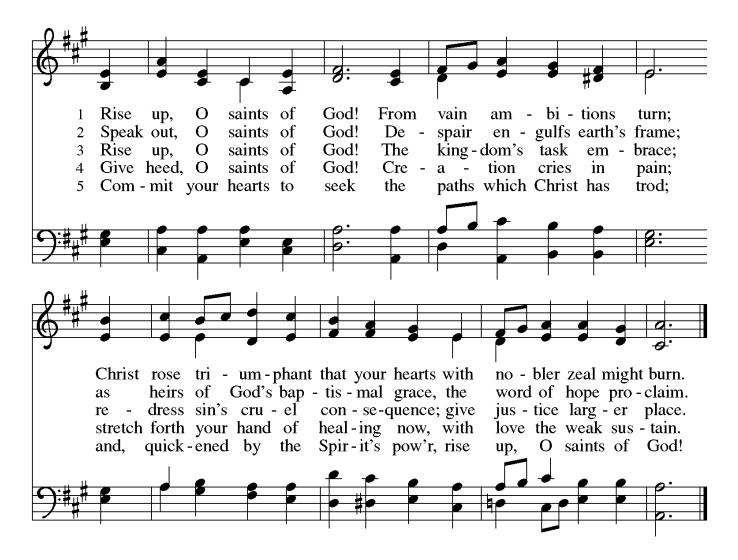
The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Rise Up, O Saints of God! "Festal Song"

ELW 669



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#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

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 a hot dog roast and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.

This will mark our final coffee hour before summer. We will continue after Labor Day.

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

#### SUNDAY, June 18 – 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)

#### MONDAY, June 19, 2023 Juneteenth

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

#### THURSDAY, June 22, 2023

7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (FR)

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

#### **FRIDAY, June 23, 2023**

11:00 a.m. Sally Mix Memorial Service (MC)

# SATURDAY, June 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. Presentation by Bishop Lee Miller (RH)

# SUNDAY, June 25, 2023 - Fourth 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 w/baptism (CH)



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Max Hakansson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolyte is Brandon Howard.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Joan Pellnat by Jim, Beth, Sara, Marissa and Madison Pellnat.

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

Collection counters are Tom Johnson, Linda Horton and Ron Pellnat.

Council Member Chris Huber 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 Melody Mercurio and Griffin Miller.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

COFFEE HOUR: Today will be our final coffee hour before summer. We will celebrate with a hot dog roast following the 10:30 service. Coffee Hour will return after Labor Day.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of Juneteenth.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Sally Mix will be held Friday, June 23 at 11:00am at Holy Trinity.

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

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 <a href="mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com">msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</a> 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.

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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