

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 6, 2023 Tenth 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 yellow Welcome 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 way

### INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

### RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:

Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window. Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy. Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern. The Sacristy will be the first room on the left. Coming from other areas of our building, go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

Please stand as you are able.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly "Holy Manna"

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 

ELW 461



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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.

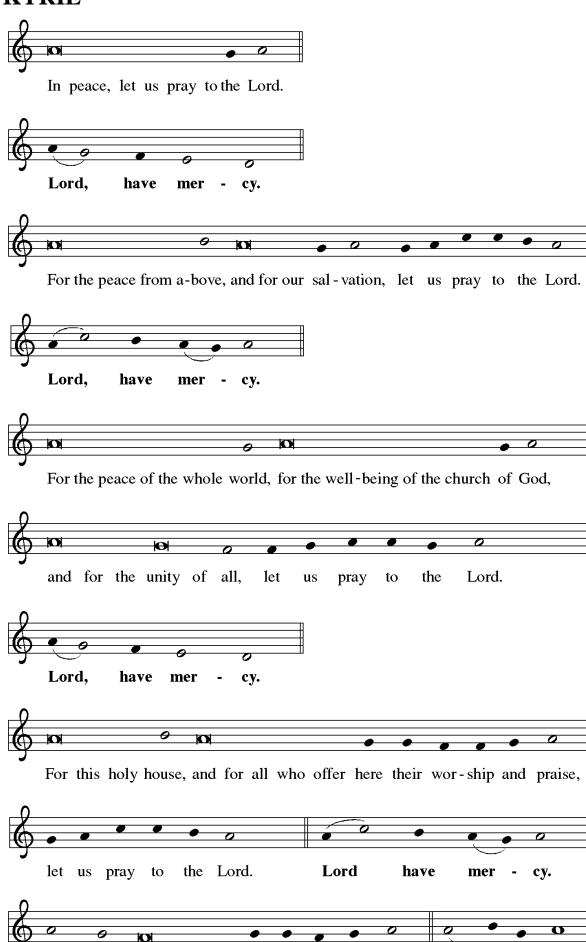
Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

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.

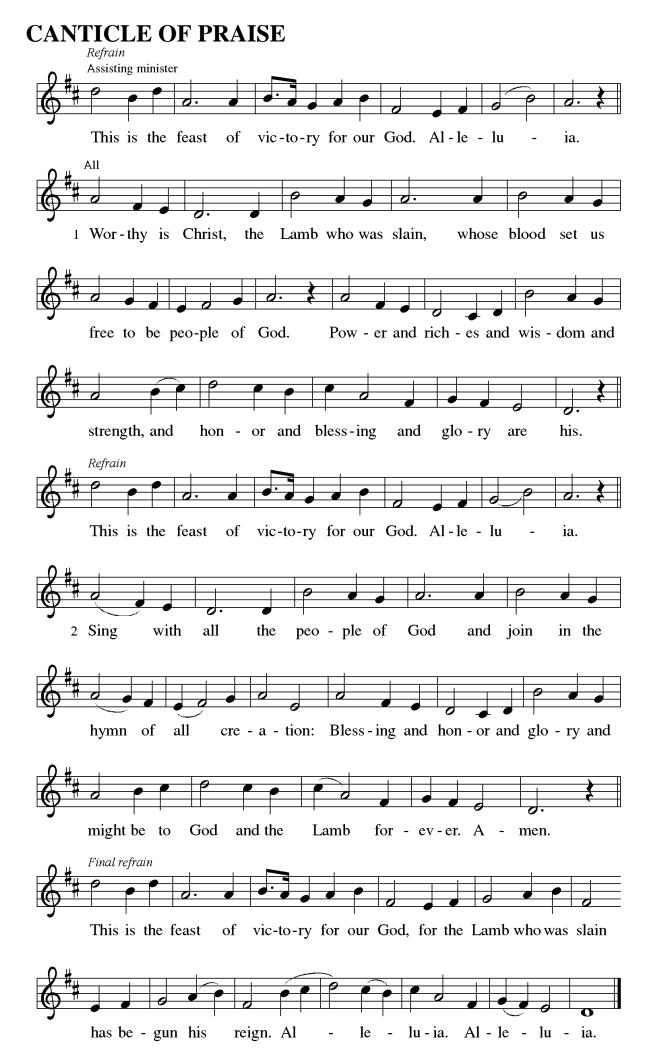
# GREETING

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**



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



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through 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: Isaiah 55:1-5

The first reading for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

- I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**THE SOLO** *Let Us Break Bread Together* 

Arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Naji Powe, tenor

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees, with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

### THE PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The congregation will speak responsively the bold-faced type.

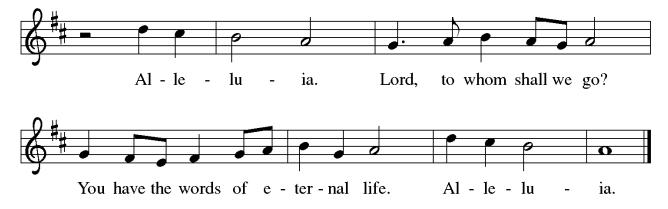
<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
<sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.
<sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

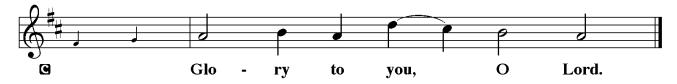
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

<sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

**SERMON HYMN** 

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service "Beach Spring"



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press. Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

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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

All-knowing God, you know our need before we ask and our ignorance in asking, and you provide abundantly more than we need or can even ask. Relying on your steadfast mercy, we pray now for the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

## A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire us and all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love here and throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain and farthest galaxy. Move us to protect earth's fragile ecosystems, give us a heart to share earth's resources equitably with all, and inspire us to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Instill within all political leaders the desire for peace and justice in the world. Inspire us to support the work of international peace organizations, and to provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Make yourself known to those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Watch over all your children, especially Henry and Max. Help us provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all our prayers in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

With Thee There is Forgiveness

Frederick H. Cowen (1852-1935)

**ELW 885** 

Naji Powe, tenor

With Thee there is forgiveness that Thou may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait and in His word do I hope. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait more than they that watch for the morning.

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 "Old Hundredth" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

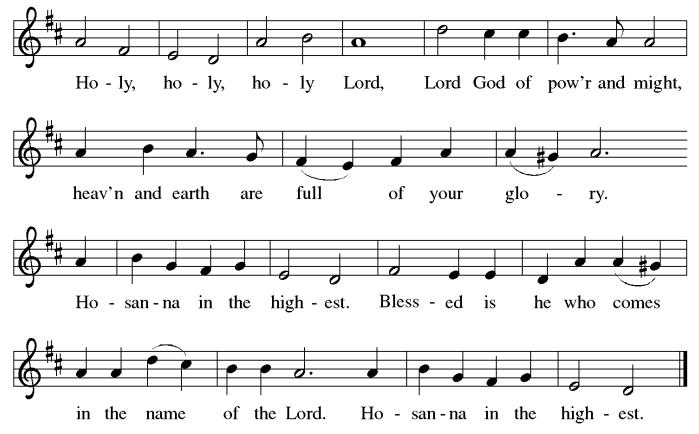
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# 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.

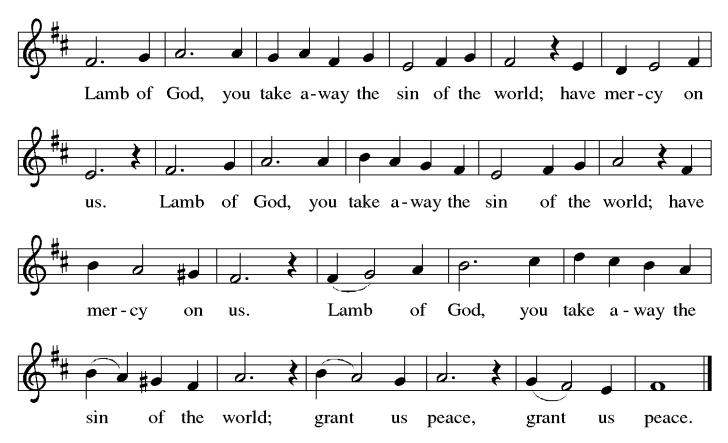
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood. As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in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



## 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

Communion Hymn

Mary Pickens Opie

Naji Powe, tenor

Hungry and thirsty, Lord, I come to Thee, here lowly kneeling, thy sacred feast before. Strengthen my spirit with thy food divine, as now thou feed'st me with the bread and wine. Come to me, Savior, in this holy hour, shed thou upon me all thy wondrous love, that I may ever dwell within thy light, and come before thee stainless, pure and white. Jesus, my Savior, look with loving eye as from my heart I make this humble cry. Give of thyself, Dear Lord, that I may be filled with thy grace, throughout eternity. Amen.

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**

Blessed Assurance "Assurance"



## **THE DISMISSAL** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Carillon Toccata* 

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

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, August 6 – Tenth 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)

### MONDAY, August 7, 2023

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

### TUESDAY, August 8, 2023

Happy Birthday John Busch

### WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2023

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

### THURSDAY, August 10 2023

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

### SUNDAY, August 13, 2023 – Eleventh 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)

CH = Mansperger Chapel FR = Fellowship Room MR = Music Room SC = Sacristy CI = Crib Room FI = Fireside Room/Library PS = Pastor's Study SS = Sunday School CR = Conference Room MC = Main Church RH = Redeemer Hall YR = Youth Room



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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Paul Biesinger. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Brandon Howard.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Dr. Robert Schopp by his wife Gwen Schopp and Family; and

In Loving Memory of Verna and Frank Kolb by Karen Kolb.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Linda Horton and Uli MacDonald.

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

Council member, Paul Bauchle, 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 Henry and Max Peterson.

BURRITO PROJECT - CLOTHING DONATIONS REQUESTED: The Burrito Project team made over 100 burritos on the 4th of July. We were able to distribute all of them downtown that evening. Recipients were so pleased to see us on the holiday. We also handed out water, cookies, coffee, t-shirts and socks. Please consider donating items for us to distribute for future months. Some of the items we need are: socks (white cotton preferred), t-shirts (all sizes), etc. Donations can be placed in the blue tote outside the chapel. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: PLEASE NOTE VBS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Please call the church office with any questions.

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.

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. SCHOOL SUPPLIES: In the midst of all the Buffalo summertime bliss, it may be hard to believe that kids go back to school in just a few weeks. Holy Trinity will be collecting donations of school supplies for the children of PS 17 Early Childhood Center. The school needs the usual back to school basics, as well as backpacks and headphones (Stores like Dollar General and Five Below have great deals on backpacks right now). Please look for the collection bin right outside the chapel where it will remain until Sunday, September 10th. Holy Trinity always outdoes itself, and PS 17 truly appreciates your generosity. Thank you for helping these amazing children start the year right!

### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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