

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 8, 2023 Nineteenth 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 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 ways

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown "Rhosymedre"

ELW 343 (vs. 1-3, 6)



5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt. Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962 Music © 1924 John Ireland, admin. The John Ireland Trust 6 Here might I stay and sing no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

LOVE UNKNOWN

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Let us humble ourselves before God, confessing our sin.

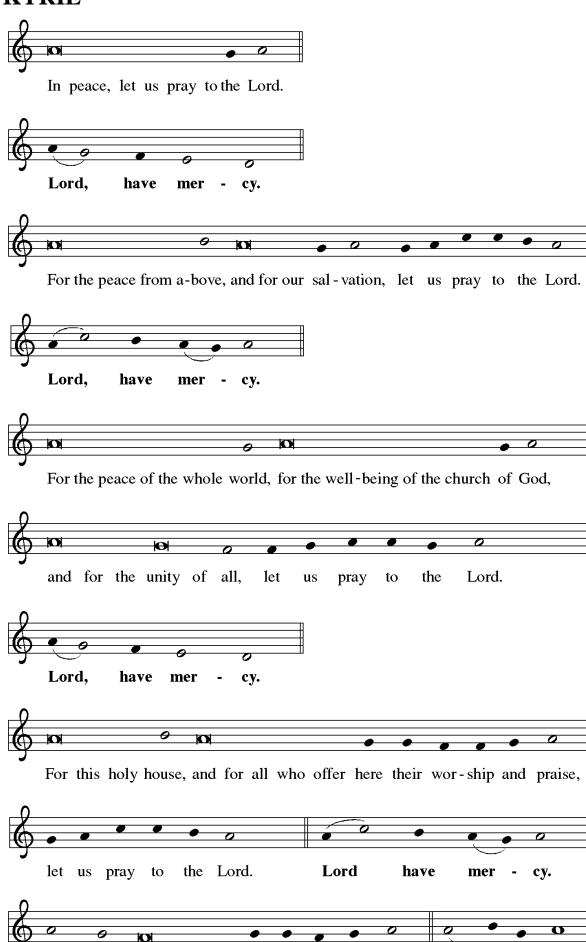
Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

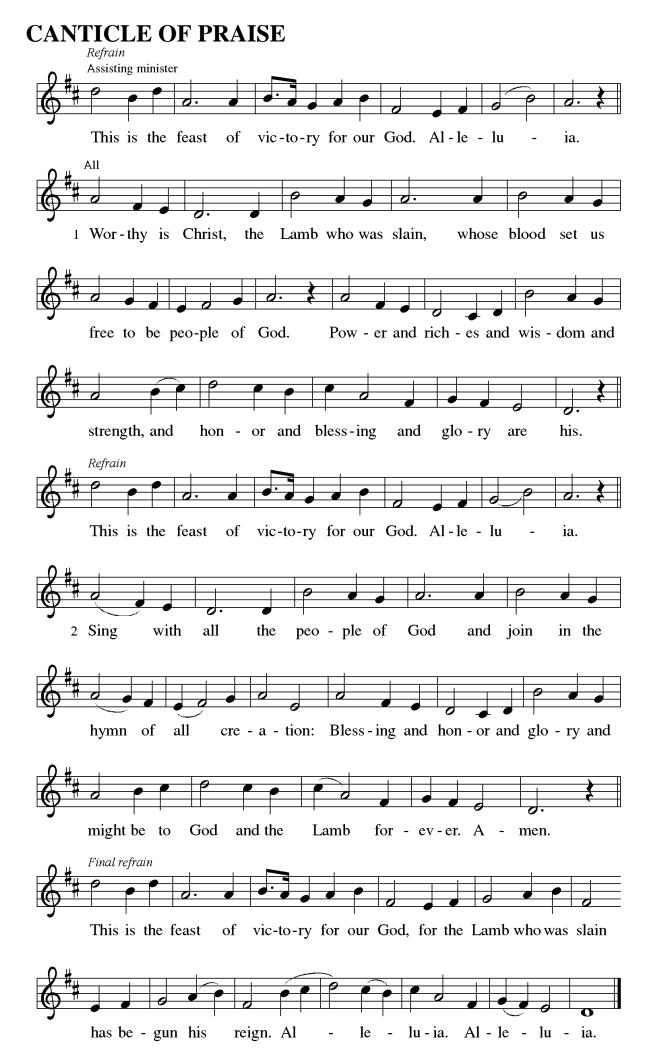
GREETING

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.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The first reading for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 5th Chapter.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel. and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed: righteousness, but heard a cry! The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

My Soul is athirst for God

Alfred Robert Gaul (1837-1913)

Amie Adams, soprano

My soul is a thirst for God, yea, e'en for the living God. When shall i come, come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat, Day and night, while they daily say unto me; "Where is now thy God?" Oh, bring me out, out of my trouble, oh bring Thou me out of my trouble.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 3rd Chapter.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

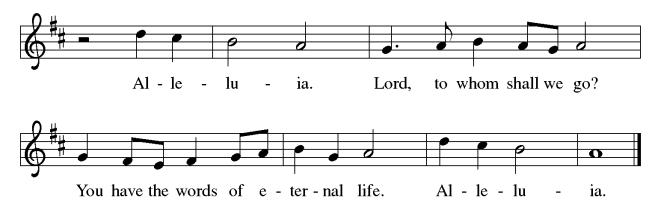
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

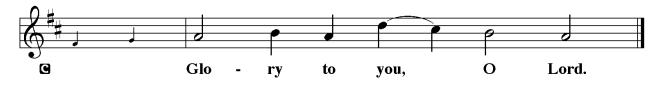
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'' ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.''

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN *God Loved the World* "Rockingham Old"

ELW 323



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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

Blessed are you, O God, source, sustainer, and ruler of all creation. In your wisdom, you have entrusted the stewardship of creation to us. Give us open and receptive hearts and minds, that we may be instructed in the harmonies of creation. Renew in us a generous share of your wisdom, that we may care for creation well. And increase our faith, that in our stewardship of all your gifts we may serve your sacred priorities and ever more faithfully be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, you alone are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless us in our stewardship of fields and orchards and in the care of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. Give us insight and courage, that we may be prophetic advocates and witnesses to your sacred values for all of life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Give us grace to pour ourselves out on their behalf. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that we may stand in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. We trust ourselves, including our children, especially Elise and Olivia, to your care and guidance. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We thank you for their faithful witness, and especially today for the life and witness of Kurt Kaufmann. Help us wait faithfully and with hope for the great day when we join their voices of praise. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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

THE SOLO

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual Arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Amie Adams, soprano

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.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

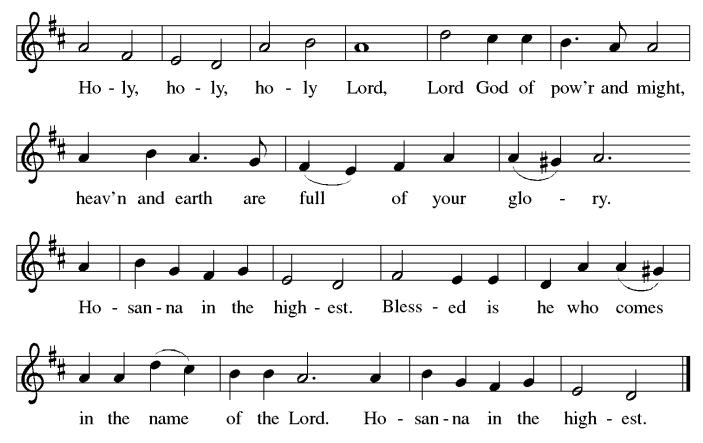
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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

ELW 885

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.

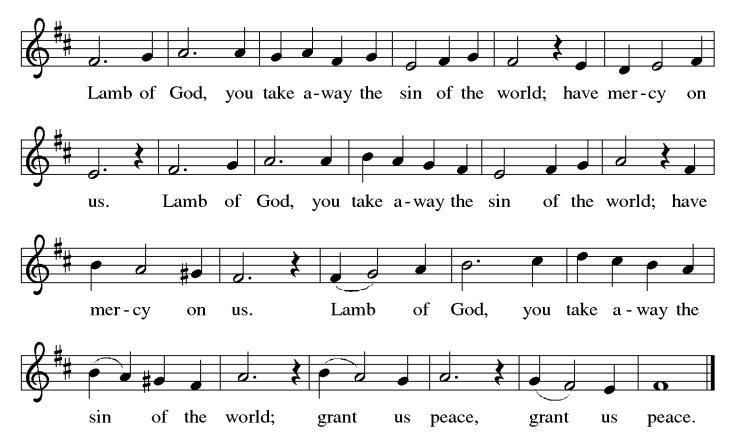
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

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. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

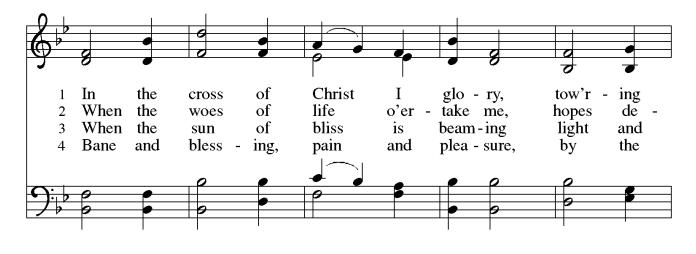
SENDING OF COMMUNION

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.**

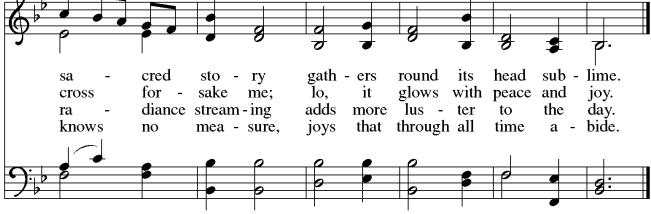
We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar for your use. If you take a bulletin from this morning's worship service, you will be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

BENEDICTION

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen. **RECESSIONAL HYMN** In the Cross of Christ I Glory "Rathbun"







Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867 **THE DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Live in love. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'The New Commonwealth'

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Arr. Christopher Morris (b. 1946)

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 downstairs in Redeemer Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, October 8, 2023 – Nineteenth 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 (MC)

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

6:00 p.m. Buffalo Girlchoir Recording (MC)

MONDAY, October 9, 2023 Columbus Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, October 10, 2023

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

6:30 p.m. Candlelight Vespers Service (CH)

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023

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

THURSDAY, October 12, 2023

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)

5:00 p.m. Choir Dinner (FR)

6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)

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

SATURDAY, October 14, 2023

2:00 p.m. Pastoral Candidate Open House (RH)

SUNDAY, October 15, 2023 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)

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

10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

11:30 a.m. Congregational Vote on Pastoral Candidate

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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 Richard Lee. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Martha Kutas. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Erys Yap, Morgan Leiser, Rowan Leiser and Henry Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Memory of and love for Rosemary and Herbert Mattle from the Mattle/Vitka/Crissey Family;

and

In Loving Memory of Earl Kunz by Heidi, Margaret and Sarah Kunz.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Linda Horton and Tom Johnson.

Council Secretary, Linda Horton, will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Elise and Olivia Stinson.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

*** Call Process Update/Congregational Meeting: Please join us *in person* for a special worship service at 10:30am next Sunday, October 15, followed by a Congregational meeting to vote on the official call of a candidate for the role of pastor of the congregation. Here are additional details regarding that weekend's events:

Saturday, October 14: We will host an Open House from 2-4pm in Redeemer Hall. All are invited to meet the candidate and ask questions about their faith journey and how we can walk together in serving God's Kingdom.

Sunday, October 15: There will only be one worship service at 10:30am. The candidate will lead worship and preach. Immediately following the service, we will hold the Congregational meeting to vote on issuing a call. The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will host a special coffee hour after the meeting.

Note: Since an official call has not yet been issued, details are intentionally limited; candidates do not inform their current congregations that they are leaving until they have the official new call. Accordingly, we will not be posting the candidate's name or more details about them via our website or social media until the call process is complete. This also means that the service on October 15 will *not* be livestreamed. Members are especially encouraged to attend the meeting, as your vote helps determine the direction and future of our ministry together.

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

CANDLELIGHT VESPERS - New Mid-Week "HT Together" Program: **Please join us this Tuesday, October 10**, for a new worship and fellowship program to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. We will start at 6:30pm with a brief (~20 minute) candlelight vespers service in the Chapel, followed by a variety of activities to choose from, such as a guided meditation, Bible study, service project, etc. and conclude by 8pm. We expect the activities to evolve based on the interests of participants. Please contact Pastor Rich for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity.

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, one of the activities following the vespers service will be to compile Blessing Bags to share with those in need. A Thrivent grant has been obtained to purchase items to be placed in the bags. A suggestion to add a \$5.00 gift card from either Tim Horton's or McDonald's was made. If you are able to purchase gift cards, they may be delivered to the church office any time before Sunday, October 1st. Checks payable to Holy Trinity will also be accepted to be used to purchase cards. Please indicate "Blessing Bags" on the check. Barb Wozniak, Donna Leiser and Linda Schmidt will also be happy to collect them from you if you see them at church.

YOUTH CHOIR! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is welcoming the children of our congregation to join Holy Trinity's Youth Choir! The choir will explore songs of many different genres, styles and origins, to deepen our understanding and love of Christ through choral music. If you seek an enriching and positive experience for your young musician, consider joining us at our rehearsal each Sunday at 9:30am in the Music Room downstairs. Ages 5 and above are welcome, and no prior experience is necessary. Feel free to contact Youth Choir Director Ms. Erin Alexander our at youthchoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org

BURRITO PROJECT: Thank you to everyone who donated items for distribution. A special thank you to Joy Weyer, who donated several boxes of socks, t-shirts, and other items. On October 3, our Burrito Project team assembled and distributed over 100 burritos, plus coffee, water and cookies. We arrived at the bus station with 2 full totes - one with t-shirts and the other with socks. In less than an hour, both bins were nearly empty. People were so appreciative of your generosity - the need is great. Thank you. We continue to welcome donations, especially socks, blankets, hats, gloves and scarves. The group continues to alternate hosting locations with Zion (Clarence). All are welcome to participate at either location. Please contact Jen Yap, Guy Huber or the church office for more information. The schedule for this fall will be:

•Nov 7: meet at Zion at 5:30

•Dec 5: meet at HT at 5:30

SAVE THE DATE! On Friday, October 20th we will be hosting a paint night fundraiser to benefit Caribbean Children's Foundation. We will gather at 7:00pm for a night of painting, wine and snacks. The paint night will be led by our very own Heather Miller and Paul Biesinger. We promise that it will be an easy and fun watercolor painting and one that everyone can accomplish. Cost for the evening will be \$30.00 and all the money raised will go directly to the mission as Heather and Paul are generously donating their time and Linda and David Schmidt received a Thrivent grant for all supplies (thank you so much to everyone). Please call the church office by phone (886-2400) or email (info@holytrinitybuffalo.org) by October 13th to register for this fun night. The Haiti team greatly appreciates your ongoing support! The deadline for signing up is October 13th.

WNY HEROES: Join us on Monday, October 16 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Room as we welcome a retired veteran and his service dog from WNYHEROES, INC. A presentation will be given on how the recipient and his service dog became heroes to each other through the PAWSITIVE FOR HEROES program. Learn about the program's requirements, training classes and ways you can help restore the quality of life to our veterans while sustaining their dignity.

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir in concert this afternoon! Today at **3:00 pm**, there will be a concert in Honor of Roland E. "Ron" Martin in Celebration of over 30 years of service as the Organist-Choirmaster of St. Joseph University Church. Six Western New York choirs, including our very own Chancel Choir, will present traditional to choral works including several of Ron's contemporary own compositions. The concert is FREE and will present an opportunity to thank Ron for his generous service to the Western New York music community. Aside of serving as Organist-Choirmaster at St. Joseph University Church, Ron is a celebrated local composer, Professor of Organ - Emeritus at the University of Buffalo and Music Teacher -Emeritus at the Buffalo Seminary. Ron Martin has left an incredible legacy on the musical fabric of our region, and it will be an honor for the Chancel Choir to sing works of his own at this celebratory event. **St. Joseph University Church** 3269 Main Street **Buffalo, New York**

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

Congregational Council

Jennifer Yap, President Kathy Crissey, Vice-President Fred Howard, Treasurer Linda Horton, Secretary

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