



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 12, 2023  
Twenty-Fourth 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 ways*

## INTRODUCTION

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Two Slow Airs*

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

I. *Rather slow and with gentle feeling*

*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



*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* “Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen” ELW 441




1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.



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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

*(10:30)*

*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.*

Let us humble ourselves before God, confessing our sin.

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

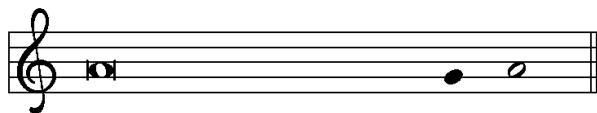
*(10:30)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

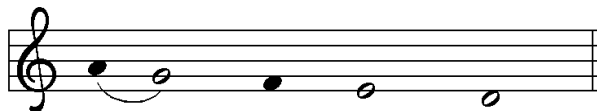
## GREETING

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



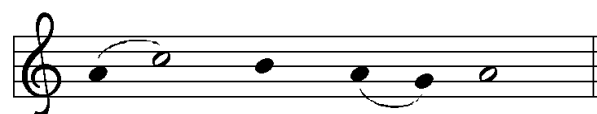
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



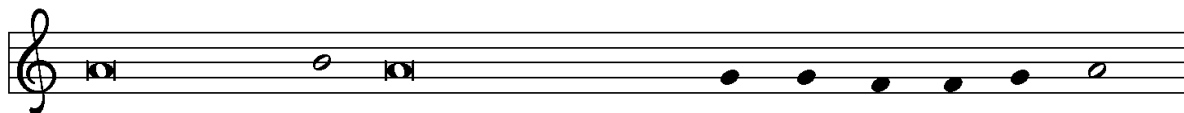
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Jeff Wilson

### **FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24**

The first reading for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Amos, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.



<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

## **THE SOLO**

*Fear no more the heat o' the sun*

from *5 Shakespeare Songs*, Op. 23

Text: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Roger Quilter  
(1877 - 1953)

Amie Adams, *soprano*

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,  
Nor the furious winter's rages;  
Thou thy worldly task hast done,  
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages;  
Golden lads and girls all must,  
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o' the great;  
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke:  
Care no more to clothe and eat;  
To thee the reed is as the oak:  
The sceptre, learning, physic, must  
All follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning-flash,  
Nor the all-dreaded thunder-stone;  
Fear not slander, censure rash;  
Thou hast finished joy and moan;  
All lovers young, all lovers must  
Consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee!  
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!  
Ghost unlaid forbear thee!  
Nothing ill come near thee!  
Quiet consummation have;  
And renownéd be thy grave!

**(10:30)**

**THE ANTHEM**

*Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks*

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is a thirst for God yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

while they daily say unto me, "Where, where is now thy God?"

My tears have been my meat day and night.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

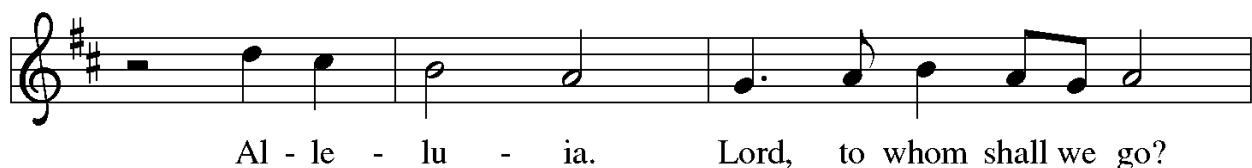
<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

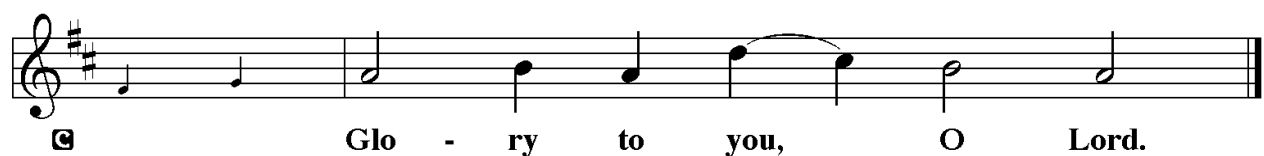
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



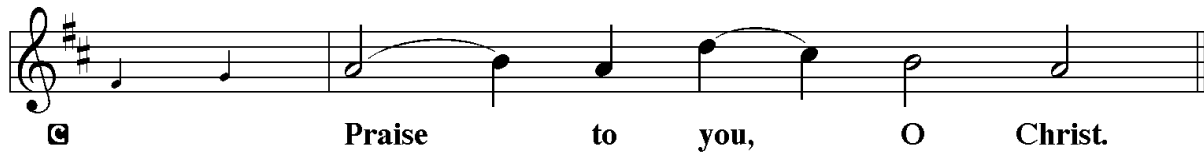
## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’”

<sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”  
The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jeff Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* “Wachet Auf”

ELW 436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.




The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might




Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!




go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.



## **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**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Protect all of us, our children, and especially Adrianna and Peter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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.*



## MINISTRY MOMENT – STEWARDSHIP

Fred Howard

**Thank you to those who have already  
submitted their pledge cards.**

**For those who are ready to submit their  
stewardship commitment cards today,**

**we ask that you place it in the offering plate.**

**Pledge cards are available on the tables at the entrance ways.**

## THE OFFERING

**(8:30)**

### 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.

**(10:30)**

### THE ANTHEM

*Keep Your Lamps*

African American Spiritual

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.**

**Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
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.**

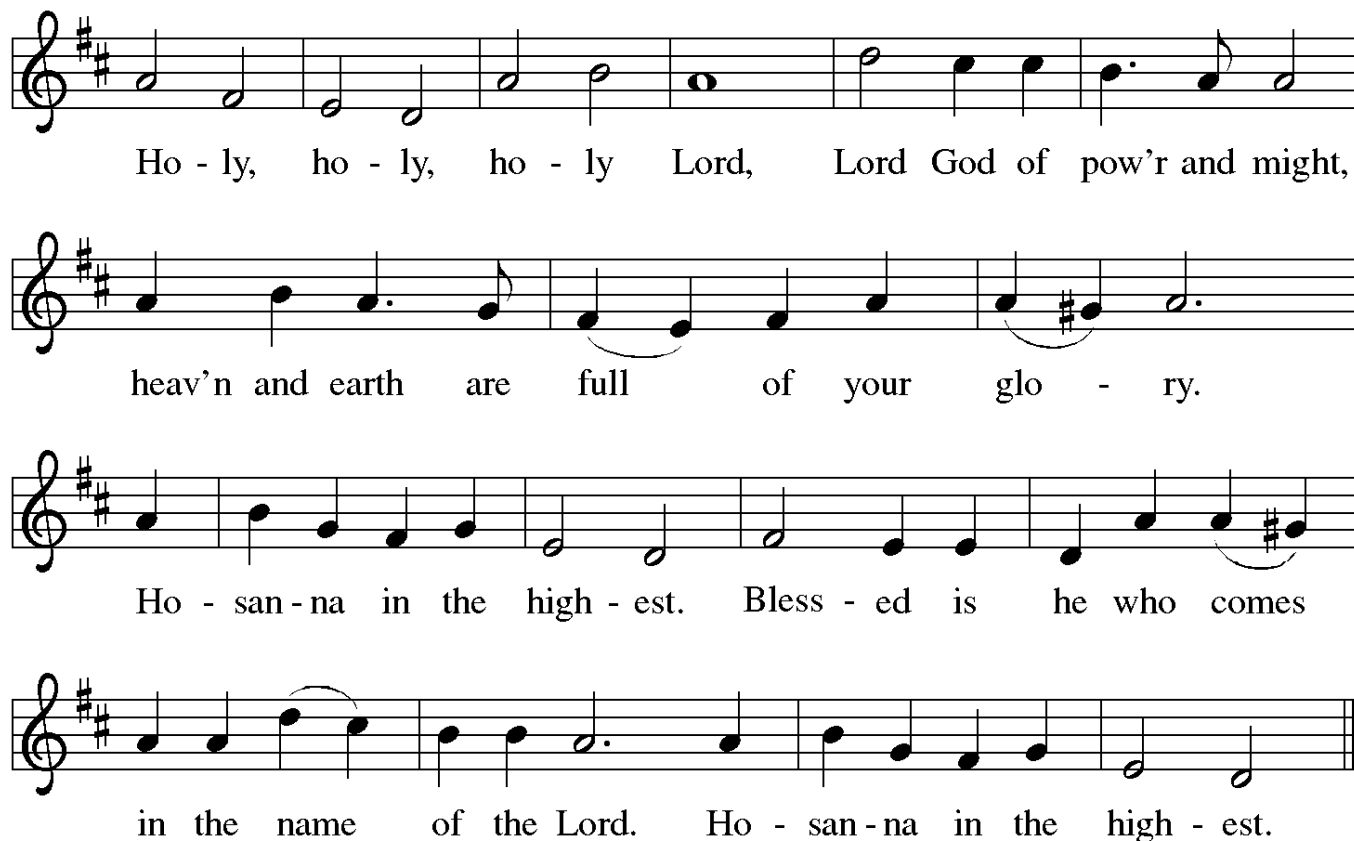
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter, eighth, and half notes with various rests and slurs.

## 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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.

**(10:30)**

## THE COMMUNION SOLO

*Fear no more the heat o’ the sun*

from *5 Shakespeare Songs*, Op. 23

Text: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Roger Quilter

(1877-1953)

Amie Adams, *soprano*

*Please see text printed on page 9 of the worship bulletin.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*If We Believe That Jesus Died*

John Goss

(1800–1880)

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again,  
ev’n so them also which sleep in Jesus,  
will God bring with Him.  
Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

*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.

**Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.**

**Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.  
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**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always. **Amen.**


# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*When Peace, like a River* “Ville Du Havre”

ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,



## **THE DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)

*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.*

*Team Stewardship would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU  
to everybody who has returned a commitment card.*

*Please join us for a celebration of generosity  
at today's coffee hour after the 10:30 Service.*

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, November 12, 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### *Commitment Sunday*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Stewardship Committee (RH)

### **MONDAY, November 13, 2023**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous (RH)

### **TUESDAY, November 14, 2023**

- 11:00 a.m. Explore Buffalo Tour
- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)
- 6:30 p.m. Vespers Service (CH)

### **WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2023**

#### *Happy Birthday Pastor Rich*

### **THURSDAY, November 16, 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, November 18, 2023**

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (RH)

### **SUNDAY, November 19, 2023 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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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 Rowan Leiser.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is Ron Pellnat. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Griffin Miller and Tony Lizauckas.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck from the Thomasula, Carmer, Addison and Fuhlbruck Families;

and

In Loving Memory of my mother, Ruth Bloos, by Heidemarie Kunz.

Collection counters are Darlene Carden, Claire Carmer and Tom Johnson.

Council Treasurer, Fred Howard, 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 Adrianna Wareham and Peter Wilkin.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CANDLELIGHT VESPERS** - New Mid-Week “HT Together” Program: Please join us this Tuesday, November 14, for our next Candlelight Vespers worship and fellowship program. We will start at 6:30pm with a brief (~20 minute) candlelight vespers service in the Chapel, followed by an open-forum conversation with Pastor Jeff, concluding by 8pm. Please contact Pastor Rich for more information or to volunteer to lead an activity in upcoming months.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** With Christmas decorations beginning to pop up around town, it’s not too early to consider: How we might prepare for Advent to make it a richer and more rewarding season leading to the celebration of a more authentic Christmas? That's the question Pastor Rich is helping us consider during the Monday Morning Bible Study series, "Preparing for Advent". Join us in the Fellowship Room from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. to enjoy some refreshments, join in some stimulating conversation with old and new friends, and experience a renewing encounter with the scriptures. Everyone is welcome to participate (and to bring a friend).

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$12 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

**HT WALKS TOGETHER:** All are invited to join Uli MacDonald for a 'gratitude' walk at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Saturday, November 25 at 11 am, rain or shine. We will meet at the chapel in the Cemetery at 10:55am.

**BURRITO PROJECT:** Thank you to everyone who donated items for distribution. 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:

- Dec 5: meet at HT at 5:30

**HOLIDAY BASKETS:** The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets through December 15. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates can be sent to the church office and designated “holiday baskets”. Thank you for your donations.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Redeemer Hall. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$40 for family. Reservation forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

**TURKEY BOWL AND TAILGATE 2023:** “Drafting” all 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders to come play in our first ever flag football tournament! On Saturday, November 18 from 10am – 4pm we will be exploring our “Faith through Service”, donating turkeys to military families, making flag pennants, playing tailgate games, serving the local community and more! Flag Football tournament at Howe Field. Tailgate, games and food at All Saints Lutheran, 6065 South Park Ave, Hamburg, NY. Register at [lutheranyouthwny.org](http://lutheranyouthwny.org) or with your youth director! The cost for a team is a donated turkey and a monetary donation. The cost for an individual is \$5 per person. Please see Kristen Best with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY Committee will meet on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00am in Redeemer Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:** For many, Christmas is a joyous season with family and friends, parties and laughter. But for many others, Christmas is not these things. Grief, loss, loneliness ... these are especially poignant during this season. This year as Advent begins, we are reminded that we are not alone. It's ok to feel these things and bring them with us to church as we experience the light of Christ that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). Please share this invitation with people who you know may be experiencing these things. Join us on Friday, December 1 @ 7:00pm in the chapel.

**EXPLORE BUFFALO** will be touring Holy Trinity on Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00am. Visitors will learn about the church's Tiffany-style opalescent windows and the Gothic Revival stained glass windows. In addition to the church, visitors will have the opportunity to see the Mansperger Chapel with its very detailed stained glass windows depicting marriage and prayer. Ticket information can be found on their website under Sacred Spaces, [www.explorebuffalo.org](http://www.explorebuffalo.org)



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and plan to attend our beautiful  
**6th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols,**  
Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 7:00 pm  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street  
featuring Congregational Readers and the  
UB Choir and Chamber Singers  
Claudia Brown, *conductor*  
Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ*

## **2023 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
6:30 p.m. Worship Service**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
4:00 p.m. Family Service  
10:00 p.m. Preservice music  
10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service with Holy Communion**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25  
10:30 a.m. Christmas service (Chapel)**

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