



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany
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.

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Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

PRELUDE

Partita on 'Lux in Tenebris'

Franklin Ashdown
(b. 1942)

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.

(10:30)

INTROIT

Come, I Pray Thee

Text: Brother Richard Rolle (c.1290–1349)

William Harry Anderson
(1882–1955)

Come, I pray thee, thou sweet and true joy.
Enter a soul that longs for thee.
Enflame with thy divine fire all my heart.
Enlighten my inmost parts with thy radiant light.
Come, I pray thee, thou sweet and true joy. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Light Shone in Darkness “Lux in Tenbris”

ELW 307



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, “Praise for the light. A - men!”
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: LUX IN TENEBRIS, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

(10:30)

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious and all-embracing God, our rock and refuge,
in your generous love,
you send rain upon the righteous and the unrighteous,
and in Jesus you teach us to love without discrimination.
We confess we have failed to follow his teaching by:
disrespecting our neighbors;
spreading falsehoods through social media and elsewhere;
and participating in the disruption of social harmony.
Our conduct risks making the world a barren field
that no longer brings forth your justice for all of creation.
We have wounded one another and sinned against you,
and we have often failed to recognize your Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us,
neighbor and stranger, friend and foe alike.
Remember your covenant, and renew us and your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God

and the restoration of creation's unity has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven, and God calls you beloved.

Amen.

(10:30)

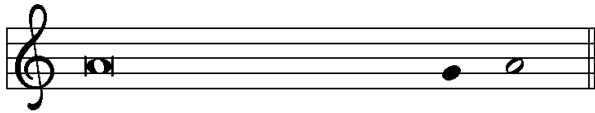
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GREETING

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.

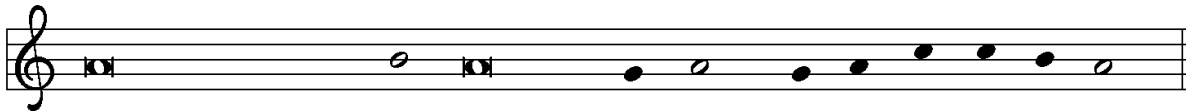
KYRIE



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.



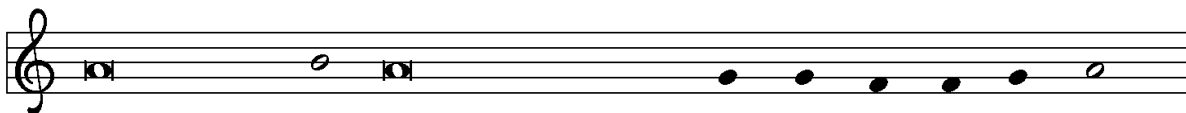
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



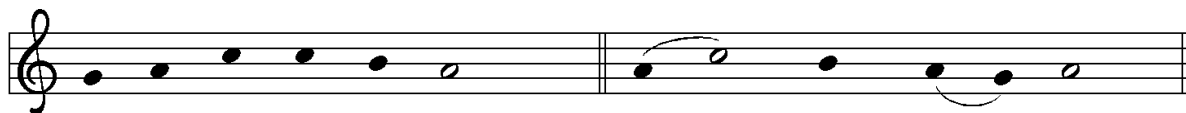
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Pastor Rich Neal

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The first reading for the Third Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Jonah, the 3rd Chapter.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

The Holy City

Stephen Adams (1844–1913)

F.E. Weatherly (1848-1929)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and everywhere as they sang, me thought the voice of angles from heaven in answer rang: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!

Then me thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! how the angels sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass a way. Jerusalem, Jerusalem sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forever more.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

City Called Heaven

Arr. Josephine Poelinitz

(b. 1944)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone!
Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow
Trying to make it, make heaven my home.
Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.
Heard of a city, a city called heaven
Trying to make it, make heaven my home.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 7th Chapter.

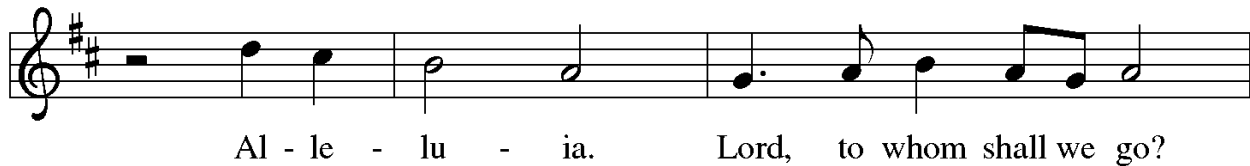
²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

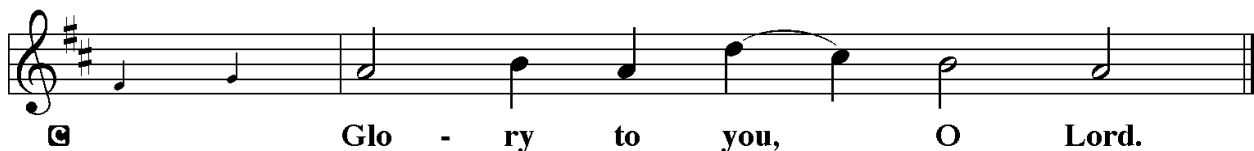
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

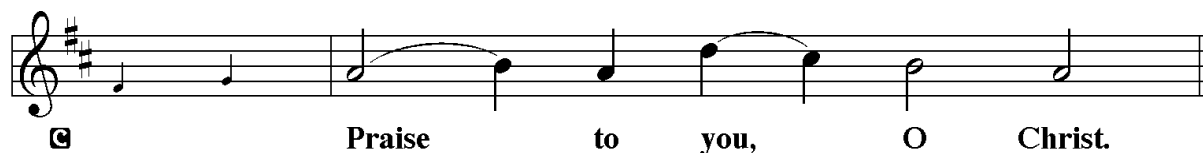
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

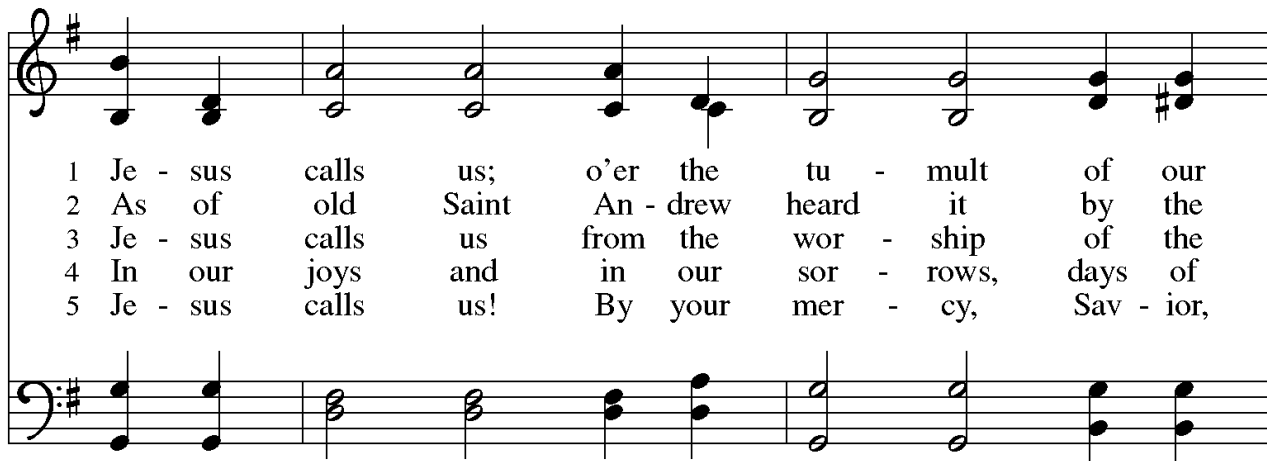
The Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin
President of United Lutheran Seminary
(Philadelphia & Gettysburg)

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult "Galilee"

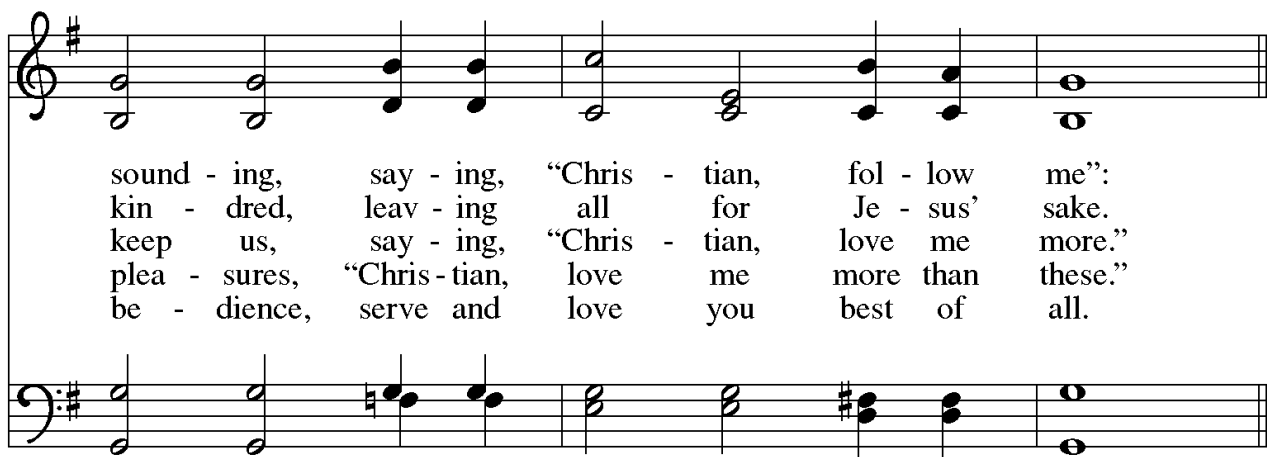
ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

From east and west and from north and south, O God, you have called us with your people around the globe into the one Church universal, the one body of the risen Christ. Join our hearts and minds in such unity, that we may be known as your children. Make us one in such a way that the world may know you have sent us, and that others may know you love them as you do us. As today we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for your blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world, that they may lead in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe all our children, especially Matthew and Zachary, and any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we stray from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who holds the saints in your heart, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Text: Numbers vi, 24

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

O Love

Text: George Matheson (1842-1906)

Elaine Hagenberg
(b. 1979)

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain,
'I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain... that morn shall tearless be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;
O love that will not let me go.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
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.

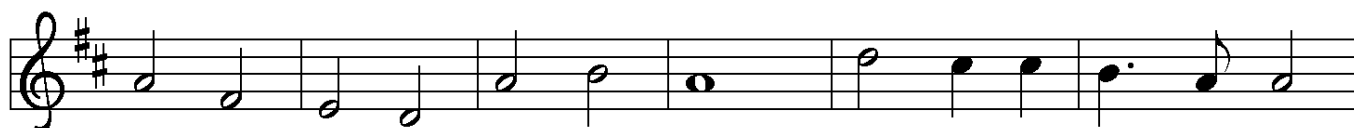
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts,
put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty.
Your own Son came among us as a servant
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us . . .
When the supper was over 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, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by Christ's blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

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)

COMMUNION SOLO

The Holy City

Stephen Adams (1844–1913)

F.E. Weatherly (1848-1929)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

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

COMMUNION MOTET

Wondrous Love

Traditional Southern Hymn

Arr. Paul Christiansen (1914–1997)

Tyler Huk, *tenor* Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

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.

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever. 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.

Please be seated.

THE BENEDICTION

God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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

ELW 588



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



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



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



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

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Great Day'

Adolphus Hailstork

(b. 1941)

*Thank you to The Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin
for joining us today as our guest preacher.*

*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, January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:30 a.m. Budget Presentation (RH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Community of Good Neighbors Service (CH)

MONDAY, January 22, 2024

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

TUESDAY, January 23, 2024

- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Dinner at 6:30) (FR)

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024

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

THURSDAY, January 25, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting (CH)
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Community of Good Neighbors Service (CH)

CH = Mansperger Chapel

CI = Crib Room

CR = Conference Room

FR = Fellowship Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

MC = Main Church

MR = Music Room

PS = Pastor's Study

RH = Redeemer Hall

SC = Sacristy

SS = Sunday School

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 Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Timothy Flynn. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Jane Geertson and Genevieve Kryszczuk by Martha and Joe Kryszczuk and Family;

and

In Memory of Loved Ones by the Alderdice Family.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Claire Carmer.

Council Member, Paul Bauchle, 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 Matthew and Zachary Bousman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME as our guest preacher today the Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin. Dr. Erwin is currently president and professor of Reformation Studies at United Lutheran Seminary (Philadelphia and Gettysburg). He previously served as the bishop of the Southwest California Synod. Accompanying him is Conor Brooks, who serves the seminary as vice president of institutional advancement. We have a modest link with Conor through our ministries in Haiti. You will have an opportunity to greet both of them during our coffee and conversation time following the 10:30 service.

THE 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION will be held today at 9:30am in Redeemer Hall.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck coffee hour. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

ANNUAL REPORTS: The 2023 Annual Report is available. Copies may be found on the tables at the entrance way or by calling the church office.

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 – January 28. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

PASTOR JEFF will be out of town in Houston, TX, until January 22 to attend the funeral of Dan Barberree who died on Monday morning, January 8. Dan is Pastor Jeff's step-dad and faithful caregiver for his mom, Betsy.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of year again to remind our college students that we are thinking about them and want to support them whether they are local to home or away from home. We send college care packages to any of our college students annually and while this was typically done in the fall, I will be getting these together for the spring semester. If you have a college student you would like to receive a care package, please contact the church office and give the office the name of the student and the address for mailing by 2/9/24. We usually fill the boxes with snacks so if you would like to donate any snacks to go into the boxes, we will gladly welcome them! If you have any questions or would like to help work on this ministry, please contact Kathy Crissey (kc1008@aol.com).

JUDY REIFSTECK: Prayers and cards for Judy are welcome, as she recovers from a difficult procedure. Judy's address is 84 Pfohl Place, Williamsville NY 14221.

ANGEL TREE: Thank you to HT for your continued generosity and support of PS17 and they would like all of you to know how moved the staff and families are each year. When delivering the gifts from the Angel Tree, we were made aware of the continuing need for boots. They can be gently used, in good condition. The children range from Pre-k to 4th grade (some wearing adult sizes). If you know some children/grandchildren who have outgrown their boots and would like to donate them, please see Heather Miller or Barb Wozniak.

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