



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 7, 2024  
Baptism of Our Lord  
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**

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstren* P.46

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

*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

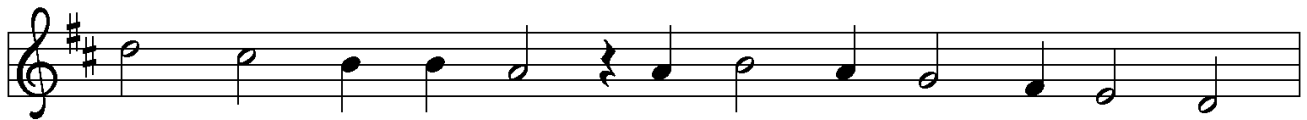
*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* "Wie schön leuchtet"

ELW 308

(vs. 1-3, 6)



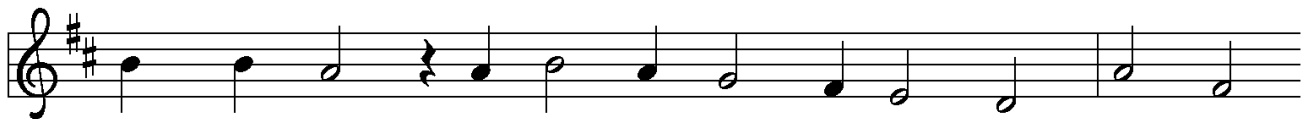
1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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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.

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 60<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

## **THE SOLO**

*Lead, kindly Light*

Ciro Pinsuti  
(1829–1888)

Jamie Gangemi, *alto*

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom, lead thou me on!  
The night is dark and I am far from home, lead thou me on!  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.  
I was not ever this, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on;  
I lov'd to choose and see my path; but now, but now, lead me on.  
I lov'd the garish day, and spite of fears,  
Pride rul'd my will: remember not past years.  
So long the pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen,  
O'er crag and torrent, till that night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have lov'd long since, and lost a while.

(10:30)

## **THE ANTHEM**

*Arise, O God, and Shine*

Text: William Hurn (1754-1829)

Gordon Young  
(1919-1998)

Arise, O God, and shine, in all Thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light:  
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near, to sing Thy glorious praise;  
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways!  
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, And govern by Thy righteous laws!

To God the only wise, the one immortal King,  
let halleluiahs rise from every living thing:  
Let all that breathe, on every coast, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

<sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



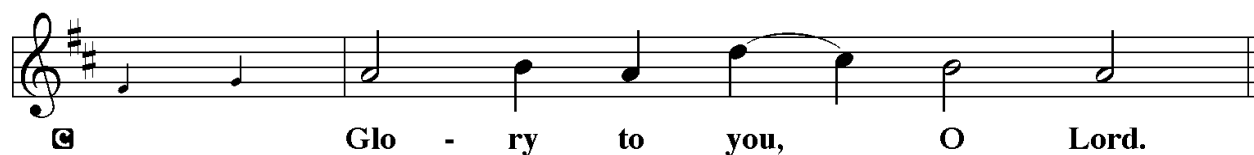
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

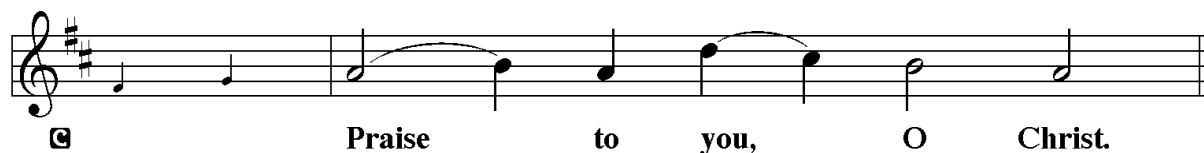
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

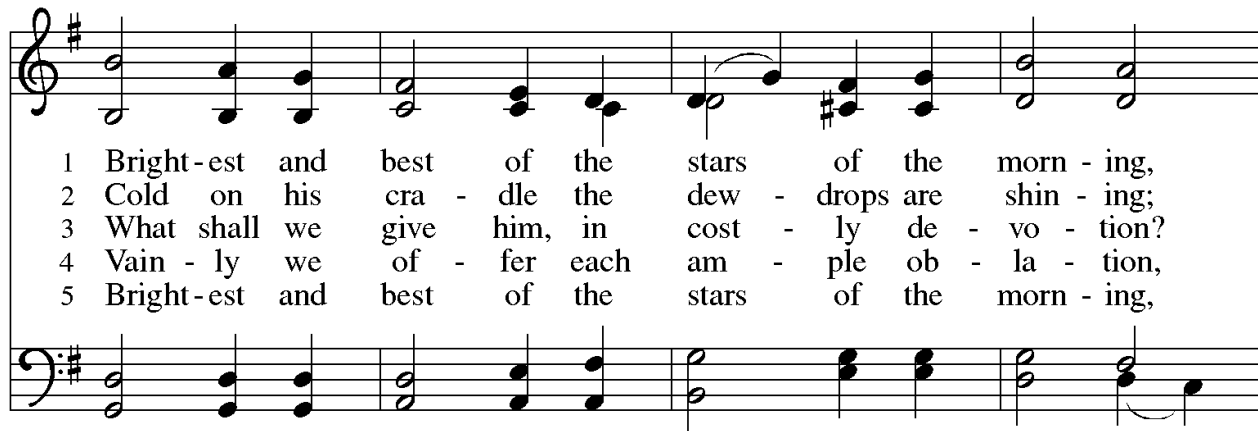
## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

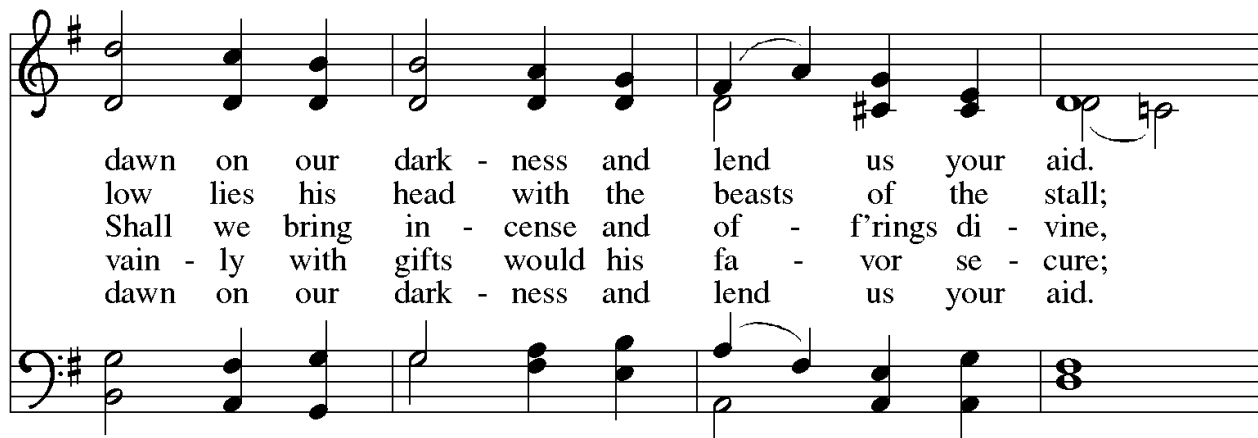
*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

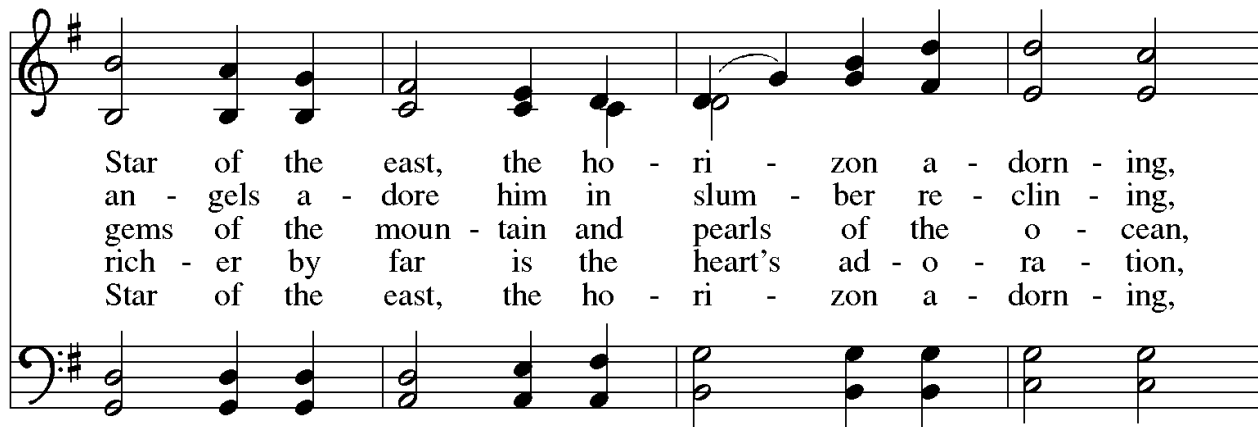
## *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* “Morning Star” ELW 303



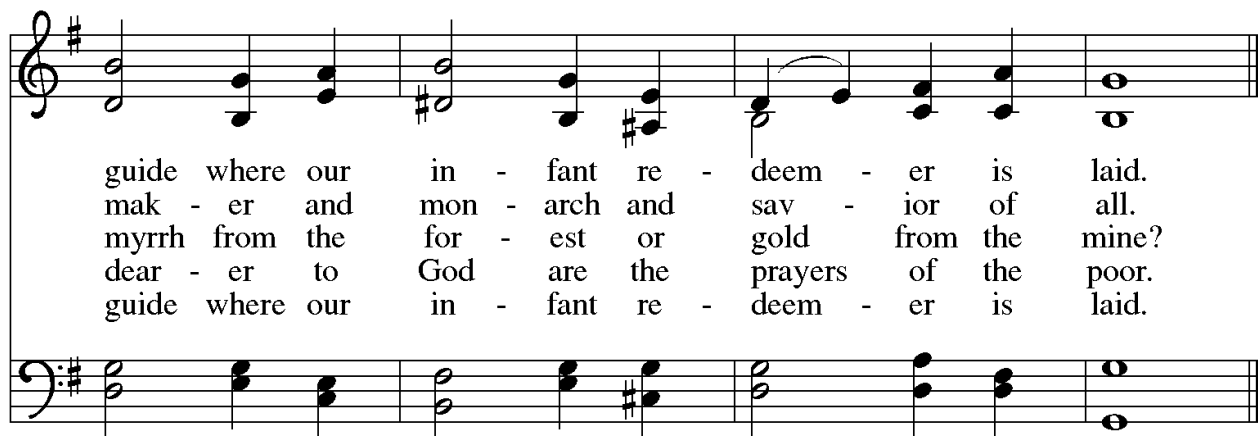
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.  
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

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## **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**

**As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.**

*A brief silence.*

**Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children, especially Clayton and Avery, are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. We remember with gratitude the life, love and faith of Tom Kutas. 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**

*Come Unto Him* from *Messiah* HWV 56

George Frideric Händel  
(1685–1759)

Jamie Gangemi, *alto*

Come unto Him all ye that labor and are heavy laden and He will give you rest.  
Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him for he is meek and lowly of heart and ye  
shall find rest unto your souls.

(10:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Down to the River to Pray*

Arr. Sheldon Curry

From the motion picture, *O Brother, Where Art Thou*

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Erin Alexander, *alto*

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Shannon Levine, *cello*

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O fathers, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, don't cha wanna go down?  
Come on, mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

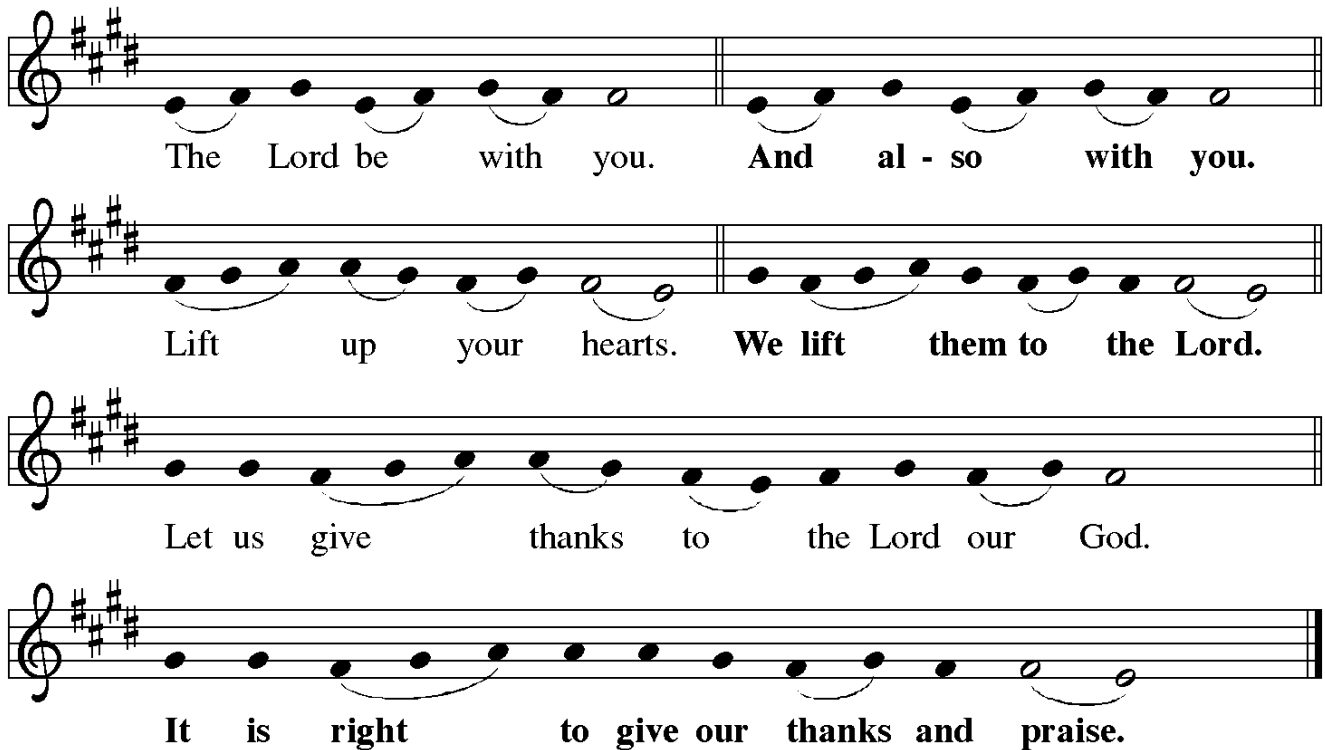
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

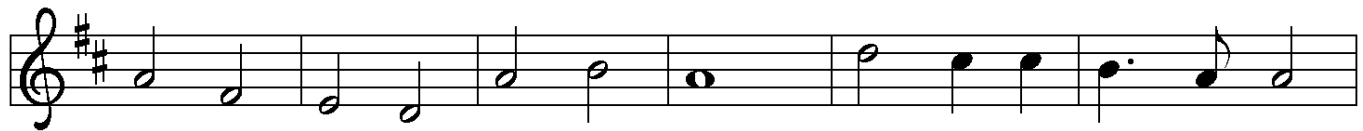
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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



## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



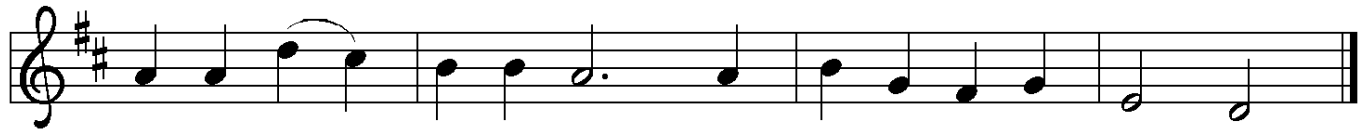
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**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**

*Come Unto Him* from *Messiah* HWV 56

George Frideric Händel  
(1685–1759)

Jamie Gangemi, *alto*

*Please see text printed on page 14 of the worship bulletin.*

## **COMMUNION MOTET**

*Asperges me*

Text: Psalm 51:7,1

Anton Bruckner  
(1824-1896)

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed:  
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**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,

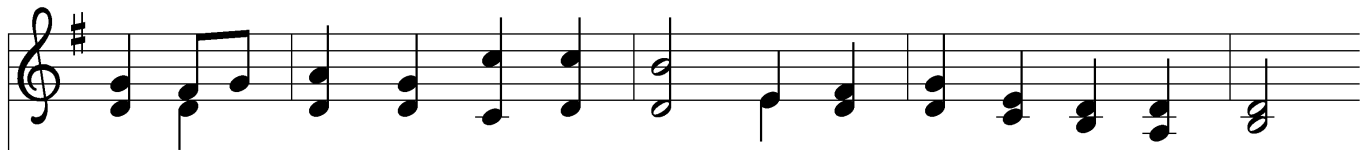
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

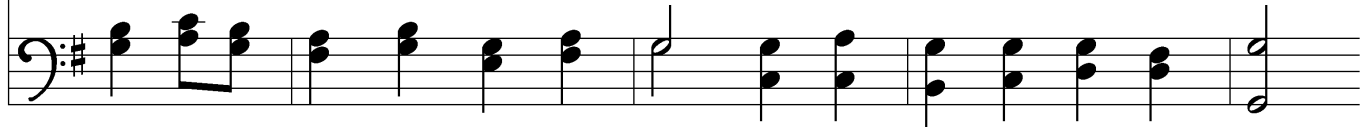
# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*As with Gladness Men of Old* "Dix"

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1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Wie schön leuchtet*

Egil Hovland

(1924-2013)

*We welcome Pastor Joseph Summerville, III from  
University Lutheran Church in Norman, OK, as our guest presider.  
Pastor Joe is Pastor Jeff's dear friend from college  
who was able to attend Pastor Jeff's installation on Friday night.*

*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 7, 2024 – Baptism of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 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)
- 11:30 a.m. De-greening

### **MONDAY, January 8, 2024**

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

### **TUESDAY, January 9, 2024**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 11, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 10:00 a.m. Conference Meeting (FR)
- 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, January 13, 2024**

- 9:00 a.m. Celebrating the HT Story (RH)
- 3:00 p.m. Tom Kutas Memorial Service (MC)

### **SUNDAY, January 14, 2024 – Second 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)
- 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)
- 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 Linda Schmidt. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Reader is Marty Bauer. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham, Tony Lizauckas and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Celebration of our granddaughters, Charlotte and Genevieve's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow, from Ron and Donna Leiser;

and

In Celebration of Pastor Jeff Wilson's Installation by Ryon, Eileen and Maisy Fleming.

Collection counters are Darlene Carden, Mike Day and Neil Kattermann.

Council Member, Chris Huber, 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 Clayton and Avery Best.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POINSETTIAS:** The Christmas flowers are available in the Main Church. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a family member or a friend. They will be available following today's service.

**DE-GREENING** of the church will take place today after the 10:30am service. All are welcome and lunch will be served to all who help.

**THE 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION** will be held on Sunday, January 14 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.

**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 dates are available – January 14 and 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](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**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.

**CELEBRATING THE LIGHT AT HOLY TRINITY:** Join us in the Chapel this Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm for a short Vespers Service. Following the service, we'll give attention to the light that's filtered through the artistry of the magnificent stained glass windows of our sanctuary and Mansperger Chapel. Through the gift of digital technology, our late Pastor Ralph Loew, who served Holy Trinity from 1944-1975, will take us on a tour of the windows, touching on their history and interpreting their message.

**CELEBRATING HOLY TRINITY'S STORY** ~ "If you don't know history," author and filmmaker Michael Crichton wrote, "then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." As the fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit blows through Holy Trinity, and as our essential ministries and Pastor Jeff's start to become integrated, it's important we remember we are part of a tree. We have a rich and deeply rooted history in Buffalo, Western New York, and beyond. And the Holy Spirit weaves our past, present, and future into a seamless whole that is part of the story of God's presence and activity in the world.

Join the Church Council along with Pastors Jeff and Rich in Redeemer Hall on Saturday morning, January 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, as we remember and celebrate the story of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We'll need your help recalling significant events that make us who we are and naming experiences that have enriched the lives of our members. So we can be adequately prepared, please call the church office by Wednesday, January 10, to let us know you are coming.

**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.

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