# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

# The Resurrection of Our Lord March 31, 2024 Holy Communion – 8:30 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

#### The Order of Service

#### THE VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

#### THE PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today "Easter Hymn"



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

## THE GREETING

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! 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.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Give us grace that we may die every day to sin and live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The first reading for Easter Sunday is recorded in Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter. <sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**THE SOLO** *My Lord What a Mornin'* 

African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

## **THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. The gospel of the Lord.



**THE SERMON** 

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE SERMON HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! "Duke Street"

ELW 619 (vs 1-3, 8)



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

#### THE 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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

#### A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day and all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we give thanks for the people we honor through today's flower dedications, especially today's choir and musicians, the gift of wonderful children and family and loved ones who have died and gone before us, including James Casson. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE 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

#### **THE OFFERING**

#### SOLO AT THE OFFERING

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah HWV 56 Text: Job 19:25 George Frideric Händel (1685-1759)

Amie Adams, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

#### THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

Let us pray together. **Risen One,** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ELW 884



## THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



# THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

In the night in which he was betrayed, . . . After supper, he took the cup, . . .

On the day you raised him from the dead

he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of 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 has risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, 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 his 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.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or "intinct" the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

## SOLO AT COMMUNION

Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Nicole Brendel and Amie Adams, sopranos

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet! Sound, sound, sound the trumpet till around You make the list'ning shores rebound. On the sprightly hautboy play All the instruments of joy That skillful numbers can employ, To celebrate the glories of this day.

## THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.** 



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **THE DISMISSAL** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



Ushers ~ Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz

Acolyte ~ Rowan Leiser

Reader ~ Richard Lee



A joyous and blessed Easter to all!



Flowers

The flowers at the altar are given

To honor the dedication and long hours of rehearsal the choir and musicians give to provide us with today's glorious music;

and

In Loving Memory of my husband, James Casson and in thanksgiving for my wonderful children and their families from Noreen Casson;

and

In Loving Memory of deceased loved ones from the Schopp Family.

We are grateful for the many Easter flowers which have also been placed in the chancel today in memory and honor of loved ones.

Easter lilies were placed in the chancel in loving memory of: Parents and Grandparents by Pat and Dave Ulrich My beloved by Mary Kaufmann James and Elizabeth Manzella and Carl and Frances Kaufmann by Mary Kaufmann George and Della Diehl by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange Richard and Mary Sullivan by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange Our parents - Vi and Layton Leiser and John and Vicki Caffarelli by Ron and Donna Leiser Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul A. Hoebel Louis, Vera and Robert Hoebel by Paul A. Hoebel Our mothers – Joan Pellnat and Mary Lou Clark by David and Sally Pellnat Our parents, Robert and Mary Ann Schmidt and John and Victoria Caffarelli by Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt Dakota Jacob Lee by Richard J. Lee Carden and DeSabio Loved Ones by the Carden Family Sandra Walker by Thomas Johnson Mabel/William Johnson by Thomas Johnson Margarita, Raúl and Alicia Saona by Raúl Saona Carolyn, Henry, Robert, Carlton and David Hughes by Karen Saona Our loving parents; Carl & Ann and Mabel & Harold by Pam and Neil Kattermann All my family members by Alberta Matesick William, Eleanor, Carol and Nancy Wolf by Linda Patricola Dave Grabenstatter by his wife Nanc and son Eric Walter & Doris Stroman and Marion Trier by Louise Ricchiazzi Our parents and grandparents, Richard W. Bauchle, William and Emma Bauchle, Uncle Albert Bauchle, Robert Klas, Shirley Klas and brother, Robert R. Klas by Paul and Karen **Bauchle** Bill Emms, Francis & Suzanne Volante by Gary Volante

Theresa "Grammy" Pomietlarz and all of our Grandparents by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz Earl J. Kunz by Heidemarie, Margaret and Sarah Kunz Ruth and Michael Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz Elaine E. Fuhlbruck by the Family Clifford and June Hehr by David Hehr My parents, Dr. Ralph Loew and Maxine Loew by Janet and Michael Day Kenneth James by Ruth James John S. Camilleri, Jr. by Ruth James The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Joan Miller Richard and Shirley Drenkhahn by The Rev. Rich Neal Frances Roberts by The Rev. Rich Neal Doris and Walter Stroman, Marion Trier and Frank Ricchiazzi by The Battaglia Family Kenneth James by Gail and John Camilleri John, Daniel, Josh and Dan by Gail and John Camilleri Melissa and Elaine by The Thomasula Family Our parents by Doug and Jayne Lloyd John F. Schleifer, Jr. by Karen, John III and Brad Schleifer

#### In honor of:

Helen and Martin Wright by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best
Caleb, Ted, Gabe, Sam and Sophie Lee by Richard J. Lee
Holy Trinity Staff by Doug Alderdice
Our grandchildren, Ella Hope, Hannah Grace and Walker James by Paul and Karen Bauchle
Holy Trinity's Choir Family by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz
Our new pastors, Jeff Wilson and Rich Neal by Holly Holdaway, Daniel Culross and Carina Culross
My grandson Wesley and my children Lauren, Brad and Matthew by Claire Carmer
Our Family by Janet and Michael Day
Andy Steven Ana by The Thomasula Family
The caring helpers after my recent surgery by Elizabeth Vihnanek

#### In Thanksgiving:

For the blessings of Alexander and Emily by Mary Kaufmann For the lives of Betsy and Dan Barberree by The Rev. Jeff Wilson

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Beloved son and brother, Randy Dean Goulet, by The Goulet Family

*In loving memory of loved ones by*: Carol Alderdice, Jim and Norine Dunnigan, Mark Peszko and David Schopp, Sue Spindler

## A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANT SALE: **The annual LYO plant sale ends today**. The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 18 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Order forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways and given to the church office. All orders are appreciated.

PERSONAL CARE KITS: Collection for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items ends today. Please place the items near the display at Kahler's Korner located near the Church office.

LUTHERAN CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER will be held on Friday, May 3 at 6:00pm at Ripa's Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$55 per person. Join us for this special event as we congratulate our own Guy Huber who will be receiving The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Loew Award this year. Please register and pay online at www.wnylutherancharities.org. Please call the church office with any questions.

NO COFFEE HOUR: A well-deserved break is in store for the kitchen crew, therefore, there will be no coffee hour next Sunday, April 7.

NEW MEMBERS' & INQUIRERS' CLASS: Are you considering becoming a member at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jeff welcomes you to a conversation about Lutheranism, Christianity, and membership on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 12:30pm in the Conference Room. Those who would like to join will be received into membership on Sunday, April 28, 2024. If you have questions or would like to attend this engaging class, please contact the church office at info@holytrinitybuffalo.org or 716-886-2400.

BULLETIN BOARD: The children of our Faith Formation/Sunday School program invite you to view the bulletin board in the hallway near the church office. They learned about messages and messengers and would like to share their message with you! FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: If you have a child who has not received First Communion, Pastor Jeff is planning a First Communion class on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall. They will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day), at the 10:30am service. We ask that at least one parent, godparent, or grandparent attend. To register or for questions, please contact the church office at info@holytrinitybuffalo.org or 716-886-2400.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: The next session will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9am to noon. Please join the Church Council along with pastors Jeff and Rich in Redeemer Hall. We will address the risen Christ's question "Holy Trinity, *quo vadis*, where are you going?" That's when we will begin to create a strategic plan for our congregation's ministries. So we can be adequately prepared, please call the church office by Wednesday, April 10 to let us know you are coming. We hope to see you there.

EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE BUFFALO is a local organization that brings volunteers from Buffalo and across the country together to offer free home repairs for families in need this summer. An interest meeting will be held on April 18 at 10:00am at Friendship Baptist Church (402 Clinton St, Buffalo, NY 14204).

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

#### HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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

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