



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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**

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

# **PRELUDE**

*Hózhó*

Connor Chee

(b. 1987)

Ryan Chan, *organ*

*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.

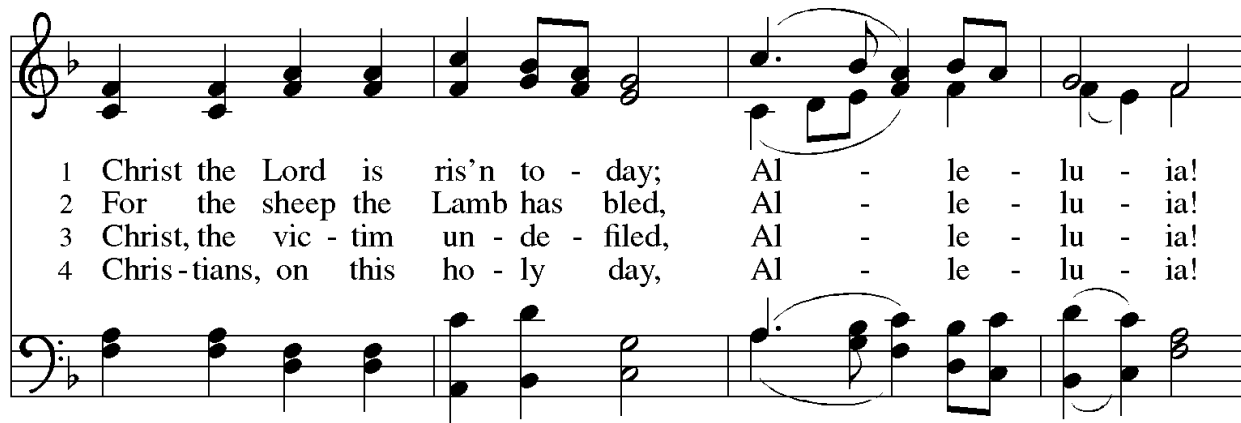
Coming from other areas of our building,  
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

*Please stand as you are able.*

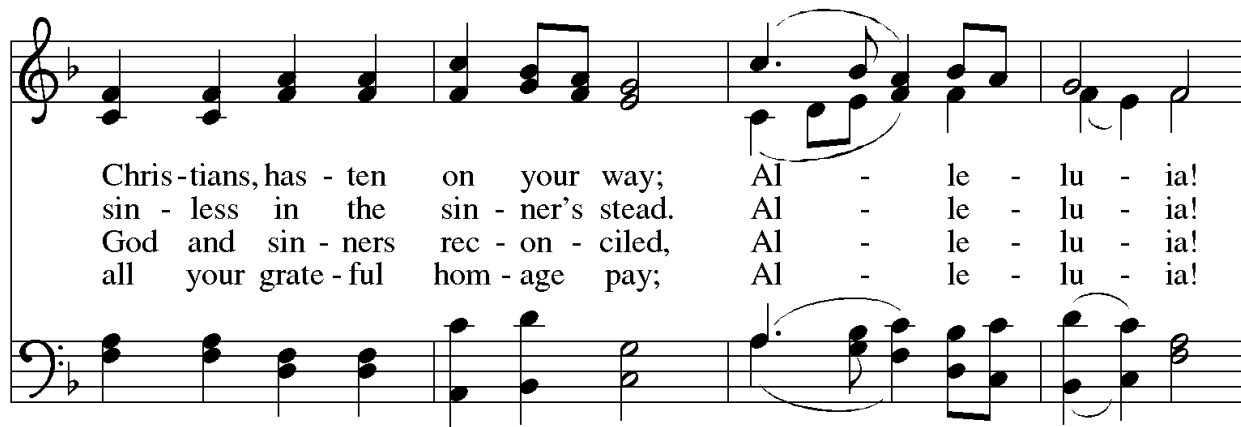
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* "Llanfair"

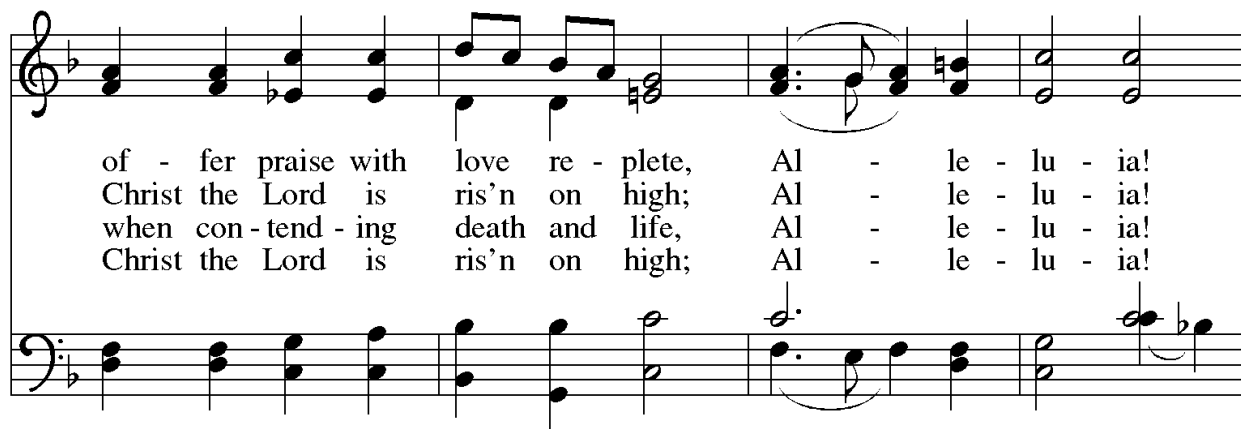
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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

(10:30)

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

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

(10:30)

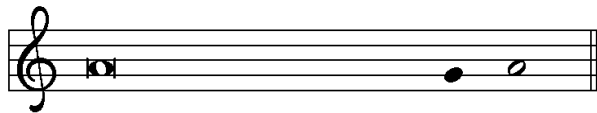
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## **GREETING**

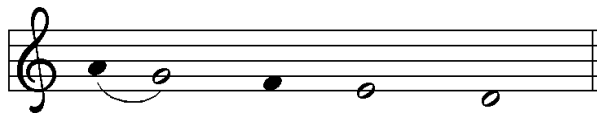
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

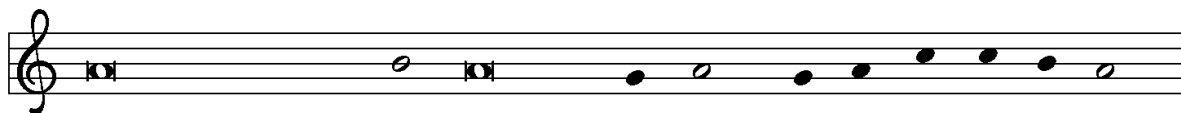
# KYRIE



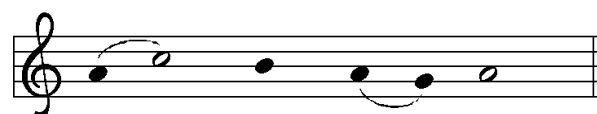
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



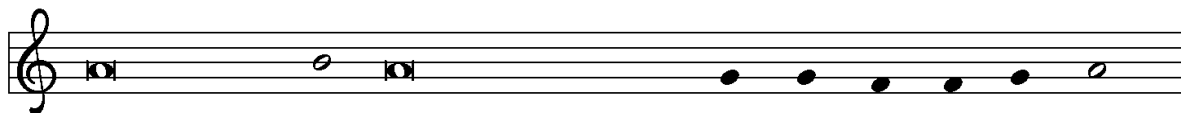
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



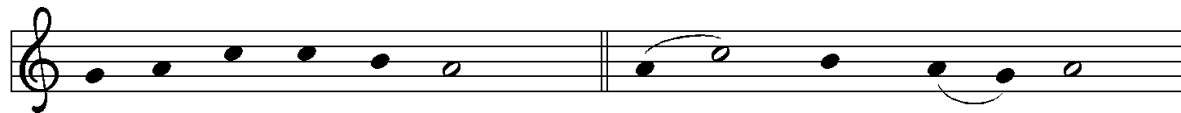
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

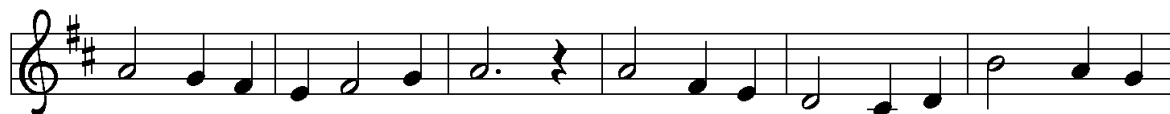


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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.

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

## THE SOLO

*He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd*  
from *Messiah*, Part I (HWV 56)

George Frideric Händel  
(1685–1759)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs of his arm and carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young. 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 soul.

(10:30)

## THE ANTHEM

*The King of Love my Shepherd Is*  
Text: Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Traditional Irish Hymn  
Arr. Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*  
Ryan Chan, *organ*

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever. Where streams of living waters flow My ransomed soul he  
leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth. In death's dark  
vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy  
cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth. Perverse and foolish oft I  
strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And gently on his shoulder laid, And home  
rejoicing, brought me. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—  
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's  
love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or  
sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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: John 10:11-18

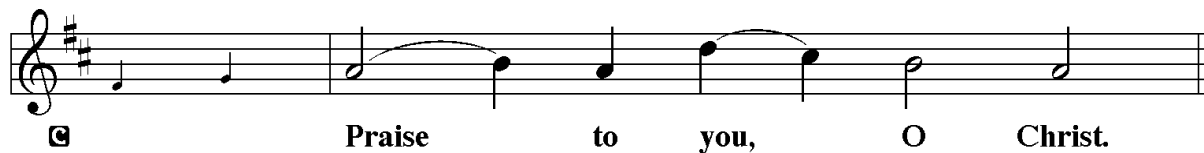
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

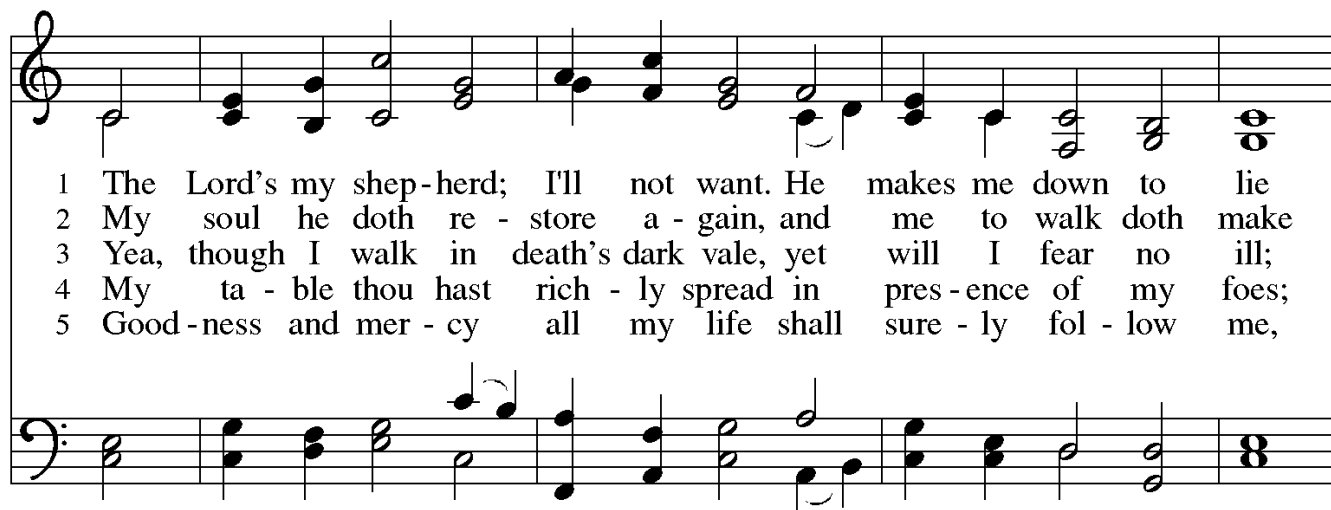
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

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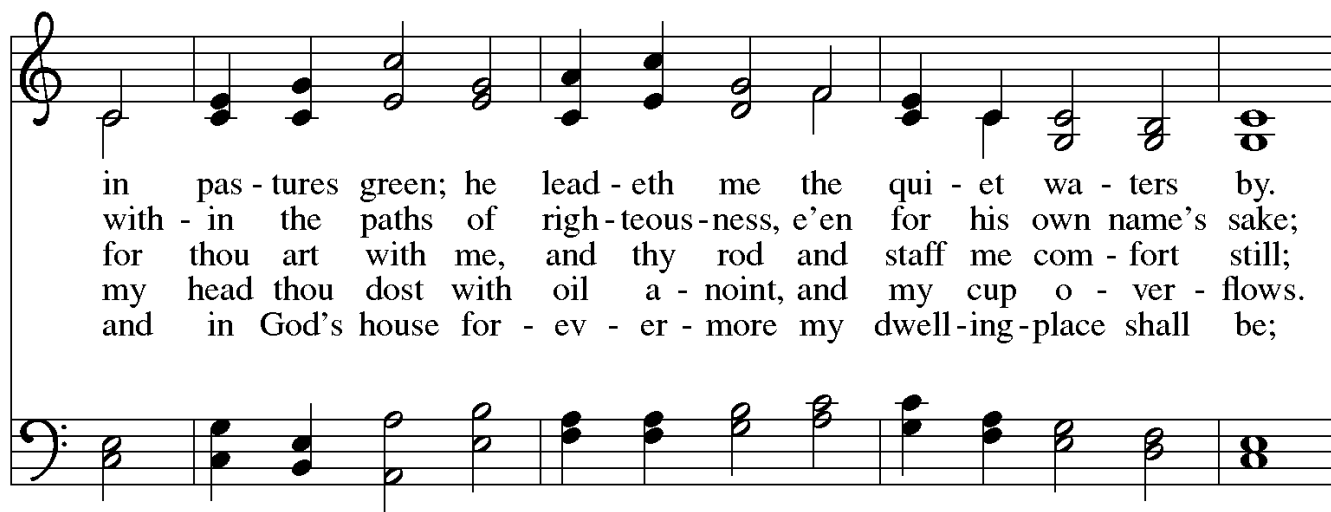
# SERMON HYMN

*The Lord's My Shepherd* "Brother James Air"

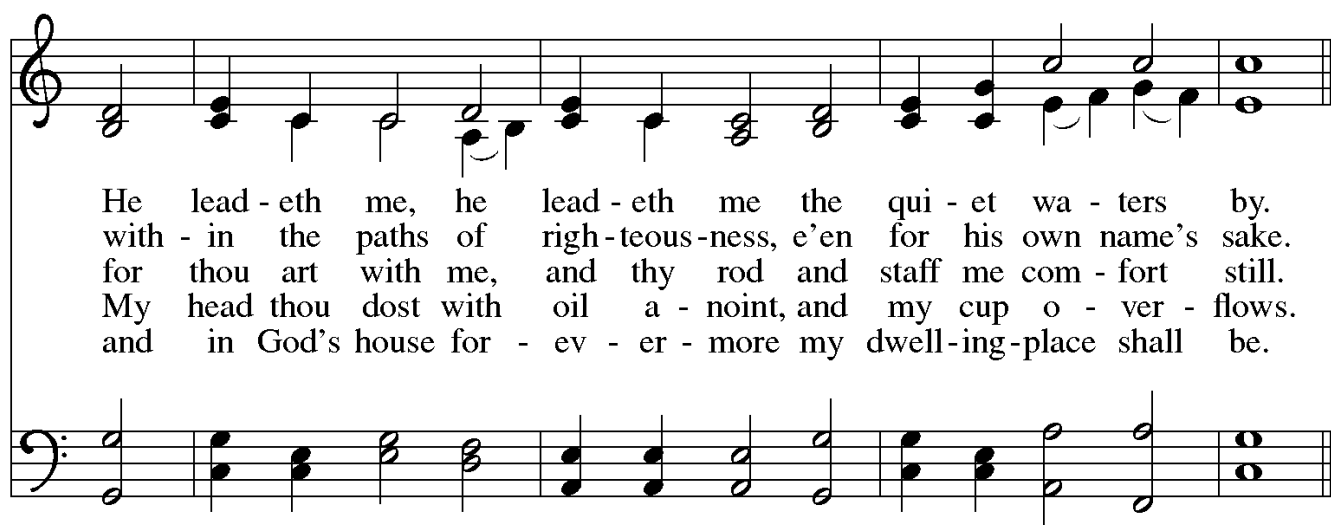
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1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895-1984

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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**

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.*

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young, especially Megan and Mary, and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Healing God, today we especially remember Arthur and Dorothy York, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Claus and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schopp through today's flower dedications. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.**

## **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**

*Agnus Dei*

*Intermezzo from L'arlésienne Suite No.2, Mvmt.6*

Georges Bizet

(1838-1875)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb, lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace,

Give to us, give peace.



(10:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Earth Song*

Frank Ticheli  
(b. 1958)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour,  
The wind, it stirs.  
The scorched Earth  
cries out in vain:

Oh war and power,  
you blind and blur.  
The torn heart  
cries out in pain.

But music and singing  
have been my refuge,  
And music and singing  
shall be my light.

A light of song  
Shining strong: Alleluia!  
Through darkness and pain and strife, I'll  
Sing, Be, Live, See...

*Peace.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

## OFFERTORY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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“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.

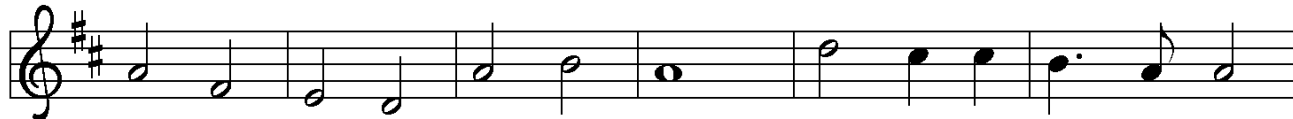
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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

### *Agnus Dei*

*Intermezzo* from *L'arlésienne* Suite No.2, Mvmt.6

Georges Bizet

(1838-1875)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

*Please see text printed on page 16 of the worship bulletin.*

## COMMUNION MOTET

### *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Southern Hymn Tune

arr. Virgil Thomson

(1896–1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, nomore a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

*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.

**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.**

## **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.*

## **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.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again* "God Be With You"

ELW 536

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
meet a - gain,

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue in B Major*, Op. 7 No. 1

Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

Ryan Chan, *organ*



*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.*

Special thank you to Assistant Conductor Erin Alexander for leading our beloved Chancel Choir again this week, and to Gino Thompson for leading our Youth Choir rehearsal these past two weeks. Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz are chaperoning the Amherst Central High School Music Department trip to Walt Disney World this weekend.

The ACHS Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra are presenting a number of concerts, and attending several clinics and workshops with Disney artistic staff.



About our guest, Ryan Chan, *organ*

Hailed for his "solid technique... imaginative programming... tasteful creativity in registering orchestral textures" (*AGO Charleston Chapter*), Ryan Chan is recognized as a versatile musician specializing in organ and harpsichord. His passions for both early and contemporary repertoire, performance practice, historic/antique keyboards, experimentation and teaching define his musical identity. He has performed in notable venues including Freiburger Dom, Katholische Hofkirche in Dresden, Kerk Noordbroek in Groningen, St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, St. James-in-the-city LA, etc. He has been featured in festivals including Piccolo Spoleto L'Organo in Charleston, Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute, Rochester Early Music Festival and Skaneateles Festival.

In September 2023, Ryan won second-prize in the 'XVI. Internationalen Gottfried-Silbermann-Orgelwettbewerb', held in Germany, making him the first Hong Kong/Chinese organist to place in this premier European competition. He is the first-prize winner of the 2018 Arthur Poister Organ Scholarship Competition, as well as a finalist in the 2022 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (American Guild of Organists). Upcoming engagements include solo recitals in Bremen Dom and Altenburg Schlosskirche.

At the Eastman School of Music, Ryan is pursuing a doctoral degree in organ under the tutelage of David Higgs. He holds a master's degree in harpsichord, studying with Lisa Goode Crawford. He served as the VanDelinder Organ Fellow at Christ Church Rochester from 2020-2023, working with music director Stephen Kennedy. He performs regularly with Eastman's Collegium Musicum, a baroque ensemble directed by Paul O'Dette and Christel Thielmann.

Ryan is currently based in Rochester, New York, USA.  
Find out more about Ryan at [www.ryanchanorganist.com](http://www.ryanchanorganist.com)

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

### **SUNDAY, April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 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/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class (CR)

### **MONDAY, April 22, 2024**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 23, 2024**

- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting w/Confirmands (6:30 dinner) (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024**

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

### **THURSDAY, April 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)

### **SATURDAY, April 27, 2024**

- 10:30 a.m. Tom Kutas Memorial Service (MC)

### **SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 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)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion/New Members Received (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Social Media Task Force Meeting (LI)
- 3:00 p.m. Student Recital (CH)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study

SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

RH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room

At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Dave Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Griffin Miller, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Arthur and Dorothy York from their families;  
and

In Loving Memory of parents Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Claus and Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles Schopp by Gwendolyn Schopp.

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 Megan Henley and Mary Houghtaling.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Bible Study presentation by Dave Ulrich on the American Presidency will continue Monday at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room. The topic for this week is "The Presidential Office: What Does the Constitution Say?" All are welcome. The handout from last week's opening session will also be available.

**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.

**HOW MANY LANGUAGES** can you speak? If you can speak languages other than English, please let the church office know. We've got something up our sleeves for Pentecost Sunday (May 19).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Tom Kutas will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 am in the Main Church.

**LYO PLANTS:** The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 18 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

We will also be planting the church grounds that day. All are welcome to come and help with the planting and enjoy a hot dog lunch.

**UPDATE FROM THE HAITI MISSION TEAM:** The team met last week, and we continue to look for ways to continue to support the Caribbean Children's Foundation. As the situation in Haiti remains very dangerous, there is no travel planned for the foreseeable future, but we continue to work on this mission from afar. We are an active committee who are always looking for interested individuals to join us. Guy Huber serves as President of the Board of the Foundation and will be attending another board meeting in May. The team made the decision at the last meeting to send \$1,000 to provide a community meal that will feed up to 300 individuals on the island of Ile a Vache. Half of the funds for this came from the Haiti Mission fund and half from the Hospitality fund. We have been involved in this work for almost 10 years. School sponsorships are always needed and if you are interested in sponsoring a student, please reach out to Donna Leiser who can give you more details. Stay tuned for another fundraiser later in the year! A big thank you to the congregation for your ongoing support of this mission.

**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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