



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating our 146<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**

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Sanctus* from *Orbis Factor*

Dobrinka Tabakova  
(b. 1980)

Nicole Brendel, *cantor*

## *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.

## **INTROIT**

*Sing Joyfully Unto God*

Text: Psalm 81:1-4

William Byrd  
(1543–1623)

Sing joyfully unto God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.

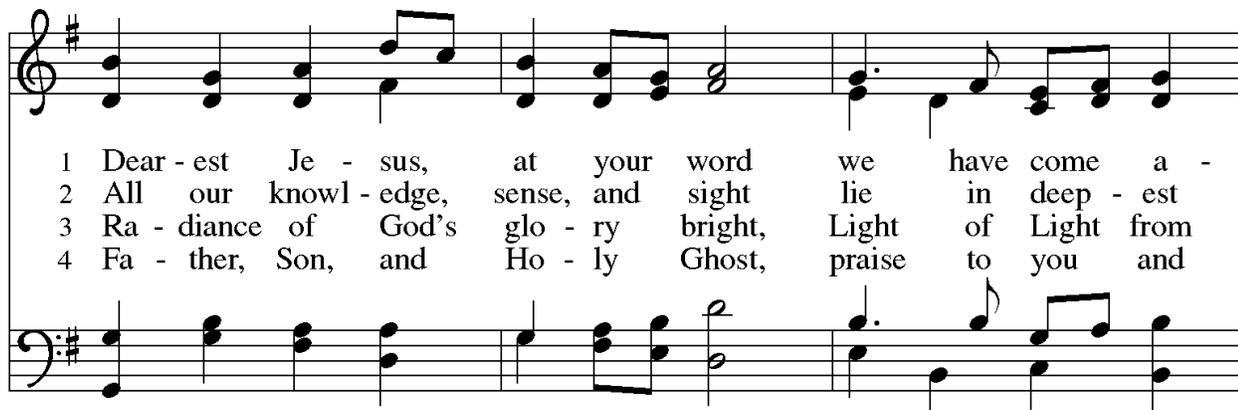
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

*Please stand as you are able.*

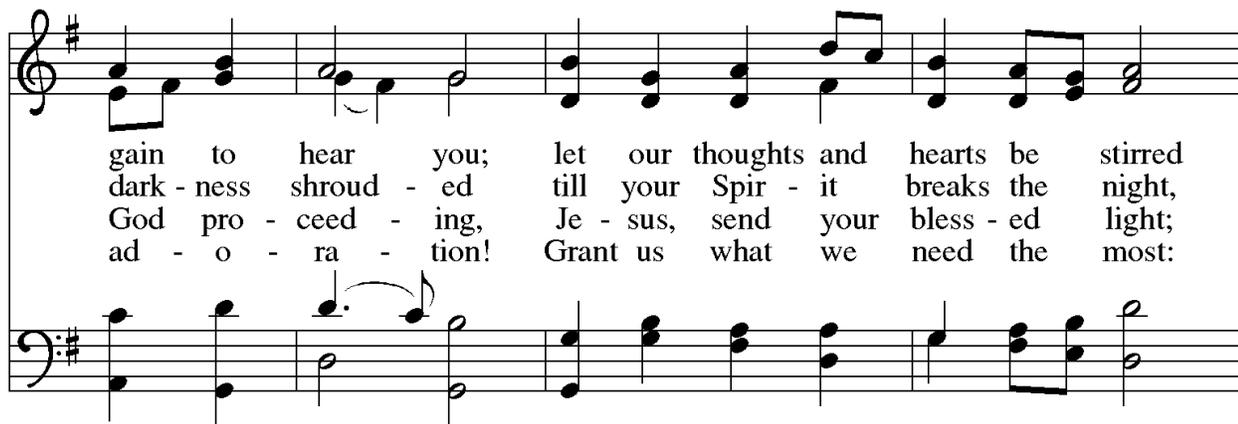
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* "Liebster Jesu"

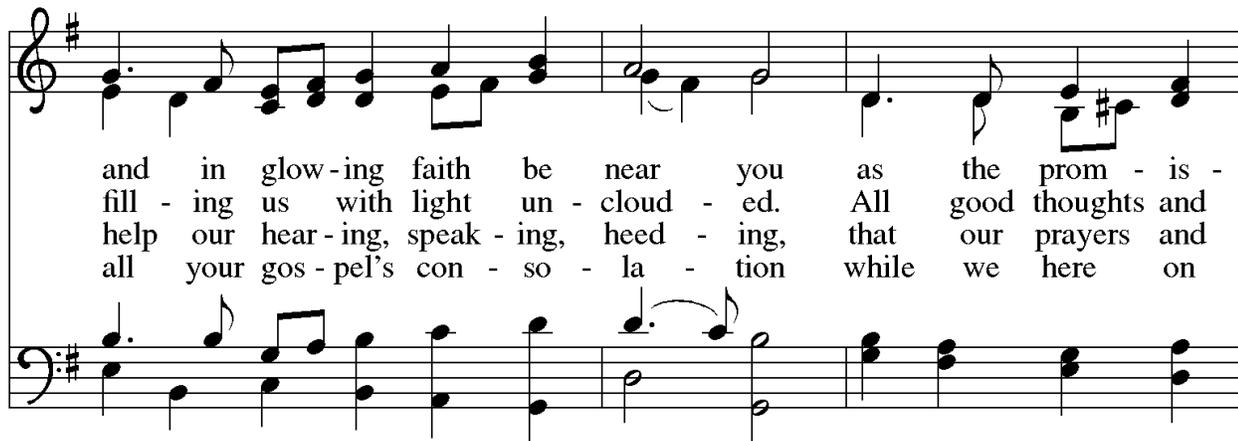
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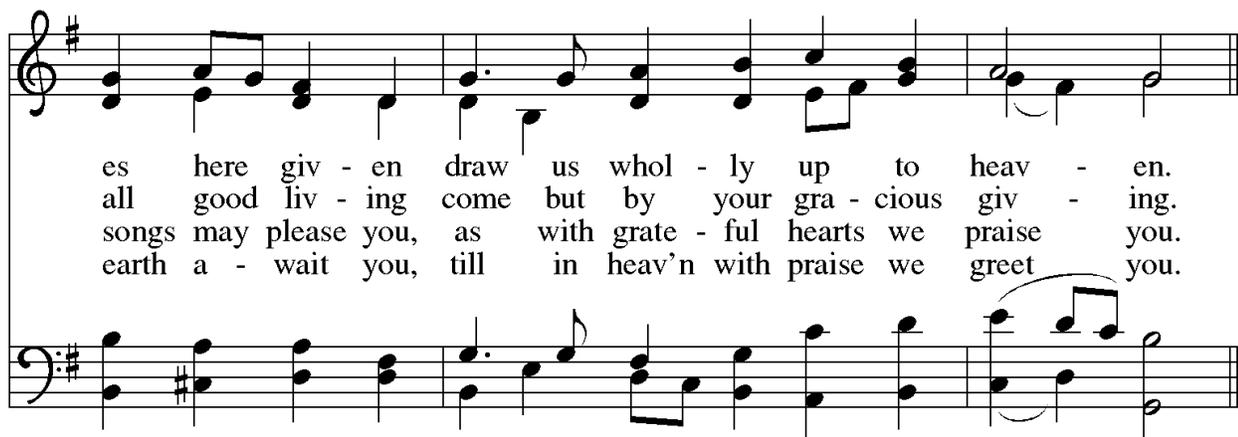
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

(10:30)

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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

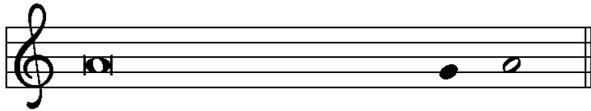
(10:30)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GREETING**

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

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



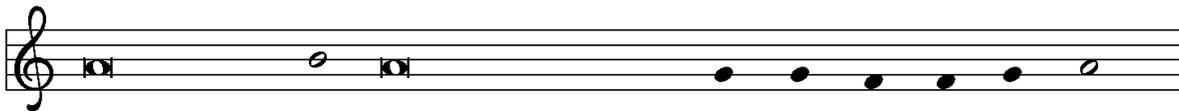
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

*Refrain*



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



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



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



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

*Final refrain*



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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## THE YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

*The Lone Wild Bird*

Jessica Nelson

(b. 1983)

Ky Verhoef, *flute*  
Henry Flynn, *violin*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight, is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,  
and I am thine, I rest in thee, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

## A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The first reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

<sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

**THE ANTHEM**

*This is the Day*

Attr. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Text: Psalm 118, Tr. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), ad.

(1756-1791)

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own;  
Let Heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad, And praise surround the throne.

Hosanna in the highest strains The church on earth can raise;  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

The God of our Salvation.  
Give thanks to God for he is good.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(10:30)

**THE ANTHEM**

*Haec dies*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(1525–1594)

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

The second reading for today is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

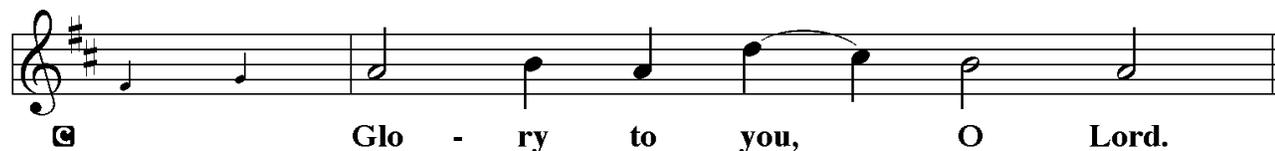
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 2:23--3:6

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

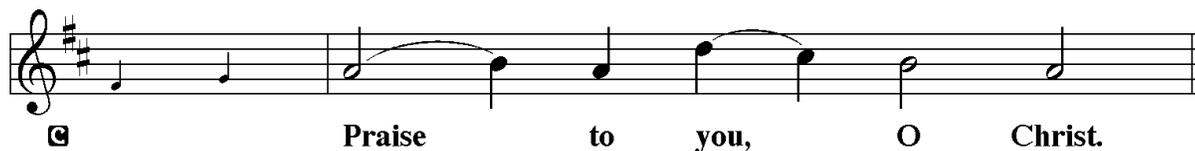


<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

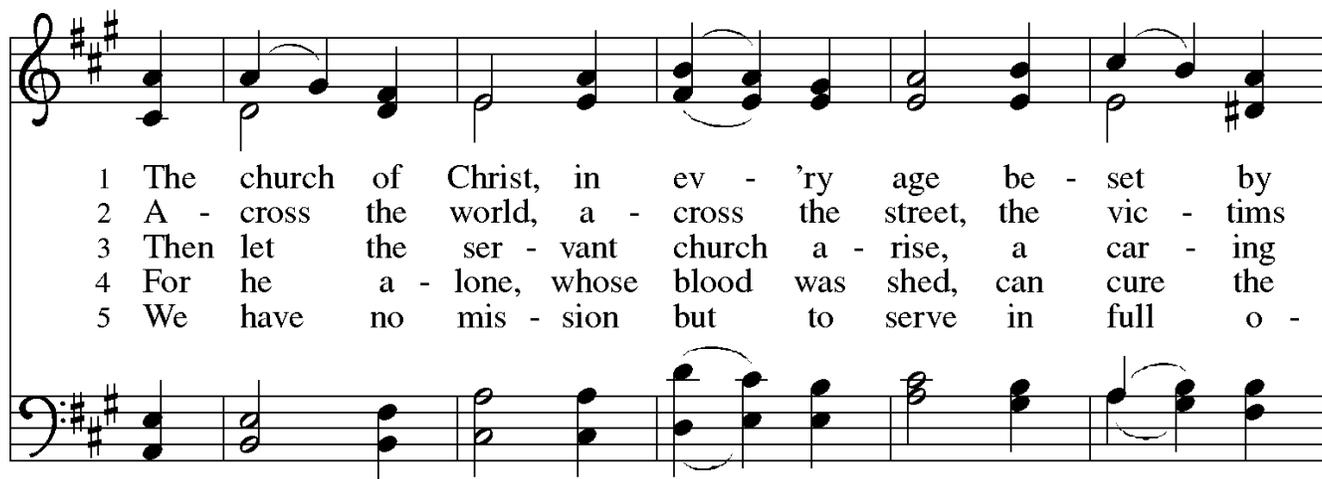
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age* “Wareham”

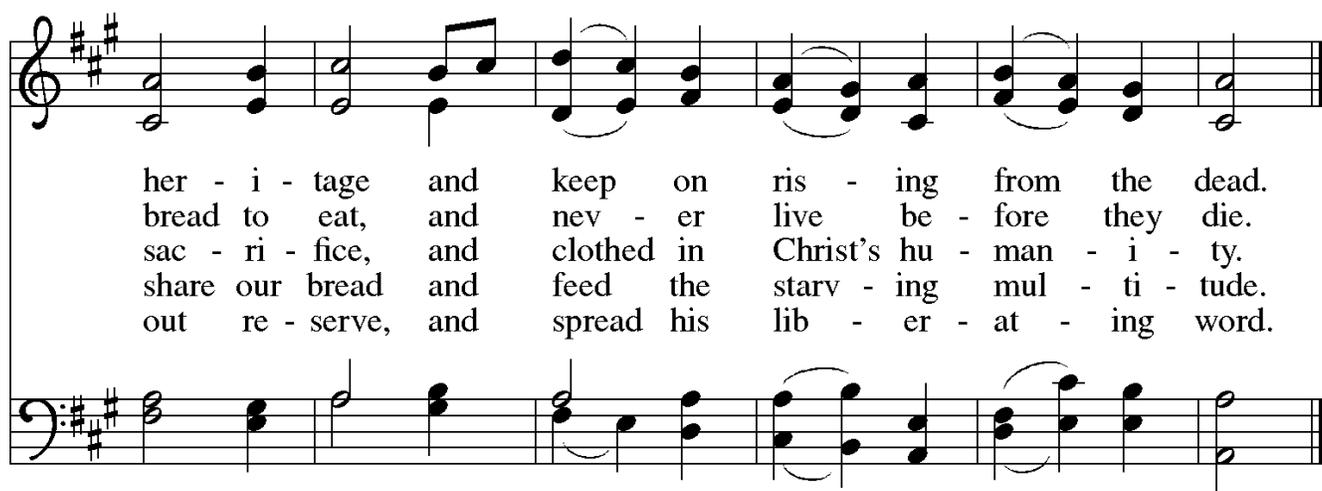
ELW 729 (Vs. 1,3,5)



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

(10:30)

## **SENIOR ACOLYTE AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

### **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Today, we give thanks for all children, but especially Eila and Cora. We also give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays, especially Chris Huber and Heidemarie's sister, Gudrun. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Use us to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice for such a time as this. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as we step into the summer months. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards, including our Children's Garden by the belltower outside. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment, wisdom and humility to all who inform the work of governments and policymakers. Help our desire for peace to be greater than our desire for conquest. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you and we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially those who we remember in today's flower dedications: Walter and Doris Stroman. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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)

### **THE ANTHEM**

*Psalm 150*

Text: Psalm 150, Book of Common Prayer

**Bob Chilcott**

(b. 1955)

O praise God, praise God.

O praise God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances: praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let ev'rything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

(10:30)

## **THE ANTHEM**

*Salmo 150*

Text: Latin

Ernani Aguiar

(b. 1949, Brazil)

Praise the Lord in his sacred places, praise Him in the firmament of His power.  
Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and the harp.  
Praise Him with drum and dance, praise Him with strings and pipes.  
Praise Him with high-sounding cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of joy.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
“Old Hundredth”

ELW 885

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.

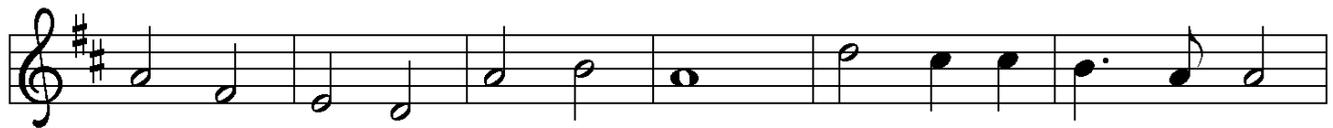
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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 MOTET

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Leo Nestor

(b. 1948)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Holy Trinity Blessing*

Text: Book of Common Worship

Matthew Owens

(b. 1971)

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on ev'ry side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. 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.

**Jesus, Bread of life,**

**we have received from your table**

**more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,**

**now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

**In your name we pray.**

**Amen.**

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin  
(1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen, amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* “Ar Hyd Y Nos”

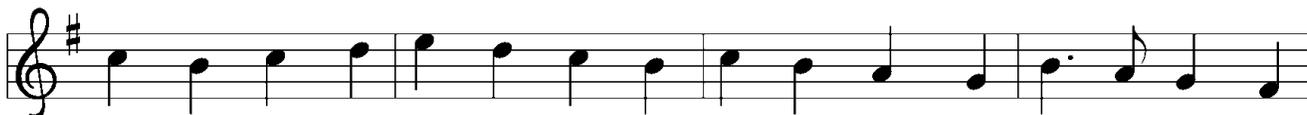
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- 1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Carillon*

Herbert Murrill

(1909-1952)



*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.*



### **Stewardship – Here**

Each week, Holy Trinity will lift up one of four aspects of Stewardship. This week, our focus is on Here, which is about engaging people with ministries, identifying and using our gifts and funding the ministry. In this space, we will offer suggestions for getting involved.

The Property Committee extends a very BIG “Thank You” to all who helped plant flowers to beautify the church grounds.

The Committee gets together every other month and is responsible for keeping Holy Trinity safe and beautiful. Recently handrails for additional stability have been installed in the downstairs men’s room as well as a small ramp leading into the back door near the Chapel/Fellowship Room. We are always open to suggestions and if you would like to learn more about the Property Committee please see Paul Bauchle.

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

### **SUNDAY, June 2, 2024 – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

- 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 (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 4:00 p.m. Vocalis Concert (MC)

### **MONDAY, June 3, 2024**

- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- Synod Assembly in Syracuse*

### **TUESDAY, June 4, 2024**

- 12:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)
- Synod Assembly in Syracuse*

### **WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024**

- 9:30 a.m. Juneteenth Meeting (SC)
- 10:00 a.m. HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 10:15 a.m. Property Meeting (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. HT Walks Together (Niagara Falls)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, June 6, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SUNDAY, June 9, 2024 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:40 a.m. Front Porch Sittin' (RH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)
- 4:00 p.m. Choral Festival (MC)

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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 Linda Schmidt. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Avery Best.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Griffin Miller, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson. Worship Assistant is Sami Wnek.

The flowers on the altar are given:

Birthday blessings to my son Christopher Huber from Guy Huber; and  
In Loving Memory of Walter G. and Doris T. Stroman from the  
Battaglia Family; and

In honor of my sister Gudrun's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today from Heidemarie Kunz.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

Council President, Jen Yap, 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 Eila and Cora Lansom.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BURRITO PROJECT:** June 4 - Help Us Feed The Hungry - "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35). Our partners in the Burrito Project ministry have reported an increase in people seeking help. Please consider joining us for all or part of the evening. We'll meet in the kitchen around 5:30pm to assemble the burritos, then fill cars with totes containing the burritos, coffee, water, cookies, socks, shirts, etc. around 7pm. We generally finish distribution around 8:45 and are back at the church by 9pm for unloading the totes and final cleanup. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jen Yap, Guy Huber or the church office. Thank you.

**HT WALKS TOGETHER:** please join Uli MacDonald for a leisurely evening walk on Goat Island, Niagara Falls, on Wednesday, June 5 from 6 – 7:30 pm. We will meet at Parking Lot P3 at the end of the island. We will view the rapids above the Canadian falls from Three-Sisters-Island before walking to the Canadian falls and, time permitting, to the Bridal Vail Falls before heading back to the parking lot. If you live in Buffalo, please contact Uli at [ucarlino@buffalo.edu](mailto:ucarlino@buffalo.edu) about carpooling. This walk will also be open to members from the Network of Religious Communities.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available- June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>-one vase. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [mmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:mmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**READERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in reading at the 10:30 service on Sunday mornings, Clyde Terry is now taking names from October 6 through May 4, 2025. You can call him at 716-883-1577 during the day – if he does not answer, please feel free to leave a message. He will also be taking names at the coffee hour in Redeemer Hall. Thank you to all our readers.

**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.



**FRONT PORCH SITTIN:** Summer is a time for growth. Just take a look at our Children’s Garden which is beginning to take hold and thrive. Summer is also a time for some ‘Front Porch Sittin’ – a time for talking with our neighbors, sharing and learning. Holy Trinity is a wonderful place of community and growth. This summer, you are invited to join fellow Front Porch Sitters for fun and fellowship throughout the summer. On Sunday, June 9 we will gather in Redeemer Hall for refreshments and some “fast talking”. This is a way to be together and laugh as we grow in our fellowship together. This event will be held between the 8:30 and 10:30 services to encourage people from both services to participate. Please note: we are pausing the morning Round Table for the summer.

# VOICES RAISED

Choral Connections Concert with Special Guest Conductor

## Malcolm J. Merriweather



**Sunday, June 2, 4:00 pm**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1080 Main Street, Buffalo

- ◆ Works by historically marginalized composers
- ◆ Grand Island native Malcolm J. Merriweather leads Vocális in Margaret Bonds' masterwork *Credo*  
*Jaman Dunn, baritone Paris Wicker, soprano*  
*Justin Pomietlarz, piano*
- ◆ World premiere of this year's exciting Choral Connections Commission piece *Emerald Sleep* by Joanne Metcalf
- ◆ Additional music by the choirs of Grand Island H.S. and Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts.



**Community Sing**  
**Friday, May 31, 7:30 pm**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Join Dr. Merriweather in a workshop of one of the pieces for the Sunday concert, and participate in a discussion on the transformative power of choral music. Music provided. Bring your voice, or just sit and listen.

Your concert ticket purchase includes free admission to the Community Sing.

**Tickets: \$20 Adult \$10 Student**

at the door one hour before the concert, or in advance at [vocalischamberchoir.org](http://vocalischamberchoir.org)

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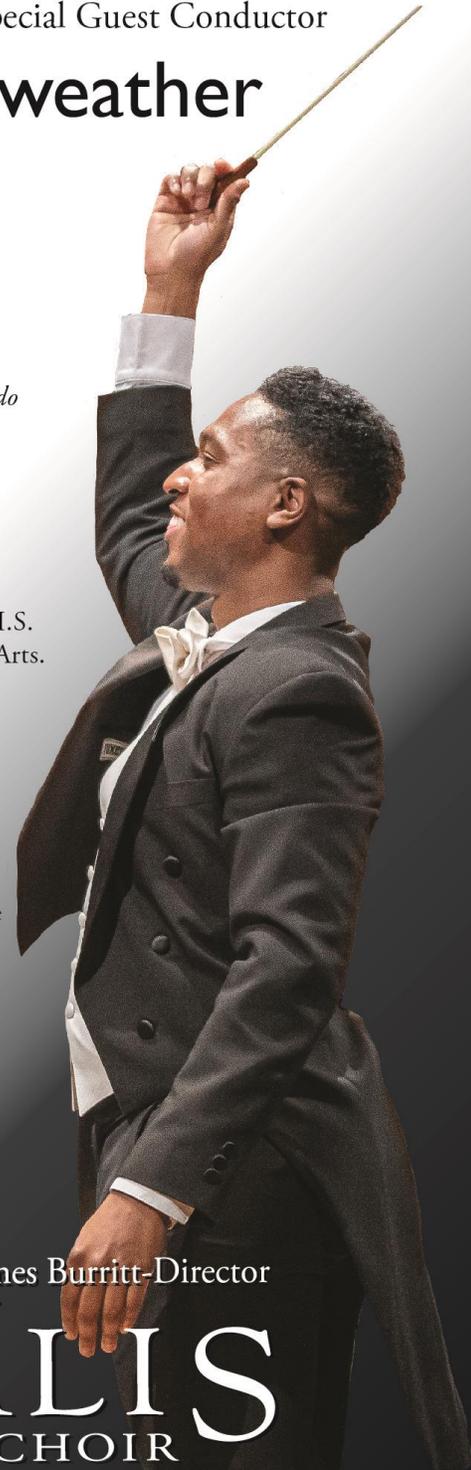
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