



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Celebrating our 145th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures **welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.***

*We commit ourselves to the work of **anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.***

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the yellow Welcome sheet.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience! Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

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Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE

Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

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

Praise the Lord, ye servants

Text: Psalm 113:1-2

John Blow
(1649-1708)

Praise the Lord, ye servants:
Praise the Name of the Lord,
Blessed be the Name of the Lord:
From this time forth forevermore.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus “Hyfrydol”

ELW 392 (vs. 1-4)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

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.

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Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

(10:30)

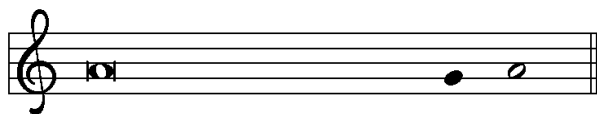
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GREETING

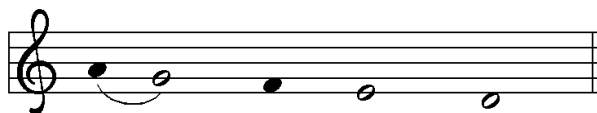
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

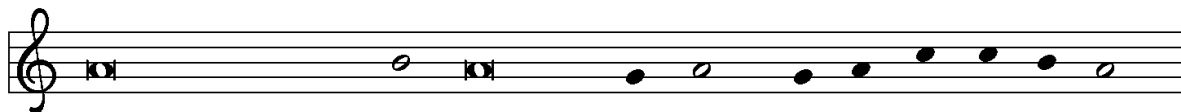
KYRIE



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.



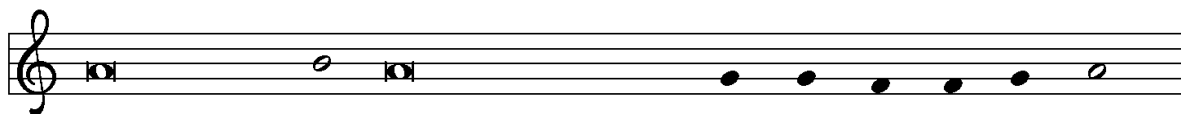
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WELCOME TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS

THE YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

My Mother's Love

Tom Shelton

Text: Maribeth Yoder-White and Tom Shelton

(b. 1966)

Children's Choir:

You gave me life, and all your love. You gave me wings to be what I dream of.
You held me close, calmed all my fears. You're always there to wipe away my tears.
A child's heart, a mother's love, a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout my life, you will be there, to catch me when I fall and nurture me with care,
I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My mother's love.

Adult Choir:

I watch you grow, I see you change, my love for you will always be the same.
Where'er you go, whate'er you do, my love for you will always be there too.
A mother's heart, (*children*) A child's love, (*combined*) a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout your life, I will be there, to catch you when you fall
(*children*) and nurture me with care, (*combined*) I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My child's love.

Children / Adults:

Your love's a lamp / My love's a lamp, to light my way / to light your way,
(*Children*) Reflecting God's deep love for me each day.
A special gift / a special gift, God gave to me / God gave to me.
(*Adults*) And courage to know when to set you free.
A mother's heart / a child's love, (*combined*) a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout my life / I will be there, to catch me when I fall / and nurture you with care,
(*combined*) I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My mother's love / I pray that God will keep me thankful of... My mother's love.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 1st Chapter.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Jesus Christ the Appletree

Text: compiled by Joshua Smith, 1784

Traditional English

arr. Mark Mitchell

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compar'd with Christ the appletree.
This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know,
but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the appletree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
miss'd of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.
I'm weary'd with my former toil; here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

God Is Gone Up

Text: Edward Taylor (c. 1646–1729)

Gerald Finzi

(1901–1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
sing praise. Sing praises out, unto our King, sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.

Me-thinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to
attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend;
mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

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Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st John, the 5th Chapter.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

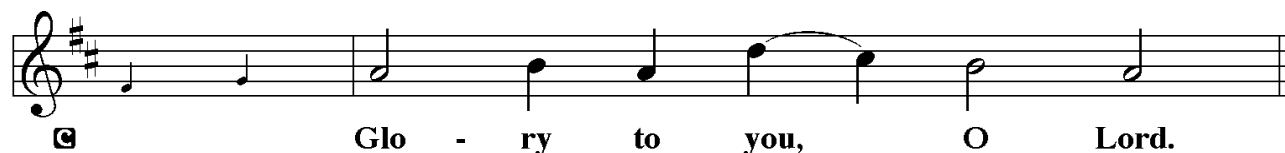
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

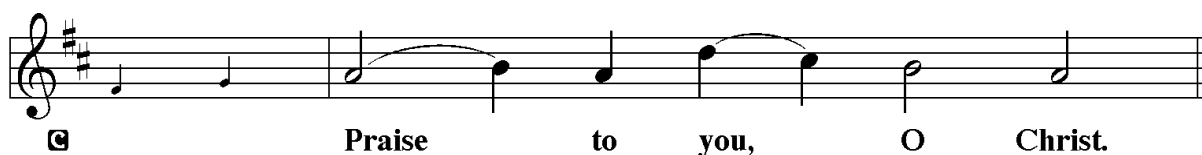
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

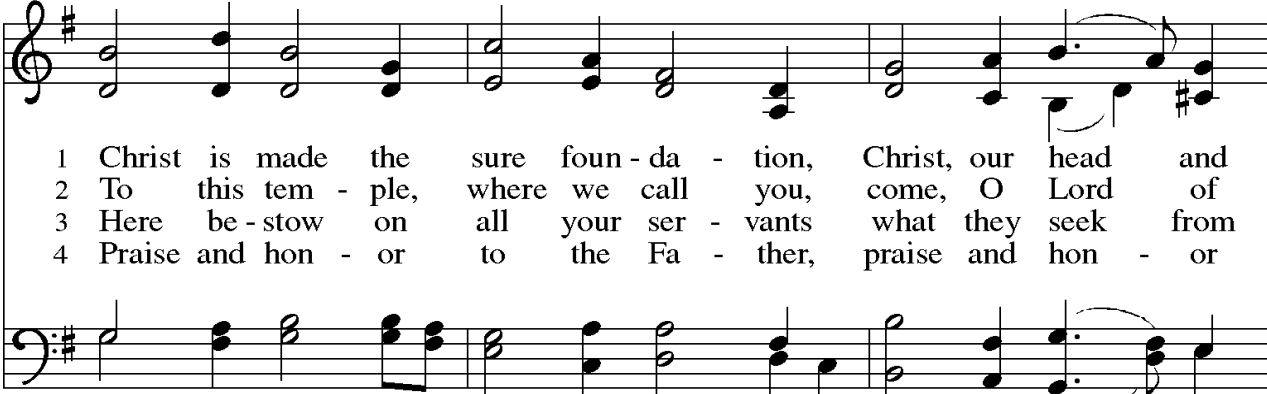
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation "Westminster Abbey"

ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. We pray for all our first communion recipients today, Clayton, Carina, Harper, Cora, Charlotte, Genevieve, Natalie, Maia, Lillian and Mary Rose. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction and remember and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one as we seek to love and serve our near neighbors in the community around us. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessings are a gift. We remember especially Genevieve, Clifford and June and honor families and Harper through today's flower dedications. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. 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)

THE SOLO

Songs My Mother Taught Me

from *Gypsy Songs* Op. 55, No. 4

Text: Adolf Heyduk (1835-1923), Czech: *Když mne stará matka zpívat, zpívat učívala*

Antonín Dvořák

(1841-1904)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Songs my mother taught me, in the days long vanished;
Seldom from her eyelids were the teardrops banished.
Now I teach my children, each melodious measure.
Oft the tears are flowing, oft they flow from my memory's treasure.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Living Water

Text: Helen Kennedy, *Mallaig Sprinkling Song* (1993)

Tom Trenney

(b. 1977)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come fill me with living water.
Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone I seek.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Lord, you are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me. Come fill me with living water.

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

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

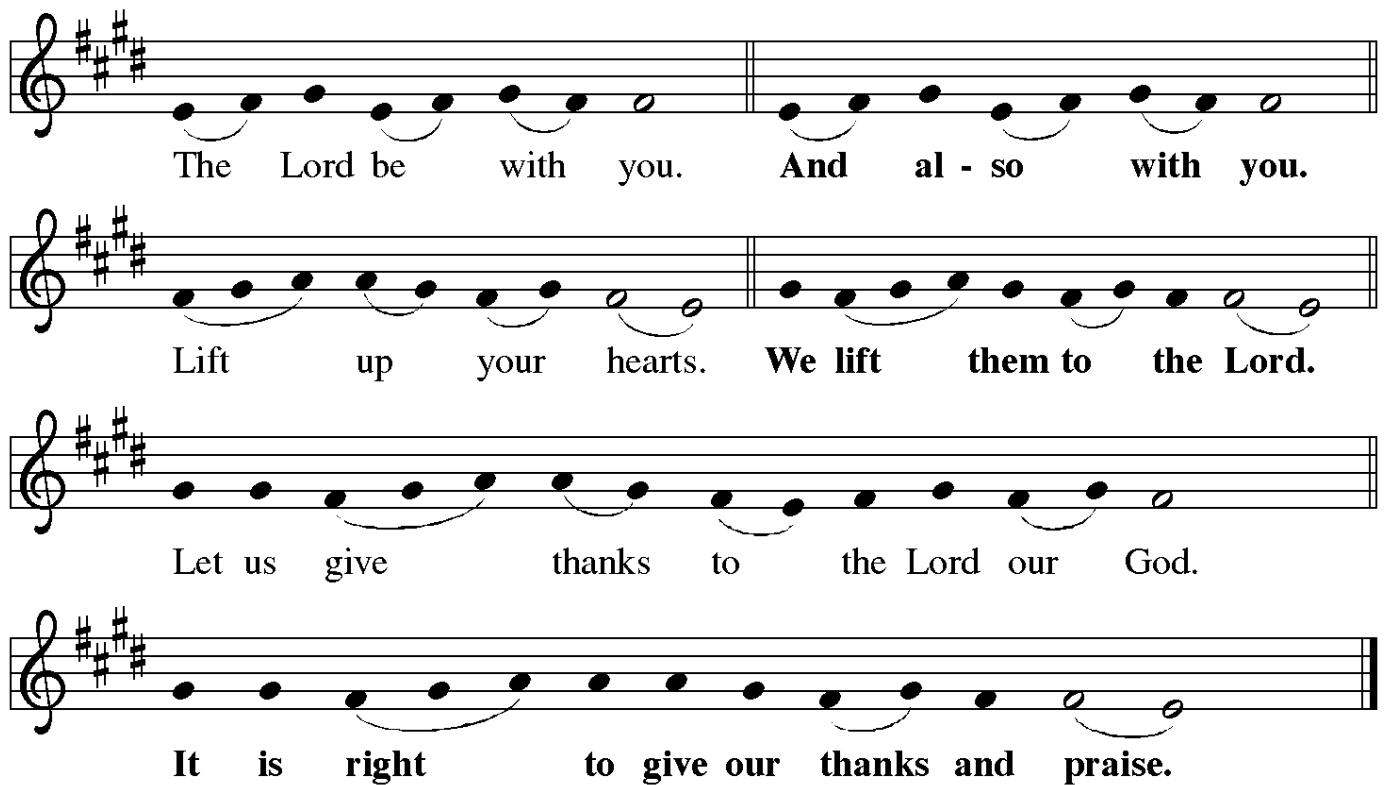
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

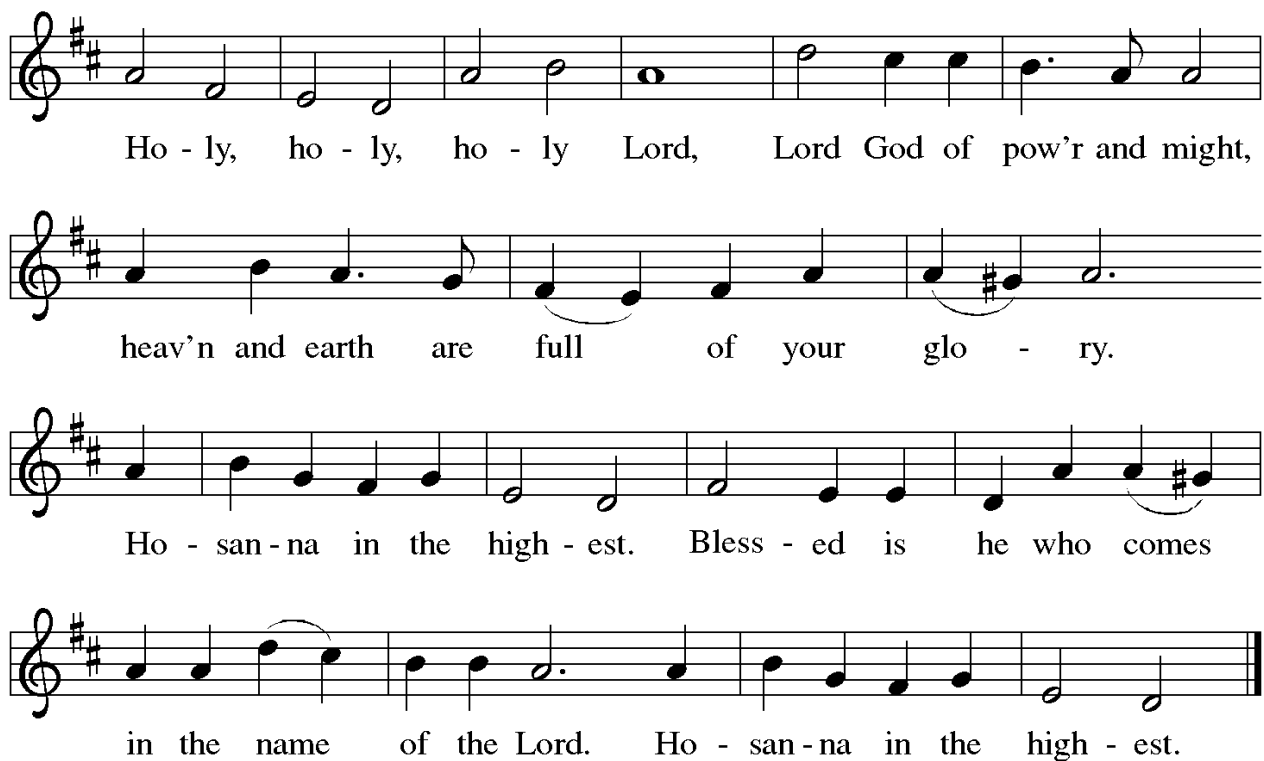
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy 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

(10:30)

*Candidates for First Communion
will receive the Eucharist with their immediate families.
Communion then continues with the congregation.*

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

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Please see text printed on page 17 of the worship bulletin.

COMMUNION MOTETS

O sacrum convivium

Text: attr. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(1525-1594)

*O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us,
Our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given to us.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

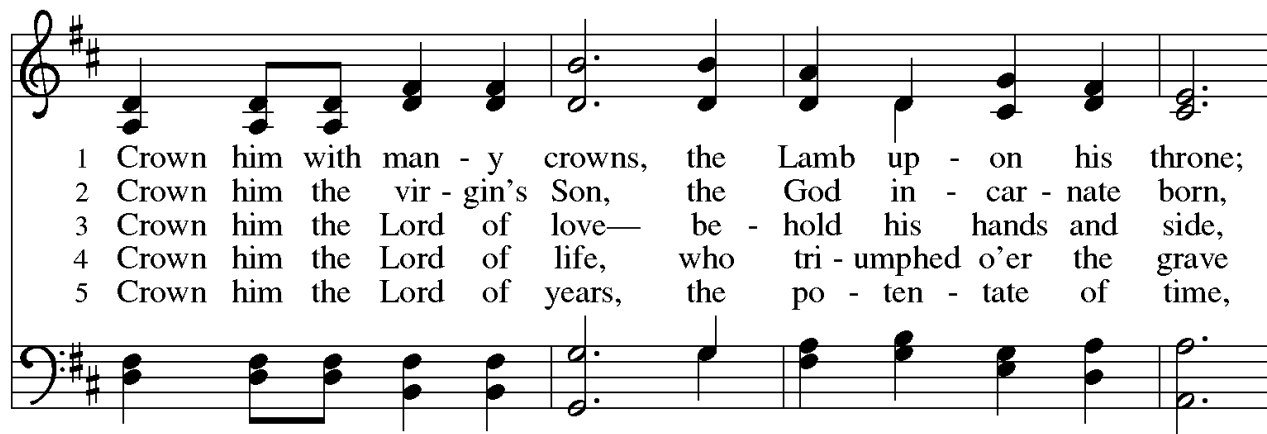
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

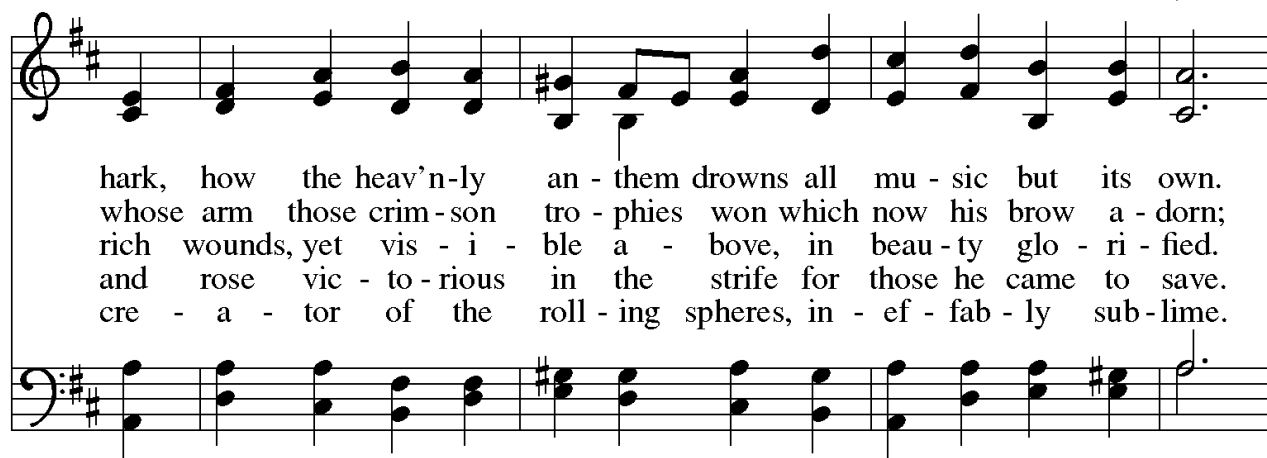
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns "Diademata"

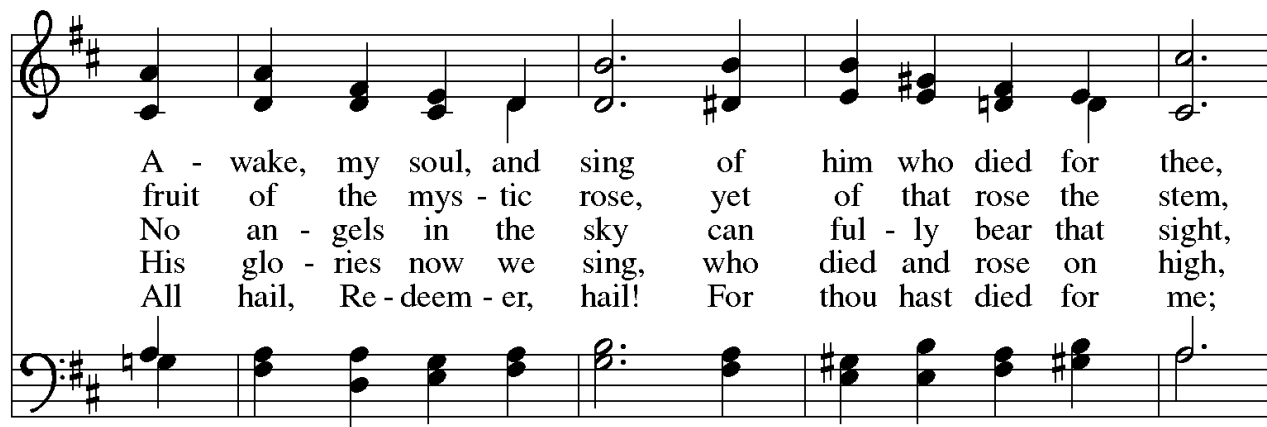
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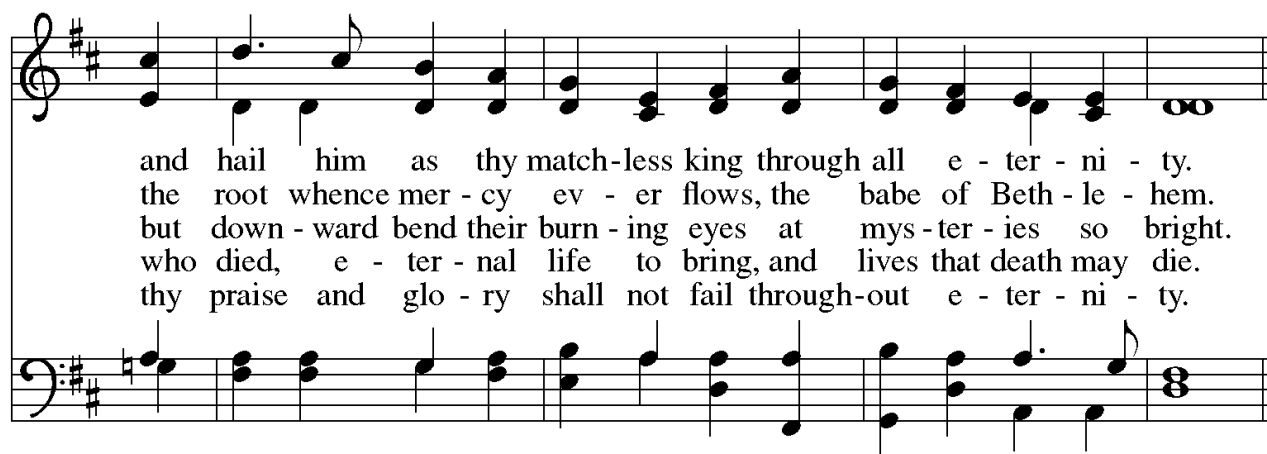
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Great Day'

Adolphus Hailstork
(b. 1941)



*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.
All are welcome.*



Congratulations to

Clayton Best

Carina Culross

Harper Day

Cora Lansom

Charlotte Leiser

Genevieve Leiser

Natalie Leiser

Maia Leiser

Lillian Pomietlarz

Mary Rose Sacal/Girdlestone

participating in today's First Communion Celebration.



Stewardship – Near

Each week, Holy Trinity will lift up one of four aspects of Stewardship. This week, our focus is on *Near*, which is about how we love and serve our neighbors in our community of the church as well as the areas in which you live. In this space, we will offer suggestions for getting involved.

P.S. 17

Holy Trinity and Public School 17 have been in partnership for over a decade. Our congregation provides Christmas gifts, school supplies, uniforms, and library help throughout the year.

Next month we have the pleasure of serving refreshments during the 4th grade moving up celebration.

Please see Heather Miller if you would like to help with Public School 17.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

- 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 w/First Communion (MC)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)

MONDAY, May 13, 2024

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

TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (LI)

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

- 10:15 a.m. Property Meeting (FR)
- 10:00 a.m. BPO Recording (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 5:00 p.m. Choir Dinner (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

- 10:00 a.m. HT planting church grounds
- 11:30 a.m. LYO plant sale pick-up
- 7:30 p.m. Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert (MC)

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024 – Day of Pentecost

- 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 w/Confirmation (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Meeting (FR)

Buffalo Girlchoir

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 Angela Keppel. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tony Lizauckas.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Martha Kutas. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Karen and Paul Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Griffin Miller, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson. Communion assistant is Elizabeth Vihnanek.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Genevieve Kryszczuk by Joe, Martha, Jim and Kara Kryszczuk; and

In Loving Memory of Ralph and Maxine Loew and in honor of our families, especially Harper Day on her First Communion, by Janet and Michael Day; and

In Loving Memory of my parents Clifford and June Hehr by David Hehr.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Linda Horton and Tom Johnson.

Council Secretary, Linda Horton, 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 all those making their First Communion today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: More and better life than we ever dreamed of – that’s what Jesus said he came to offer. God has equipped us with gifts to help us grow into that quality of life as individuals and as a community of faith. Join Pastor Rich for a two-week discovery of your spiritual gifts and how you might best use them in your life today. The first session will be Monday, May 13, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

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.

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 9th-one vase and June 30th-one or two vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

LIBRARY: There have been some changes in the library. Some books have been set aside for further review. Some books have been kept on the shelves as they may relate to Bible class content. In the next months we would like to hear people’s opinion about how to further update the library. The goal is to make it relevant to other topics as they relate to church activities. If you are interested in helping out or have some ideas to share, please let Pam Kattermann or Linda Horton know. Watch for a future opportunity to share ideas.

EVENING VESPER SERVICES: There will be no Vespers Service this month, we will resume in the Fall.

LOVE TO HOST, COOK AND/OR CLEAN? The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee welcomes new volunteers. Whether you want to participate in a single event or on an ongoing basis, there is room for you at the table! We are especially in need of additional volunteers to help host coffee hours throughout May. If you can do one or more of the following, please contact the church office: *Purchase/bake items, *Prepare coffee and other beverages, *Prepare casseroles, fruit salads and other items, *Set out and replenish plates, napkins, cutlery from supplies in kitchen, *Clean tables and dishes following coffee hour/other events, *Socialize with everyone and have fun!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: If you are interested in helping to serve Holy Communion during the 10:30am worship service, please contact the Church Office. In this role, you would help distribute Communion vessels, serve Communion including serving the Presiding Pastor, and help reset the altar. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff.

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: We are asking folks to wear white on Sunday, May 26, to celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday. If you don't have white, wear something white-ish or light colored. We will be taking a group selfie at the end of both services.

CLEAN-A-THON: Volunteers are being sought for the 24th annual Fruit Belt Clean-a-Thon scheduled for Friday, May 24 from 8:30am to 2:00pm. A free cookout lunch will be provided following the clean-up. Our group will meet at 8:00am at Holy Trinity and carpool together. Please see Elizabeth Vihnanek with any questions.



“LET’S HAVE AN ADVENTURE!” The art of living as a disciple of Jesus can be summed up in three simple rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Staying in love with God, like staying in love with a spouse or with any other person, is not merely an intellectual exercise, though there is certainly a place for the intellect in it. Rather, it’s essentially a response to a God who holds out a hand to say, “Let’s have an adventure!” And that adventure is what Jesus said he came to offer: abundant life, life in all its fullness, more and better life than you ever dreamed of having.

A simple daily exercise at the end of each day and the beginning of the next will help you do that. It’s an ancient practice called the examen, and it can be done in as little as ten minutes before you go to bed at night and again when you rise the next morning. It’s explained in a little flier called “Framing Your Day,” and you’ll find it at the entrances to the sanctuary and the chapel. Pick one up next time you’re in the church, and be sure to take a couple with you to share with friends. I believe you’ll find it quite an adventure, one that helps you stay in love with God.

Pastor Rich

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