

*In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

*A Service of Holy Communion  
and Affirmation of Baptism  
“The Rite of Confirmation”  
For*

*Erys Yap*

*at  
the 10:30 a.m. service  
on The Day of Pentecost  
May 19, 2024*

*The English Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
1080 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York*

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Day of Pentecost  
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**

*Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Meditation on 'Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether'*

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

*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

## *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

ELW 395

“Komm, Heiliger Gheist, Herre Gott”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's  
word of life to shine. Teach us to know our  
will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.  
God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.  
to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly  
From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but  
Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and  
Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing  
weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.  
may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



Al - le - lu - ia! 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)

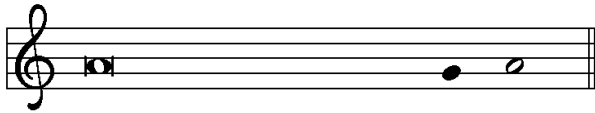
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## **GREETING**

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.**

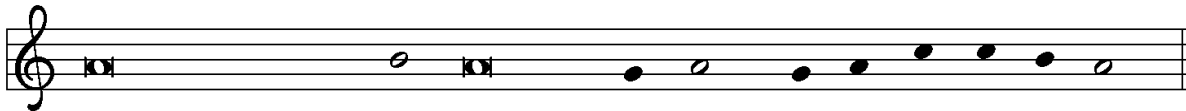
# KYRIE



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.



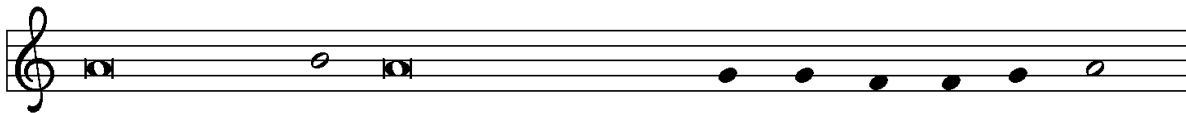
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



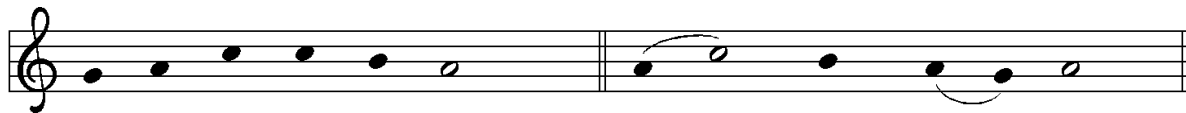
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through 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 COMMUNICANT**

### **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

The first reading for the Day of Pentecost is recorded in Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and  
glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

## THE SOLO

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

from *Messiah* HWV 56

Text: Job 19:25

George Frideric Händel

(1685-1759)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

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

(10:30)

## THE ANTHEM

*My Spirit Sang All Day* Op. 17, No. 3

Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Gerald Finzi

(1901-1956)

My spirit sang all day, O my joy. Nothing my tongue could say, only my joy!

O my joy, and spake, tell me thy thought, hide not thy joy.

O my joy, what beauty hast thou found?

My jealous ears grew whist; O my joy, music from heaven is't, sent for our joy?

She also came and hear; O my joy; what, said she, is this word? What is thy joy?

And I replied, O see, O my joy, 'tis thee, I cried, 'tis thee: Thou art my joy.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



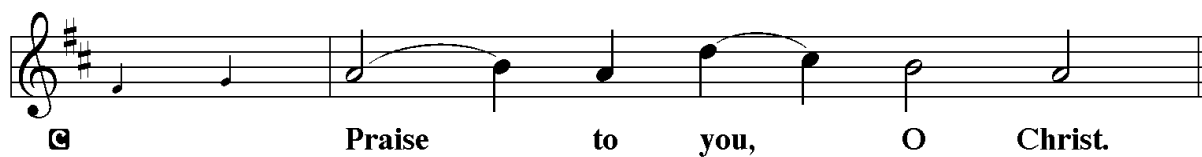
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

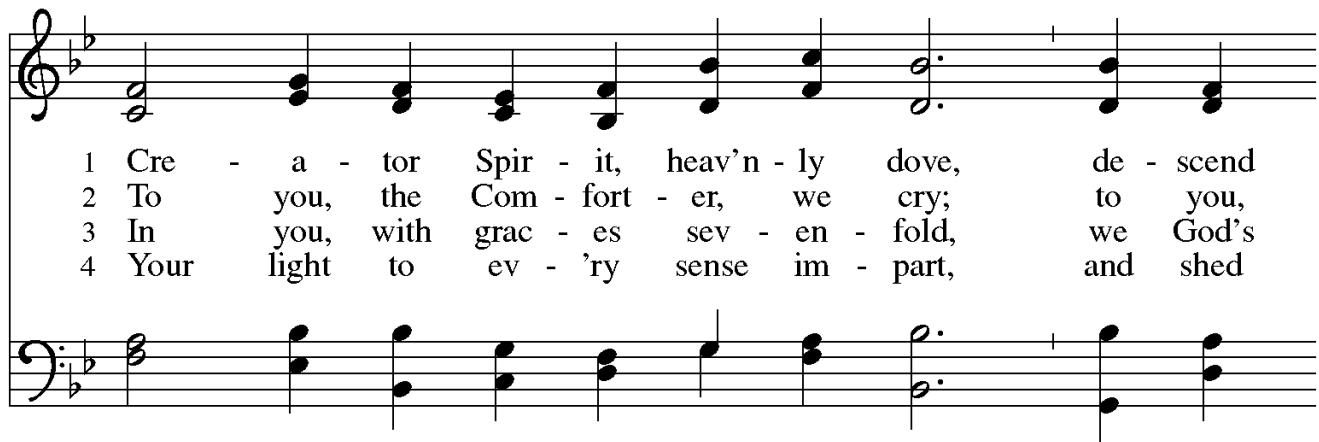
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*Please stand as you are able.*

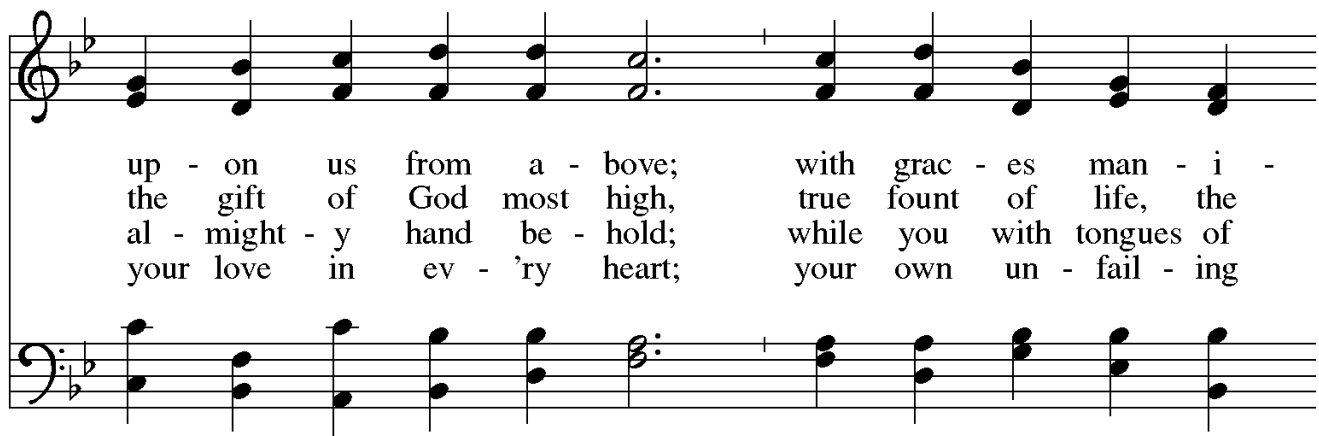
# SERMON HYMN

*Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove* “Komm, Gott Schöpfer”

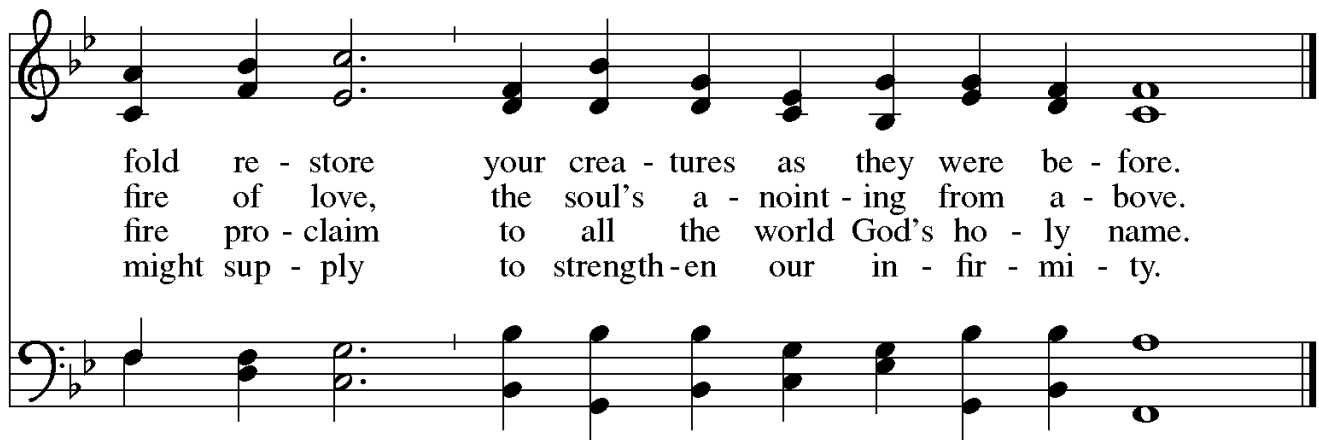
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1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
and peace from your own hand bestow;  
upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
no evil can our steps betide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you, of both, to be but one;  
that through the ages all along  
your praise may be our endless song.

(8:30)

## **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.**

(10:30)

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## **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.*

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized and today especially, Erys and Claire. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space, for our choirs, and for the ministry of this congregation that extends far beyond our immediate community. May our worship and our serving be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**



We remember the faithful departed, especially we remember Thomas Barney, Sr. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. 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**

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck  
(1822–1890)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

The bread of the angels is made the bread of man:  
the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven.  
O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant.  
We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you;  
through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

(10:30)

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Moses Hogan  
(1954–2003)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

*(Refrain)* Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain, my Lord spoke, Out His mouth came fire and smoke.

Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. *(Refrain)*

Jerdan River, chilly and cold, chills the body not the soul.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *(Refrain)*

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to Heaven and right back.

St. Peter waitin' at the gate, said come on sinner, don't be late. *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain)* Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

*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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

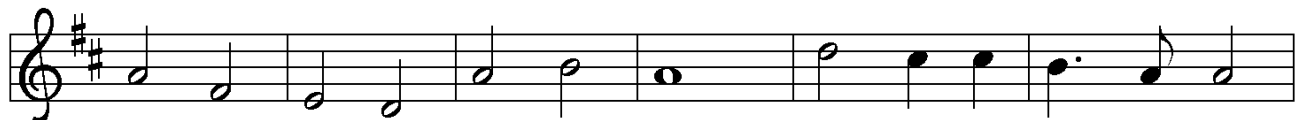
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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

(10:30)

*The candidate for First Communion  
will receive the Eucharist with her immediate family.  
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

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck  
(1822–1890)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

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

## COMMUNION MOTETS

### *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Text: Percy Deamer (1867-1936)

Harold Friedell

(1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

### *I Will Not Leave You Comfortless*

Everett Titcomb

(1884–1968)

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again; Alleluia.  
And your heart shall be joyful. 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

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 400

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuenkel Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary on 'God of Grace, God of Glory'*

**Paul Manz**  
(1919-2009)



*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  
Claire Lizauckas participating in today's  
First Communion Celebration  
and  
Erys Yap celebrating  
the Rite of Confirmation*



### **Stewardship – Far**

Each week, Holy Trinity will lift up one of four aspects of Stewardship. This week, our focus is on *Far*, which is about how we love and serve our neighbors beyond our immediate community whether that is another state in the United States or around the world.

In this space, we will offer suggestions for getting involved.

### **Caribbean Children’s Foundation**

It’s been almost 10 years since I prepared to go to Haiti in March of 2015 as the first representative from Holy Trinity to join a team which would support the activities of the Caribbean Children’s Foundation.

Holy Trinity has continued our support directly and indirectly with hands-on visits and financial donations. If you feel called to join the Global Mission Outreach or want to learn more, talk with

Donna Leiser 716-868-3862 or visit their website  
[caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org](http://caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org).

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

### **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/First Communion/  
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 (MC)

### **MONDAY, May 20, 2024**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 11:00 a.m. HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous (RH)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, May 23, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:30 p.m. Council Dinner (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, May 24, 2024**

*Happy Birthday Andrew Kraus*

### **SUNDAY, May 26, 2024 – Holy Trinity Sunday**

- 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)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (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 is Judy Kroll. Readers are Judy Kroll, Dave Ulrich – Spanish, German, Italian, French; Heidemarie Kunz – German; Uli MacDonald – German. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Readers are Ron Leiser; Jen Yap – Japanese, Italian, Spanish; Tim and Erys Yap – French; Raúl Saona – Spanish; Karen Saona – Italian; Gary Volante – French; Beth Hill Poulin – French. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Erys Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Thomas Barney Sr. by the Barney Family; and  
In gratitude for the Chancel Choir from Pat Lonergan.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Ron Pellnat and Sue Spindler.

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 Erys Yap and Claire Lizauckas.

## **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 the second of a two-week discovery of your spiritual gifts and how you might best use them in your life today. The class will meet on Monday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>-one vase and June 30<sup>th</sup>-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](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**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 everyone 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.

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!

CGN Food Pantry: Pastor Kwame and her volunteer team are in significant need of non perishables. We have handed out so many bags recently that the shelves need replenishing. Needs: Cereal, small bags of rice, canned goods-soups, vegetables, fruit, tuna fish, chicken, pasta, sauce, No Expired food. Thank You.

CLEAN-A-THON: Volunteers are being sought for the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.



“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



# 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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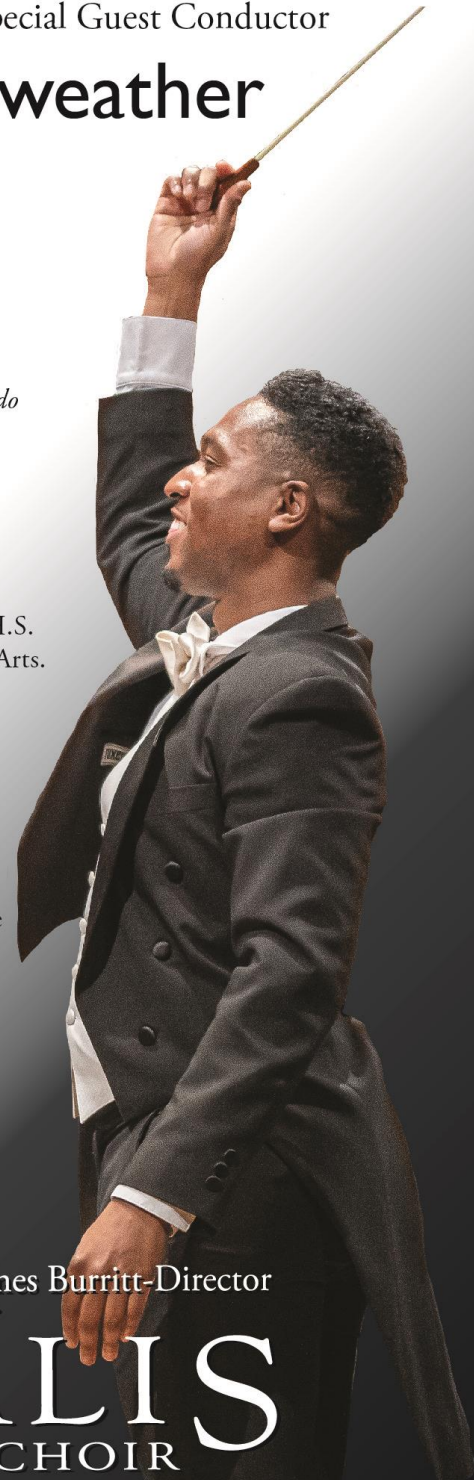
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