



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
Third 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**

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

## **PRELUDE**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

Craig Phillips  
(b. 1961)

*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

All Are Welcome "Two Oaks"

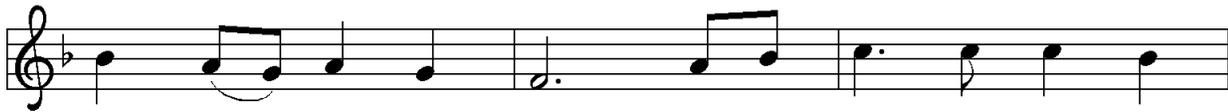
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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## **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)

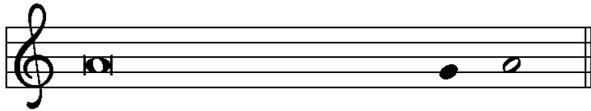
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## **GREETING**

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.



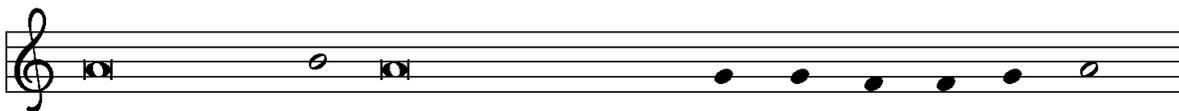
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



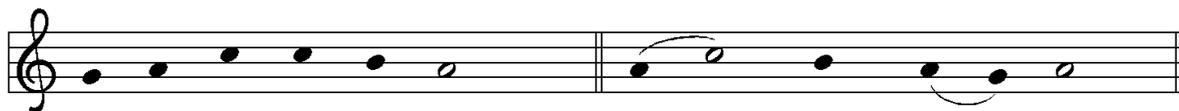
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Imani Olear

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

The first reading for the Third Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SOLO**

*My Master Hath a Garden*

Eric H. Thiman  
(1900-1975)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

My Master hath a garden, full filled with divers flowers, where thou may'st gather  
posies gay, all times and hours.

Here nought is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer and lute, with cymbal, and  
timbrel, and the gentle sounding flute.

Oh! Jesus, Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, make Thou my heart Thy  
garden plot, true, fair and neat,

That I may hear this music clear, harp dulcimer and lute, with cymbal, and timbrel,  
and the gentle sounding flute.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

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

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with  
scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we  
speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will  
raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his  
presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it  
extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the  
glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

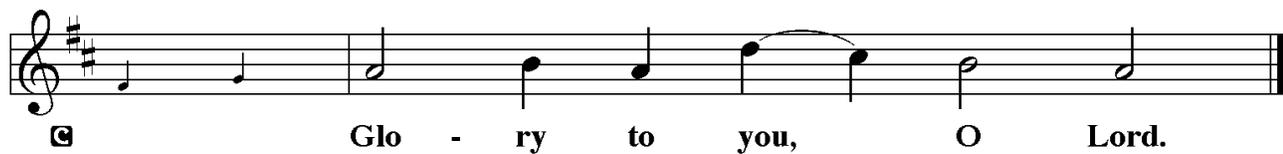
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



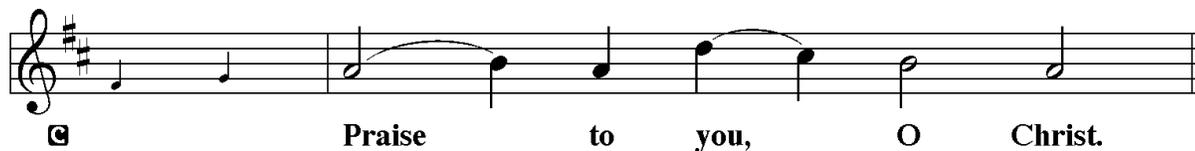
[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

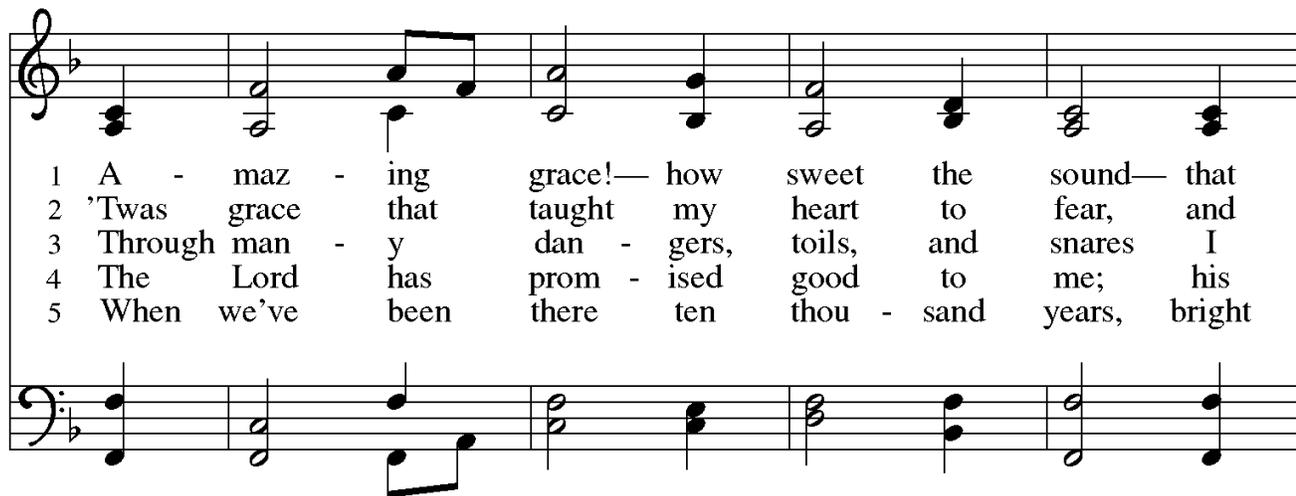
The Rev. Imani Olear  
Upstate NY Synod, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice  
Director of Evangelical Mission

*Please stand as you are able.*

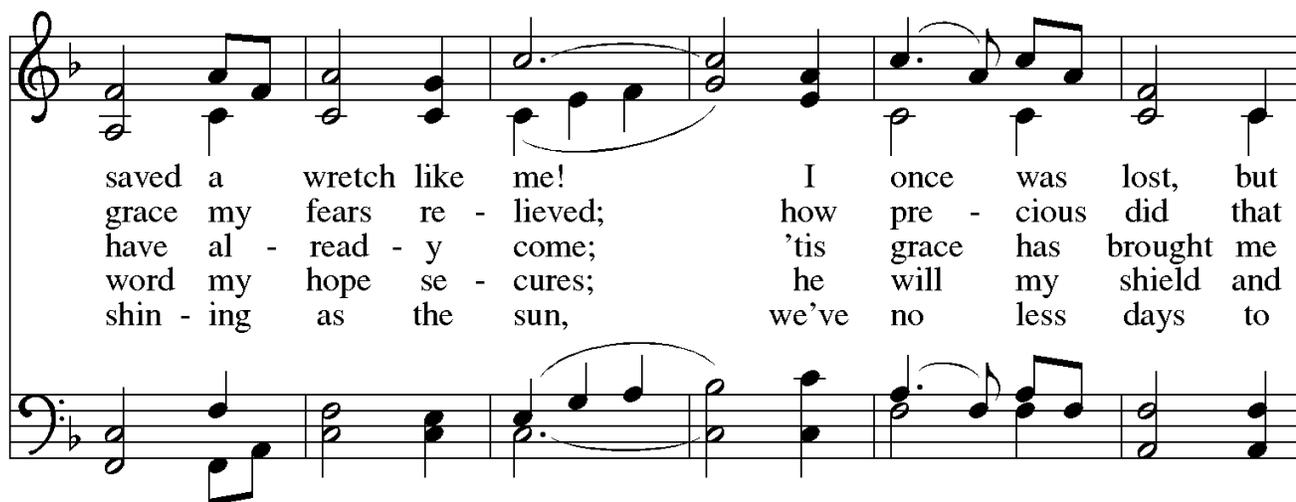
# SERMON HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* "New Britain"

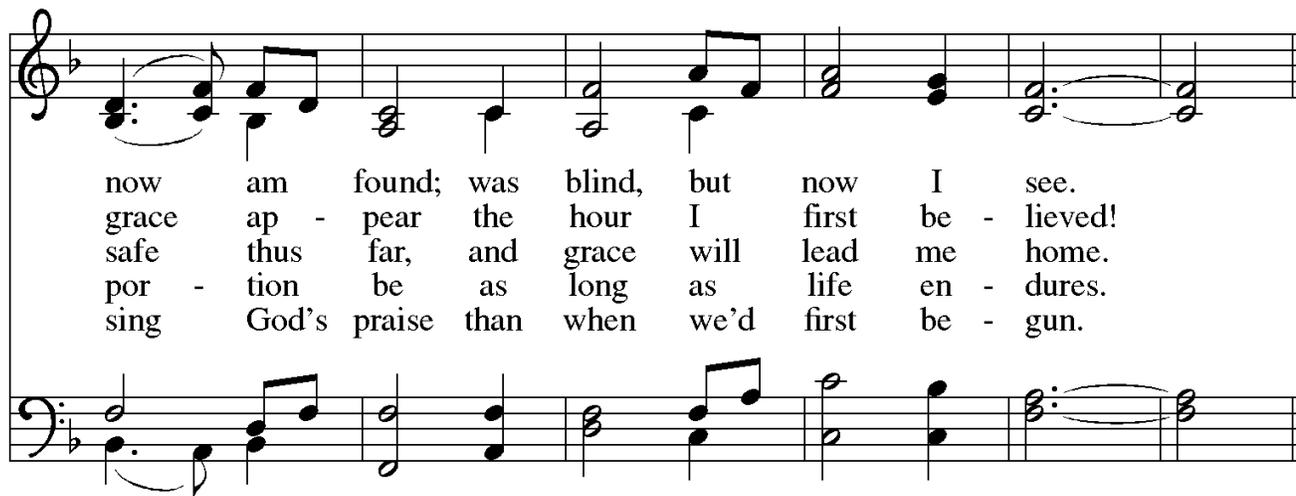
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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

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

*A brief silence.*

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Today, we give thanks for all children, but especially Natalie and Maia who is celebrating her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and also Ron and Donna Leiser celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence and we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Tim Gaige who we remember in today's flower dedications. 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**

### **THE SOLO**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

Psalm 145, adapted

arr. Richard Walters

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears, I know the Truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
How can I keep from singing?

*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*

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.

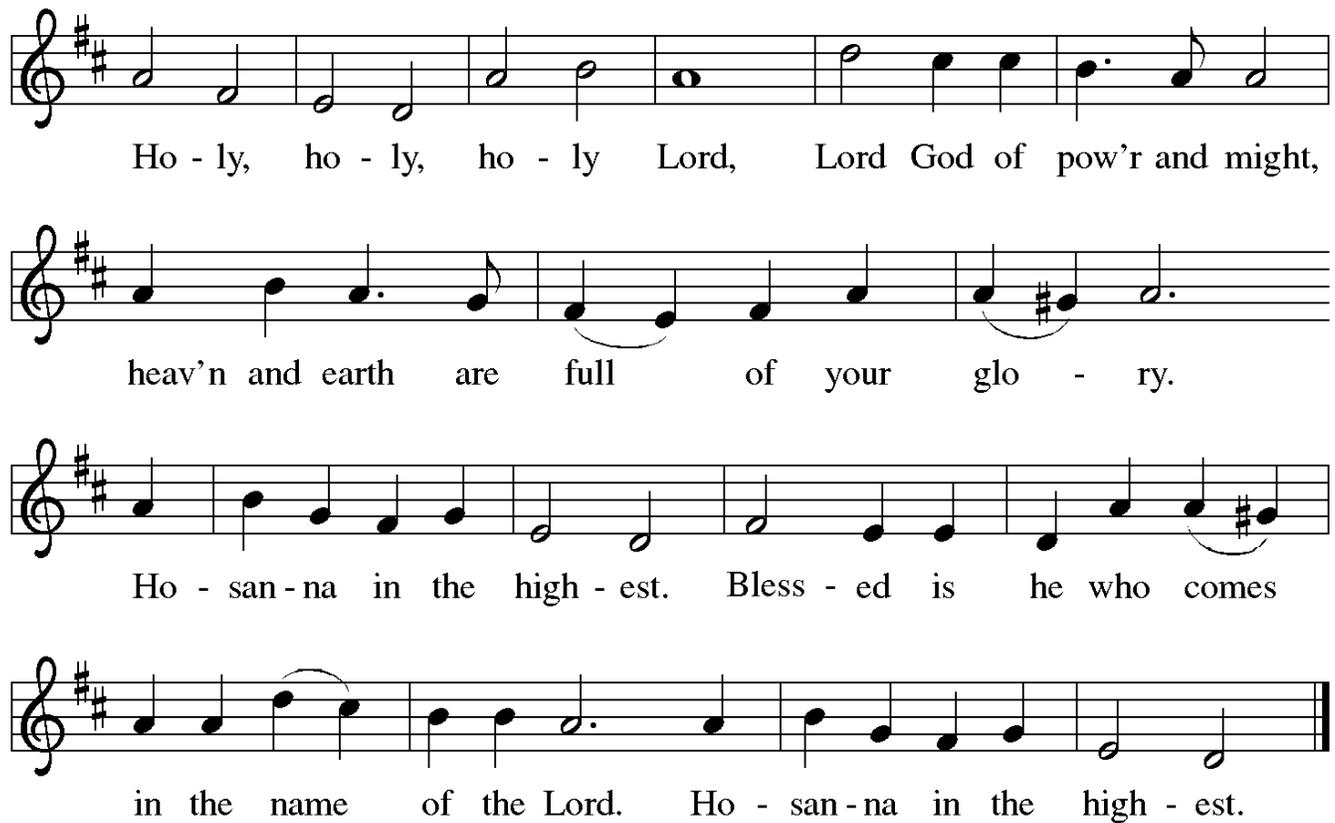
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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

### *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.

# COMMUNION SOLO

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Arr. Rebecca Pellett

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

When all the world is a hopeless jumble  
And the raindrops tumble all around,  
Heaven opens a magic lane.

When all the clouds darken up the skyway  
There's a rainbow highway to be found,  
Leading from your window pane

To a place behind the sun,  
Just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high,  
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby.

Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,  
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me.  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops,  
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly.  
Birds fly over the rainbow; why, then, oh why can't I?

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me.  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops,  
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly.  
Birds fly over the rainbow; why, then, oh why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow,  
Why, oh why can't I?

*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**

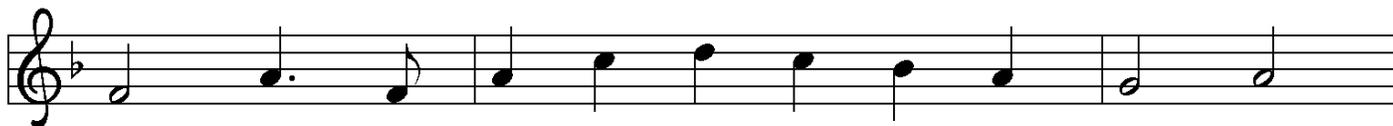
The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!* "Wojtkiewicz"

ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

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## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'*  
New Britain, Virginia Harmony, 1831

J. Christopher Pardini  
(b. 1973)



*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.*

*There will be no more coffee hours during the summer.  
We will resume after Labor Day.*



### **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.

A community garden on Buffalo's East Side, located just a few blocks from our church, looks much nicer now thanks to 6 volunteers from Holy Trinity who pulled up their sleeves on May 24 and spent three hours raking and weeding. Thank you to all who helped! If you are interested in getting involved, check the weekly announcements since we will keep you informed of any other neighborhood volunteer opportunities.

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

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

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:40 a.m. Front Porch Sittin' (RH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)
- 4:00 p.m. Choral Festival (MC)

### **MONDAY, June 10, 2024**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Investment Meeting (FR)

### **TUESDAY, June 11, 2024**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, June 13, 2024**

- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SUNDAY, June 16, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Happy Father's Day*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:40 a.m. Front Porch Sittin' (RH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (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 Paul Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Erys Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser. Worship Assistant is Elizabeth Vihnanek.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In celebration of our granddaughter Maia's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 8 and our 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary from Ron and Donna Leiser; and  
In Loving Memory of Tim Gaige from Angela Keppel.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Tom Johnson.

Council member, Elizabeth Vihnanek, 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 Maia and Natalie Leiser.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME the Reverend Imani Olear as our supply pastor for today. Pastor Imani serves as the Upstate New York Synod's ELCA Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop.

PASTOR JEFF is away this weekend officiating a wedding in California. He will be back in the office on June 12. Please see Pastor Rich or call the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

FRONT PORCH SITTING' events continue each Sunday this summer. Join us on June 16<sup>th</sup> as we learn and discuss more about the history and meaning of Juneteenth.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION will pause for the summer. We will resume in September.

2024 HALLER GRANT RECIPIENTS: Each year, Holy Trinity's council is tasked with determining which organizations should receive grants from the Haller Fund. Dr. George Haller was a faithful member of Holy Trinity and established this grant as part of his dedication to the healing of souls and enrichment of human beings.

In 2024, a total of ~\$18,000 has been allocated among the following recipients: Big Big Table Community Cafe, Buffalo Adult and Teen Challenge, Church Mission of Help Counseling, Friends of Night People, Journey's End, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, LuMin Campus Ministries, Lutheran World Relief (Ukraine Support), Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation, WNY Heroes (for the Pawsitive for Heroes program), Reconciling Works, VOICE Buffalo, and the ELCA (Good Gifts campaign).

A special thank you to the Sunday School students for selecting the ELCA Good Gifts items: honeybees, vegetable gardens, a goat and a flock of chicks.

**SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE** - The summer service schedule will begin **June 23** in the air-conditioned Chapel with the same service times, 8:30 and 10:30.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Join Pastor Rich for Bible Study tomorrow at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**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.

## BURRITO PROJECT UPDATE

Eight volunteers helped assemble and/or distribute over 100 burritos to hungry people on Tuesday,

June 6. In addition to the burritos, we handed out coffee, lemonade, water, cookies, masks, wet wipes, socks and t-shirts. All of the burritos were distributed by 8:30. Many thanks to Chris, Ethan, Fran, Gail, Jen, Jerry, Lauren and Uli for participating. Joy provided socks, which we distributed along with the ones collected during Lent. Thanks also to Barb for shopping for our supplies, and Gail for bringing cookies. We watched and listened as people shared aspects of their lives, from experiences in the military, how they walk safely in their neighborhoods, how friendships have evolved over decades, viewed pictures of pets and loved ones, and much more.

In these warmer months, recipients have asked for toiletries (toilet paper, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) rain ponchos, tarps, underwear (all genders), jogging pants, and hoodies (various sizes). We are also running low on t-shirts, especially larger sizes.

Different churches and other groups cover each Tuesday of the month; we share the first Tuesday with Zion in Clarence. Zion will host on July 2; Holy Trinity will host on August 6. Please join us! Contact Jen Yap, Guy Huber or the church office for more details.



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