

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 23, 2024 Fifth 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

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

# **PRELUDE**

Beside the Still Waters, Op. 118

Mrs. H.H.A. Beach (1867-1944)

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

We Praise You, O God "Kresmer"

**ELW 870** 



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963 Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** 

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)

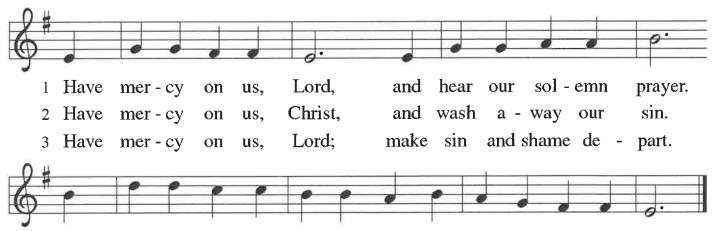
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# **GREETING**

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**



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

# FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Job, the 38<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# THE SOLO

Clouds and Darkness from Biblical Songs Op. 99

Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

# Nicole Brendel, soprano

Clouds and darkness are round about Him; Righteousness and judgment, these are His habitation. From His presence goeth fire and consumeth all His enemies. For His lightnings have lighten'd the world, the earth beheld and trembled. Mountains shall melt as wax at His presence, when the Mighty one cometh to judgement. The heavens declare His truth and righteousness, and all the earth rejoiceth in his greatness.

# **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

The second reading for today is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song

"How Can I Keep from Singing"



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, 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.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Enfold all travelers with your protection including all your children, especially Anthony and Claire. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Today, we celebrate the wedding anniversary of Jeff and Jen Yap and the marriage of Paul and Kathy Biesinger through today's flower dedication. Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. 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

Les Berceaux (The Cradles) Op. 23, No. 1 Text: René François Armand (Sully) Prudhomme (1839-1907) Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Along the quay the great ships, Listing silently with the surge, Pay no heed to the cradles Rocked by women's hands.

But the day of parting will come, For it is decreed that women shall weep, And that men with questing spirits Shall seek enticing horizons.

And on that day the great ships, Leaving the dwindling harbour behind, Shall feel their hulls held back By the soul of the distant cradles.

Please stand as you are able.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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

#### **OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

"Old Hundredth"

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.

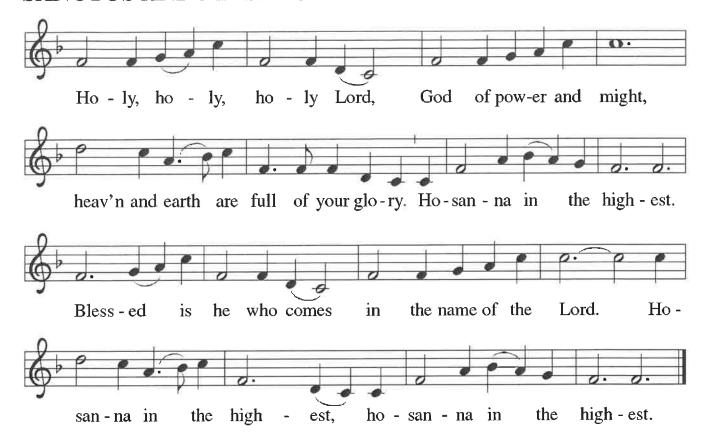
# **PREFACE**

It is indeed right ...

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

**ELW 885** 

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

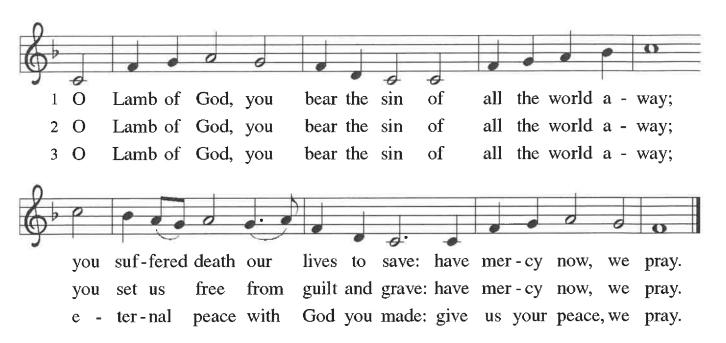
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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**

I've Been in de Storm So Long

African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

I've been in de storm so long; I've been in de storm so long children; I've been in de storm so long, oh, give me little time to pray.

Oh, let me tell my mother how I come along, oh, give me little time to pray; With a hung down head an' a aching heart, oh, give me little time to pray.

Oh, when I get to heavn, I'll walk all about, oh, give me little time to pray. Dere'll be nobody dere to turn me out, oh, give me little time to pray.

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.

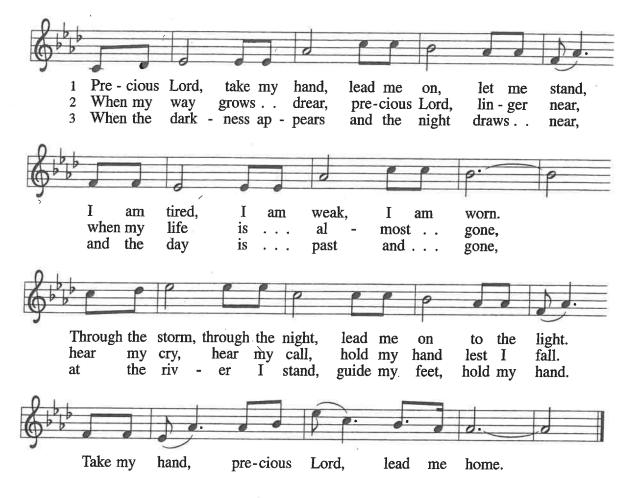
# THE BENEDICTION

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

# **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand "Precious Lord"

**ELW 773** 



Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993 Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey Text and music © 1938, 1966 Unichappell Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

PRECIOUS LORD Irregular

# THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

A Thornbury Fanfare

Malcom Archer (b. 1952)

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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.

Join us for fellowship and coffee between services as part of our "Front Porch Sittin" emphasis through the summer.

Coffee Hour will return after Labor Day.

# Stewardship – Environment

Each week, Holy Trinity will lift up one of four aspects of Stewardship. This week, our focus is on *Environment*. In Genesis 1:26, God gives humanity "dominion" over all of God's creatures. This is a privilege and responsibility that we enter into with intentionality. Our emphasis on our stewardship of the environment helps us to do just that.

If you are used to tackling weeds with synthetic chemicals that can also be toxic to insects (think BEES!!), consider trying a 'homemade' weed-killer instead.

HGTV recommends the following recipe:

1 gallon white vinegar

1 cup salt

1 tablespoon liquid dish soap

Combine the ingredients in a spray bottle and for the best results, treat the weeds at the sunniest time of the day.

For more information, visit HGTV.com and search Natural Weed Killer

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

# SUNDAY, June 23, 2024 - Fifth 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 (CH)

12:00 p.m. Worship Meeting (FR)

12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)

4:00 p.m. Mac and Cheese Event (RH)

# **MONDAY**, June 24, 2024

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

# **TUESDAY**, June 25, 2024

5:00 p.m. Front Porch Sittin' Meal (RH)

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (FR)

# WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2024

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

7:00 p.m. Artpark Chorus Rehearsal (MC)

# THURSDAY, June 27, 2024

11:00 a.m. HT Cares Meeting (FR)

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

# SUNDAY, June 30, 2024 - Sixth 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 (CH)

12:00 p.m. Evangelical Outreach Meeting (FR)

CH = Mansperger Chapel

CI = Crib Room

CR = Conference Room

FR = Fellowship Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

MC = Main Church

MR = Music Room SC = Sacristy PS = Pastor's Study

RH = Redeemer Hall

SS

SS = Sunday School

YR = Youth Room

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Matthew Brown. Reader is Neil Kattermann. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Celebration of our Wedding Anniversary from Jeff and Jen Yap; and

In Celebration of the marriage of Paul and Kathy Biesinger.

Collection counters are Darlene Carden, Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

Council Member, Matthew Brown, 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 Anthony and Claire Lizauckas.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FRONT PORCH SITTIN' continues this week with two really fun events. Join us today at 9:40 in the Fellowship Room as we continue our Juneteenth discussion. This week our topic is 1865 and Beyond.

THEN JOIN US ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25 for Front Porch Eatin' as we close out our Juneteenth celebration. The event starts at 5:00pm with dinner starting at 5:30. A delicious southern menu of fried chicken and so much more will be offered along with some great fellowship. The dinner will be held downstairs in Redeemer Hall.

YOUTH MAC & CHEESE GET-TOGETHER - Youth in Kindergarten - 12th grade are invited to come celebrate the end of the school year with us! We will gather in Redeemer Hall on Sunday, June 23, from 4pm-7pm. We will provide mac & cheese and some toppings - feel free to bring your favorite toppings - silly toppings also welcome (mini marshmallows?). Parents/guardians are welcome to stay. *P.S. Save these dates:* July 24 at 5:30pm for youth entering grades K-5, and July 30 at 5:30pm for youth entering grades 6-12. More details to come.

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.

# HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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