

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 146th 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

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

PRELUDE

Sonata for Euphonium and Piano "Child's Play" IL Dolce

Barbara York (1949-2020)

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



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus 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.

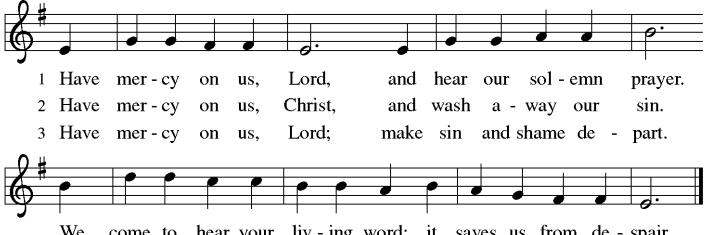
Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
we are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, \oplus the bread of life,
we are shown God's mercy:
we are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

The first reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Amos, the 7th Chapter.

⁷ This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸ And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Partita Op. 89 III. Sarabande

Arthur Butterworth (1923-2014)

Jennifer Carden, euphonium

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 1st Chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



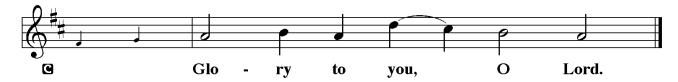
Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Faith of our Fathers "St. Catherine"

ELW 812



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. We pray for all whose lives and property have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations and watch over all your children, and especially Abriella and Aidan. We pray for all who will travel for this year's Youth Gathering in New Orleans. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you and especially Ray and Jeanette Heiss who we remember in today's flower dedication. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and 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

THE SOLO

A Walk in the Woods

Jiro Censhu (b. 1934)

Jennifer Carden, euphonium

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth"

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

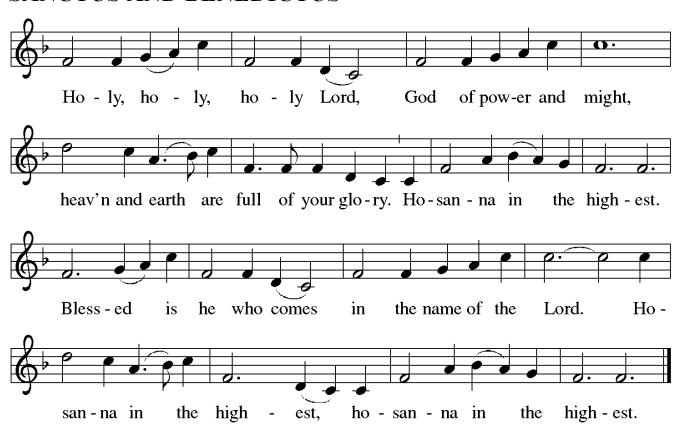
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.**

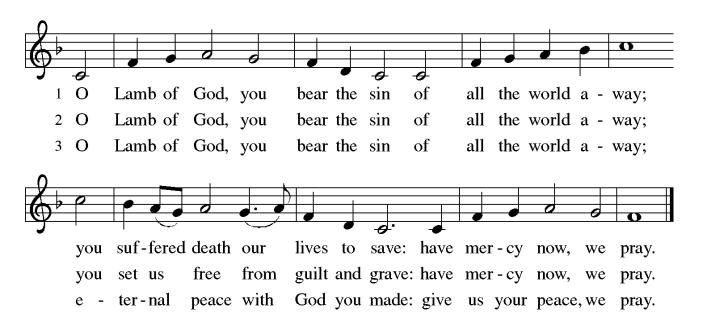
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Organ Improvisation

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

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy God We Praise Your Name "Grosser Gott"

ELW 414



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Variations on 'Nettleton'

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)



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 - Near

A food collection for Community of Good Neighbors is being held through July 28.

Specific items (no EXPIRED food) have been requested

by Pastor Kwame to cover nutritional needs.

These include breakfast cereal, oatmeal, grits;
canned veggies and fruits; pasta and pasta sauce;
canned chicken, tuna, salmon; rice; dry and canned beans; soup.

Any size is fine.

Items can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Room. Thank you everyone for supporting our neighbors in need.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 14, 2024 – Eighth 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. Social Media Task Force Meeting (FR)

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

MONDAY, July 15, 2024

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

TUESDAY, July 16, 2024

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

THURSDAY, July 18, 2024

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

SUNDAY, July 21, 2024 – Ninth 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)

At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Erys Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Chris Huber. Reader is Cris Campana. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Ray and Jeanette Heiss by Al Heiss and Family.

Collection counters are Tom Johnson, Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

Council Member, Chris Huber, will be at the 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 Abriella and Aidan Murphy.



Stay safe and healthy as you enjoy the warm and humid days we are experiencing this summer.

Stay hydrated by drinking eight 8-ounce glasses of water throughout the day.

~ Your HT Cares Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRONT PORCH SITTIN': In this week's Front Porch Sittin' program Angela Keppel will share some of the history and hidden secrets of our neighborhood. Join us today at 9:40 am in the Fellowship Room as we continue to grow together. Come and enjoy some light refreshments and great conversation. Uncover fascinating details of our neighborhoods' past and discover the hidden gems that lie just around the corner.

GOLF OUTING: All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on **Saturday, August 24 at 1:00pm** at Pendleton Creek Golf Club located at 4385 Tonawanda Creek Road. Cost for the day is **\$65** and includes cart, nine holes of golf and a BBQ Dinner. Non golfers are welcome to be riders and can join us for dinner for \$18. Checks may be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Please list the players/riders included in your group. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

NAME TAGS: We are in the process of ordering new name tags to be worn on Sunday mornings. If you need a replacement or need one altogether, please let Gail Camilleri (716-695-8764), Karen Kolb (716-907-7832) or the church office (716-886-2400) know.

NRCYA: Please join the Network of Religious Communities Youth Alliance for a tour of the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center on Sunday, August 11 from 3-5:30. The event is open to youth entering grades 7-12. Please RSVP to the church; families will need to arrange their own transportation; carpooling is encouraged.

SUPPLIES FOR INFANTS AND STUDENTS: Holy Trinity is collecting donations of items to share with local families. Here are two ways you can help this summer and into the fall:

Harvest House is always in need of supplies for children of all ages, such as: newborn clothes and sleepers, car seats, cribs, pack-n-play sets, strollers, and new/gently used clothing in sizes ranging from newborn to 14. For more information go to https://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/give-items

School 17 and other schools are often in need of school supplies, such as: crayons, pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, markers, notebooks, folders, binders, backpacks, etc.

Please bring any donations to church - we'll place a donation bin near the chapel. Thank you!

THANK YOU: Clyde Terry would like to thank everyone who helped him and prayed for him over this past week. He received treatment and is gaining strength.

GARDEN WALK: Enjoy the beauty of over 100 gardens during the East Side Garden Walk – July 20 and 21 10:00 am – 4:00 pm each day. FREE No Tickets required. Maps are available at the Public Library; Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Near Fillmore & North Parade's Masten District sign) or People's Park Main Street & Jewett Parkway.

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.

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