

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 7, 2024 Seventh 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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

# **PRELUDE**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

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.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission "Abbott's Leigh"



### **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, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

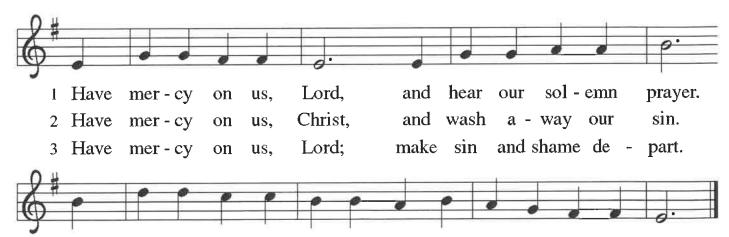
# Amen.

### **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**



come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. We 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.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(10:30)

## A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Ezekiel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# THE SOLO

I Will Lift Mine Eyes from Biblical Songs

Text: Psalm 121

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

# Erin Alexander, alto

I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from God who hath made the earth and the heavens.

He will not suffer thy feet to be moved nor thy steps to stumble.

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold the keeper of Israel is He who slumbers not nor sleeps.

# **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

The second reading for today is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

<sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

# THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

# Spirit of Gentleness "Spirit"





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'A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings." then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes. when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind. With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

our wom - en

# **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

Giver of life, you spoke a word into void and chaos, and creation sprang into being, a creation that in every way you pronounced good. Still you speak your word of life to us and to all beings, and creation is remade: the old passes away, and all becomes fresh and new. Speak to us once again your word of life, and open the ears of our hearts, that we might hear as we join now in prayer.

# A brief silence.

Glorious God, in Christ you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples, and you call us to follow your example. Help us hear your call with open hearts, ready to respond in faith, powerful in weakness, and strong in grace. We open ourselves to your word. **Speak to us, and help us hear.** 

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens, and your hands mold the earth. In the cycles and seasons of nature, help us know how we can be better stewards of creation. We open ourselves to your word.

Speak to us, and help us hear.

Merciful God, you speak, and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. Inspire us to advocate for your justice. We open ourselves to your word.

# Speak to us, and help us hear.

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint with your healing Spirit those who suffer in any way, especially those we name in our hearts or with our lips . . . Grant them renewal. Help us know how we may bring your healing gospel to them and to all we hold dear, especially your children Melody and Griffin. We open ourselves to your word.

# Speak to us, and help us hear.

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our hearts to those we so easily shut out, particularly those who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society, and open our ears to their cry for mercy. We open ourselves to your word.

# Speak to us, and help us hear.

Loving God, we celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Orest and Janice Iskalo through today's flower dedication. Teach us what your love can do. We open ourselves to your word.

# Speak to us, and help us hear.

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed, especially Harlan Vowinkel. Inspire us by their lives of faith, and help us hear their witness until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. We open ourselves to your word.

# Speak to us, and help us hear.

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

Faith from Vedic Hymns Op. 24, No. 9

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Erin Alexander, alto

By Thee the fire doth shine

Upon the sacred altar:

To Thee we raise our song of joy and homage,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee the gen'rous heart

Is blessed with wealth and wisdom:

To Thee he giveth all in humble gladness,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee the prayers are heard

That rise in silent worship:

To Thee mankind and God are drawing nearer,

Most Holy Faith!

By Thee inspired, our song

Ascendeth ever higher

To Thee at early morn, at noon, at even,

Most Holy Faith!

#### **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.

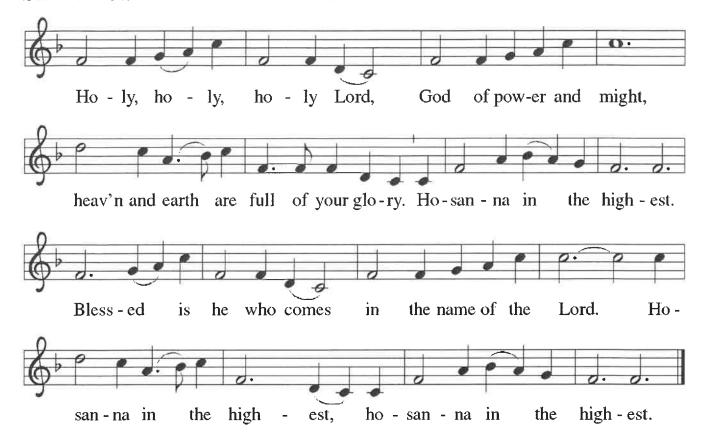
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# **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.

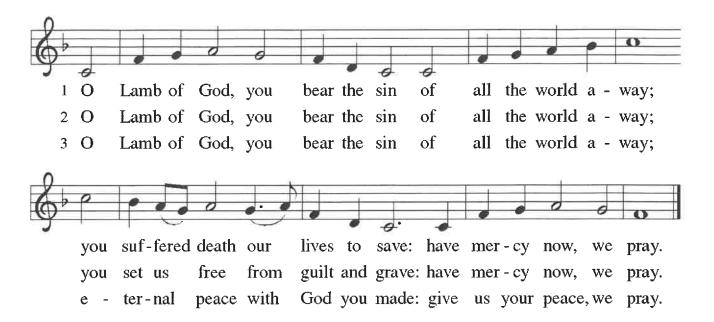
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

Let us Break Bread Together

Martha Sobaje

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.** 



#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, listening with every breath for the Spirit that blows through us and all creation. And be who you are, the living body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **POSTLUDE**

Sing a New Song

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

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 - Here

Why is there a Care Team Ministry?

The HT Cares Team is called to support and uplift members of our congregation through faith filled acts of kindness, connections and compassion by creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels seen, heard and loved.

Just some examples of how we do our work include: Card Ministry, Prayer List, Visitations, Education, Emotional support, Spiritual support and being there with and for our members.

Coming this fall we are planning a Life Transition Program. Stay alert for more details in the coming weeks.

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

# SUNDAY, July 7, 2024 – Seventh 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)

# MONDAY, July 8, 2024

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

### **TUESDAY, July 9, 2024**

Happy Birthday Justin Pomietlarz

# WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2024

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

12:00 p.m. Staff Luncheon (MC)

# **THURSDAY, July 11, 2024**

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

# 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)

CH = Mansperger Chapel

CI = Crib Room

CR = Conference Room

FR = Fellowship Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

MC = Main Church

MR = Music Room

PS = Pastor's Study

RH = Redeemer Hall

SC = Sacristy

SS = Sunday School

YR = Youth Room

At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Dave Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Paul Bauchle. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

To the Glory of God on this, our 17th Wedding Anniversary with fond memories and reverence to Pastor Charles Bang by Orest and Janice Iskalo.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Neil Kattermann and Karen Kolb.

Council Vice President, Kathy Crissey, 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 Melody Mercurio and Griffin Miller.

Many thanks to our guest organist, Scott Schmidt.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FRONT PORCH SITTIN': In this week's Front Porch Sittin' program Linda Schmidt will use storytelling as we explore the interconnectedness of corn, beans and squash as traditional Native American agricultural methods. We will be reminded about the value of collaboration as we foster practices that benefit the environment and generations to come. 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.

FOOD COLLECTION: As part of HT's stewardship outreach, a food collection for Community of Good Neighbors will be held from July 14-28. 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.

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.

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 <a href="https://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/give-items">https://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/give-items</a>

**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!

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

# **Congregational Council**

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