



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 1, 2024
Fifteenth 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 Connection Card insert.

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 protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

PRELUDE

Solace

Shruthi Rajasekar
(b. 1996)

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

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun “Morning Hymn”

ELW 557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

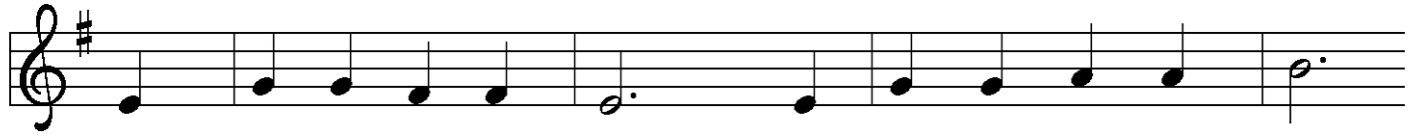
Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

HARVEST HOUSE/SCHOOL SUPPLIES BLESSING

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The first reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 4th Chapter.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Lord, Thou Art My Refuge and My Shield
from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99, No. 2

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield, and in Thy word put I my trust.
Out of my sight, ye that do evil, for my heart is fixed,
I will hold to God's commandments.

Strengthen me, that I may keep Thy law, and that Thy statutes may be my delight.
I am afraid of Thee and of Thy greatness,
trembling do I come before Thy judgment seat.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

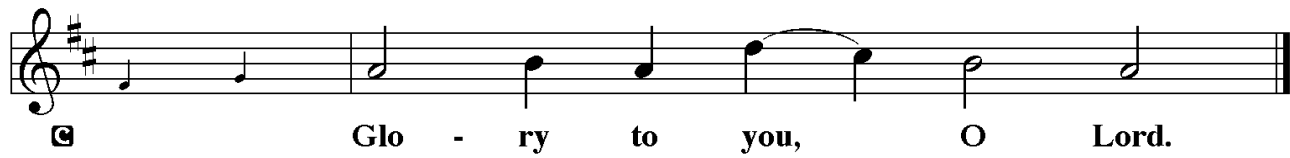
The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 1st Chapter.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

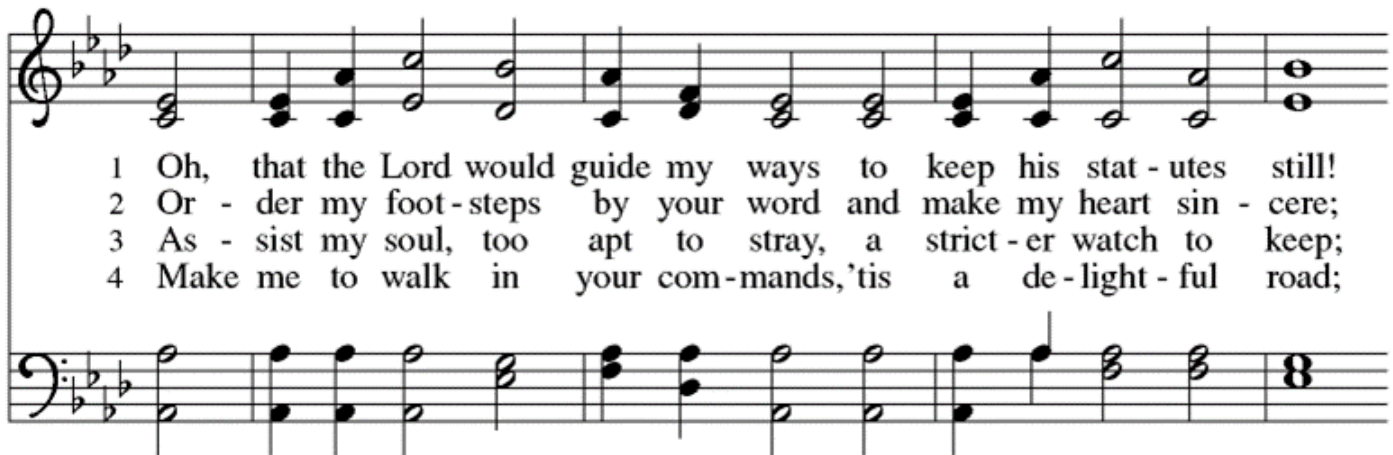
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

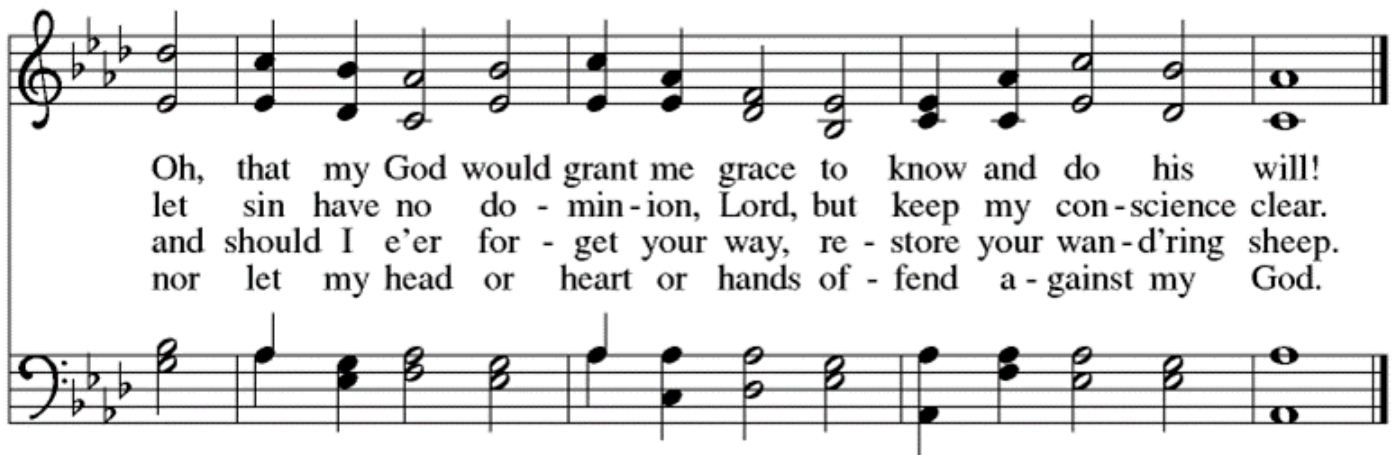
SERMON HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways “Evan”

ELW 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Strengthen those who continue to advocate for improved working conditions and fair wages so that all people may thrive. We pray for all who are returning to school - students, administrators, teachers, teacher's assistants, bus drivers, custodians, and cafeteria workers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed, especially Donna Stutzman and Carlton Hughes who we remember through today's flower dedication. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

Hear ye, Israel from *Elijah* Op. 70

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, had'st thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee!" Say, who art thou that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Adoration

Florence Beatrice Price

(1887-1953)

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.

Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name “Ellers”

ELW 534

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Perpetuum Mobile

Kristina Arakelyan

(b. 1994)



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home with you for future reference.
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins
at the entrance ways.*



Stewardship – Here

Thank you to our HT Cares Team and
everyone else that has been helping
members of Holy Trinity during this year.

Whether you visited in the hospital,
provided transportation, went to appointments,
offered company or gifted a haircut, know that you made
a difference in someone's life.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 1, 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

MONDAY, September 2, 2024 *Labor Day*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 3, 2024

12:00 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR)

5:30 p.m. Burrito Project at Zion

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2024

9:00 a.m. Life Transitions Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, September 5, 2024

5:45 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)

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

SATURDAY, September 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (RH)

4:00 p.m. Warchocki/Wilcocks Wedding (MC)

SUNDAY, September 8, 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting (FR)

11:30 a.m. Acolyte Meeting (SC)

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 Heidemarie Kunz. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Rowan Leiser.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Reader is Jen Yap. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Tony Lizauckas.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of my mother, Donna Stutzman by Gail Camilleri;
and

In Loving Memory of Carlton Hughes by Karen, his sister and Raúl Saona.

Collection counters are Neil Kattermann, Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

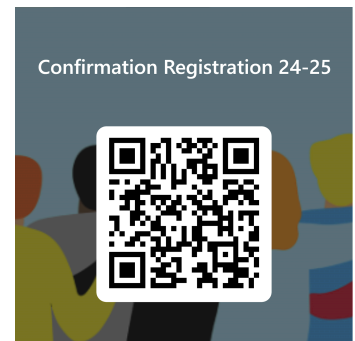
Council President, Jen Yap, will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

FLU CLINIC FROM THE HT CARES TEAM: Keep your family, friends, and community safe by getting a flu shot this fall. Rite Aid Pharmacy will give the flu vaccine at Holy Trinity on **Sunday September 22 from 9:15 am - 10:45 am** in the church library (basement level). Please bring your health insurance card and your doctor's name, address and phone number. Two vaccines will be available. The regular vaccine and a special one for seniors. The vaccines are free for all.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025: Holy Trinity is partnering with St. Paul's Eggertsville and Parkside for Confirmation. Confirmation is generally for students starting in 7th grade and lasts for two years. If you have a student who is going into 7th grade and hasn't registered yet, please use the QR code to register or contact the Church Office. For students 8th grade and over, contact the Church Office and Pastor Jeff will be in touch with you.



FIRST COMMUNION: If you have a child who has not received their First Holy Communion, please contact the Church Office. This will help us better to meet the needs of our families, especially as we continue to figure out what's what after COVID. Generally, younger children will receive their First Holy Communion in the spring, and older children can go through on an as-needed basis.

♪ **Calling All Young Singers!** ♪

The **Holy Trinity Youth Choir** is back, and we can't wait to start singing together again! Our first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, September 15th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the downstairs music room. Whether you're in kindergarten or high school, there's a place for you in this ensemble!

We will be exploring a variety of sacred music from different genres, styles, and origins, through which we will deepen our faith and broaden our musicianship. We would love to see some new faces, and can't wait to welcome back our returning singers!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Youth Choir Director, Ms. Erin Alexander, at: youthchoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org.

See you on **Sunday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m.!** ♪

SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM FORMING: We live in a complicated world where, unfortunately, all of us need to be vigilant about safety, including people who come to Holy Trinity. We hope and pray that nothing ever happens to threaten our safety at church, but we believe that, by being proactive, we can develop plans for how best to keep people safe. If you are interested in being on this team, please let us know by selecting "Security Team" on your Connection Card, contacting the Church Office or talking to Paul Bauchle.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date is available- September 29th. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmartylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

SAVE THE DATE: LIFE TRANSITIONS WORKSHOP -

OCTOBER 19, 2024 - 8:30 TO 1:00: Do you have questions about end-of-life care? Join us for an informative workshop on preparing for transitions toward the end of life. Workshop to include information on Hospice/Palliative Care; Elder law and ways to prepare for a good death. The workshop is geared toward individuals of all ages who are preparing for their own life transition or who are in the position of supporting a loved one as they near the end of life. Please register by scanning the QR code, going to bit.ly/HTLifeTransitions, or by calling the church office. We also need volunteers for this event to include greeters and helping with registration. If you are interested in volunteering, please note this on the Connection Card included in your bulletin and a member of the planning team will be in touch with you.



HT NEEDLERS will meet in the Fellowship room on Tuesday, September 3 at noon. Bring a lunch and join us for a short video: "After Certainty" led by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni (ELCA Theologian in Residence for the Middle East and North Africa desk. She and her spouse, Gabi, who is also an ELCA Pastor, have three children.)

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00am in Redeemer Hall. We will schedule the fall calendar for upcoming events. All are welcome.

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.



Worship Bulletin Tweaks Ahead

Our typical Sunday worship bulletin is 28 pages and is printed on letter-sized paper and our large print bulletin is on ledger paper (11x17). The Worship Team decided to reduce paper as a matter of environmental stewardship in two ways: not printing the hymns in the bulletin, and trimming some of the text such as at Communion. This will enable us to use less paper and use the already purchased Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book. For online worshipers, we will provide a hymn supplement. Printing the service is a sign of hospitality and enables visitors and people who are unfamiliar with our style of worship to participate. We will begin using the tweaked bulletin on Sunday, September 15.

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