

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 4, 2024 Eleventh 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

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

Variations on 'Holy Manna'

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

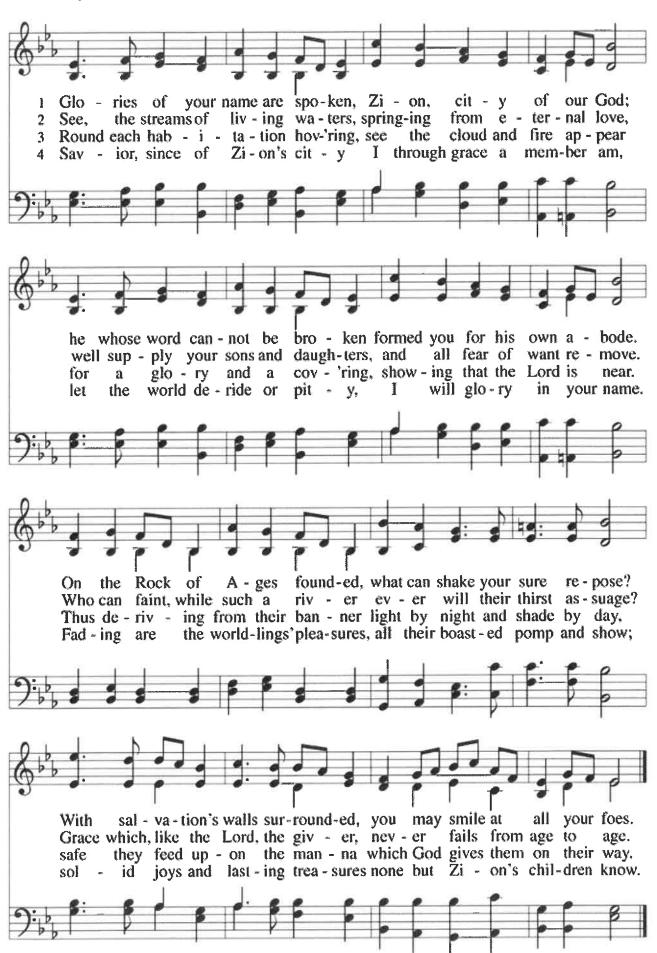
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken "Austria"



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.

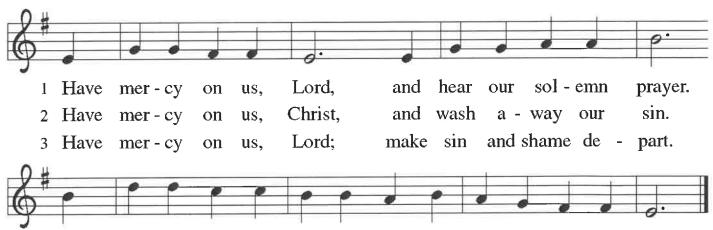
Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
we are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
we are shown God's mercy:
we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

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



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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The first reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Exodus, the 16th Chapter.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Sinner, Please Don't Let this Harvest Pass

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Amie Adams, soprano

Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass And die and lose your soul at last

I know that my Redeemer lives
I know that my Redeemer lives
I know that my Redeemer lives
Sinner, please don't let this harvest pas

Sinner, O see the cruel tree Sinner, O see the cruel tree Sinner, O see the cruel tree Where Christ died for you and me

My God is a mighty man of war My God is a mighty man of war My God is a mighty man of war Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 4th Chapter. ¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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: John 6:24-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly "Holy Manna"



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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, the newly baptized and all your children, especially Walker and Benjamin, the lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. We remember any who are sick or suffering and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed, especially Dr. Robert Schopp, and Verna and Frank Kolb who we remember in today's flower dedication. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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.

THE OFFERING

THE SOLO

Agnus Dei Intermezzo from L'arlésienne Suite No.2, Mvmt.6 Georges Bizet (1838-1875)

Amie Adams, soprano

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb, lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace, Give to us, give peace.

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.

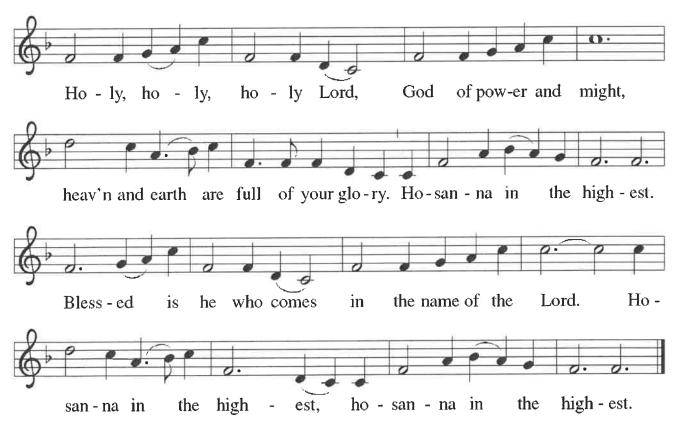
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

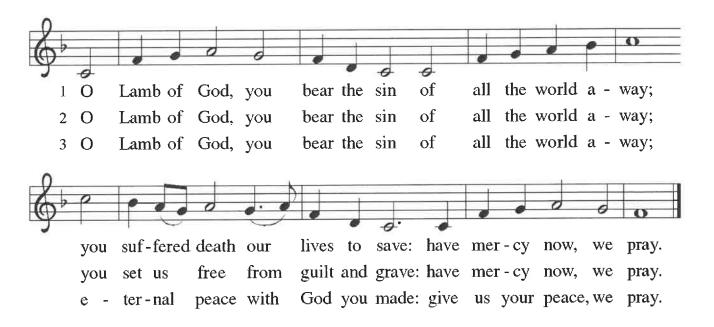
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822–1890)

Amie Adams, soprano

The bread of the angels is made the bread of man: the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven.

O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant.

We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you; through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again "God Be With You"

ELW 536



THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

Wilbur Held (1914-2014)

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.

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Stewardship - Here

Taking communion to congregants who are homebound or in the hospital is an often-overlooked ministry.

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all who so generously share their time with those in need.

If you feel called to join the ministry, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 4, 2024 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:40 a.m. Front Porch Sittin' (FR)

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

11:30 a.m. Worship and Music Meeting (FR)

MONDAY, August 5, 2024

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (FR)

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

TUESDAY, August 6, 2024

12:00 p.m. Needlers Luncheon (FR)

5:30 p.m. Burrito Project at HT

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024

5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, August 8, 2024

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

SUNDAY, August 11, 2024 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:40 a.m. Front Porch Sittin' (FR)

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

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 Paul Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tony Lizauckas.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Karen Kolb. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Dr. Robert Schopp by his wife Gwen Schopp and Family; and

In Loving Memory of Verna and Frank Kolb by Karen Kolb.

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

Council Member, Karen Kolb, 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 Walker O'Connor and Benjamin Padak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRONT PORCH SITTIN': Join us today at 9:40 in the Fellowship Room as we welcome David Hehr to our Front Porch Sittin event. David will be sharing some little known tidbits from Holy Trinity's extensive history. Light refreshments will be provided.

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.

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.

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS: Lutheran Charities of WNY is looking for new board members. Some duties include supporting and advocating for Lutheran Charities' mission and programs. Meetings occur nine times per year on the 4th Monday of the month in the evening. For more information, please see the weekly email, the flyer on the bulletin board or you may call the church office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will be meeting tomorrow at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who brought in food to be shared with Community of Good Neighbors for the Mobile Food Pantry. Some of the donated food was already taken to CGN a week ago to cover their needs.

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 - there is a donation bin near the chapel. Thank you!

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services are available. Their hotline number is 716-834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day or you can call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988. 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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