

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 11, 2024 Twelfth 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 says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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

Baptized in Water "Bunessan"

ELW 456



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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, 4 the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy: we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

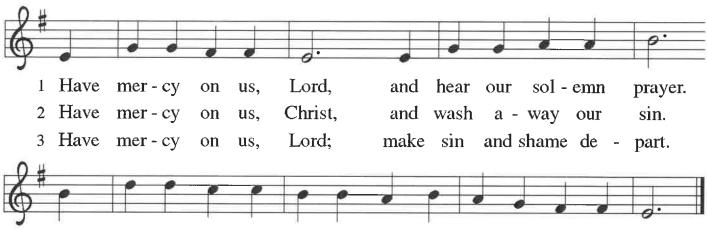
Amen.

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



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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The first reading for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in 1st Kings, the 19th Chapter.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

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Text: Friedrich Rückert (1788–1866)

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Ryan Lockwood, baritone

You are repose and gentle peace. You are longing and what stills it.

Full of joy and grief I consecrate to you my eyes and my heart as a dwelling place.

Come in to me and softly close the gate behind you.

Drive all other grief from my breast. Let my heart be full of your joy.

The temple of my eyes is lit by your radiance alone: O, fill it wholly!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 4th and 5th Chapters.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION







GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



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

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The gospel of the Lord.

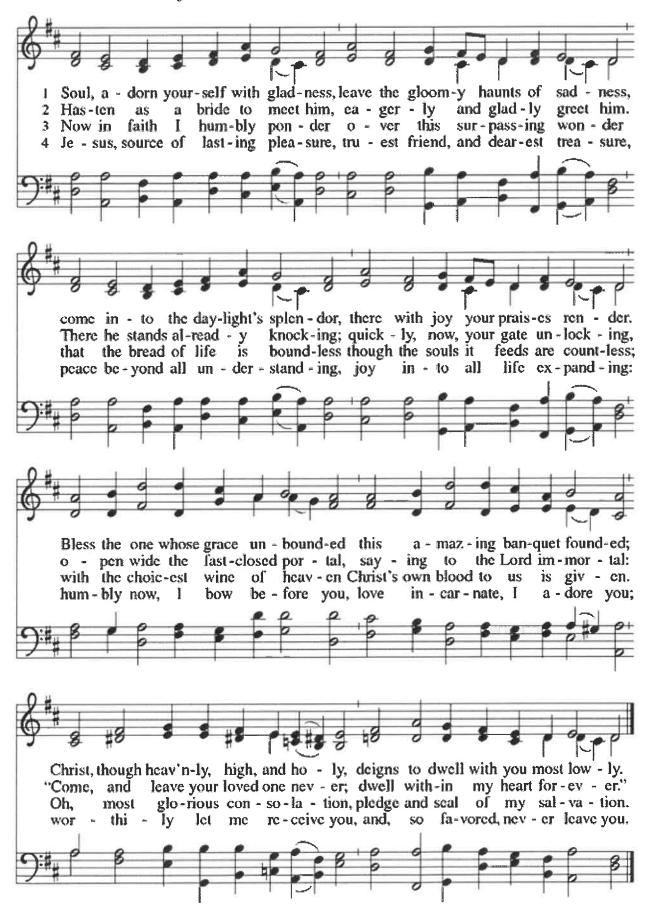


Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.



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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.

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered including all our children, especially Parker, Cole and Brennan. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith, especially Fred Stoelzle, father of Karen Stoelzle who died this past week. We also honor the lives of Smith and Kathryn Wright, Donald and Myrtle Jones, and remember Michael Smith Phillips, and Jean Clare on what would have been their 76th wedding anniversary in today's flower dedication. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. 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.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

THE SOLO

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual Arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Ryon Lockwood, baritone

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees, with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

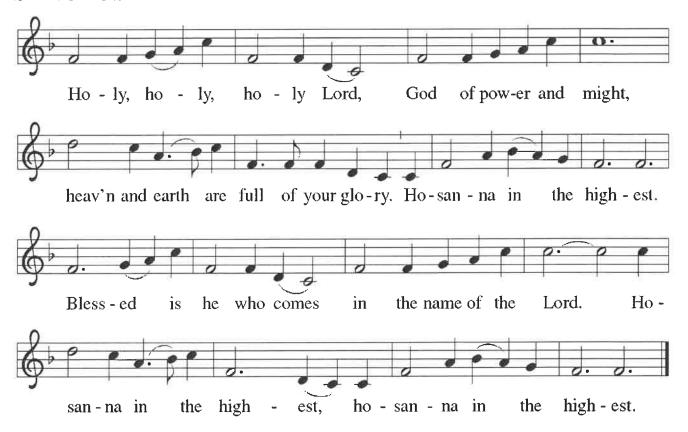
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

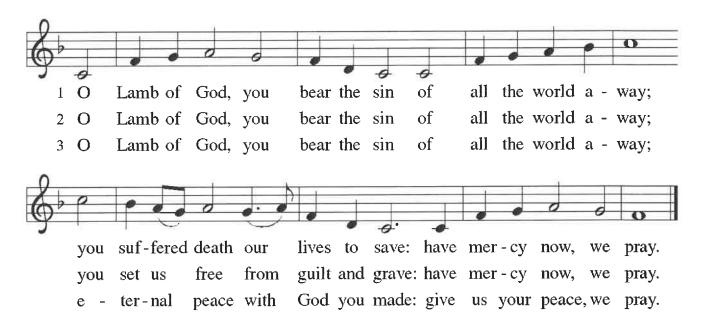
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Aurora II from Dawn Liturgies Op. 189

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 618



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lumen in Christo from Dawn Liturgies Op. 189

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)



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

Kudos to the Property Committee and especially to Andrew for building a 'sermon library' and installing it near the fountain. As the name implies, this little library will make our weekly sermons available to all who pass by and are curious about our church.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)

MONDAY, August 12, 2024

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2024

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

THURSDAY, August 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. Property Meeting (FR)

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

SUNDAY, August 18, 2024 – Thirteenth 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)

CI = Crib RoomCH = Mansperger Chapel

FI = Fireside Room/Library FR = Fellowship Room

PS = Pastor's Study RH = Redeemer Hall MR = Music RoomSC = Sacristy

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Linda Horton. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolyte is Avery Best.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of my wife Jean Clare and on the occasion of what would have been our 76th Wedding Anniversary by Roy Clare; and In Loving Memory of Smith and Kathryn Wright, Donald and Myrtle Jones and Detective Michael Smith Phillips by the Martin Wright Family.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Karen Kolb and Ron Pellnat.

Council Member, Elizabeth Vihnanek, 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 Parker, Cole and Brennan Parisi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRONT PORCH SITTIN': Today we welcome Sherry Sherill, the Founder and President of Covington Associates Consulting (CAC). CAC is on the front line of the East Side Buffalo Community and the Kensington Expressway redesign. We welcome her to HT as she shares information and updates about this key project. Join us at 9:40am in the Fellowship Room as we work to learn more about this project and impact on our community.

HT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: You are invited to meet our neighbors in the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus on Thursday, August 22. A "Block Party" will be held at Kaminski Park, 120 Carlton from 4:00-7:00pm. There will be games, food, and fun. This is an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors in the medical community better. Pr. Jeff will meet those wanting to attend in the parking lot by the bell tower at 3:30pm. He will lead a brief orientation before the group walks over to the event.

GOLF OUTING CANCELED: Due to a scheduling conflict with the golf course, the golf outing on August 24 has been canceled. We are working to reschedule to another date. Please stay tuned for further details.

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.

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!



Responding to the Q2 Quarterly Update

As we continue to grow and serve our community, we are reminded of the vital role each of us have in supporting Holy Trinity and its various ministries and outreach programs.

While each of you serves in your own unique way, one of our members felt called to give \$1,000 to help cover the \$14,000 year-to-date shortfall reported in the Q2 Quarterly Update.

We understand that everyone's financial situation is different, and we are grateful for any amount you can give. Every donation, no matter the amount, makes a significant impact. If you haven't already, please consider making a donation earmarked for our operating expenses.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity.

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