

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Thirteenth 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,

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

interpersonally and structurally.

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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Slane'

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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.

O Living Bread from Heaven "Aurelia"



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.

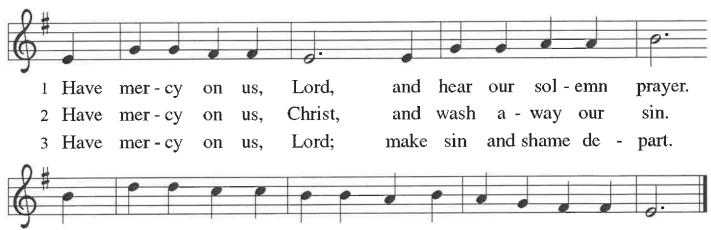
Amen.

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



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 new hearts! in us

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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(10:30)

HOLY BAPTISM THE HYMN

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Children of the Heavenly Father "Tryggare kan ingen vara"

ELW 781

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

The first reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Proverbs, the 9th Chapter.

¹Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

4"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

5"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified Eleanor Hall (altered) (1860-1935)

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Timothy Flynn, bass

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

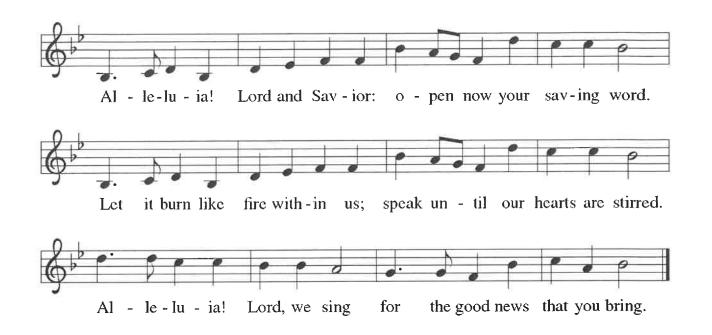
The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 5th Chapter. ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord.



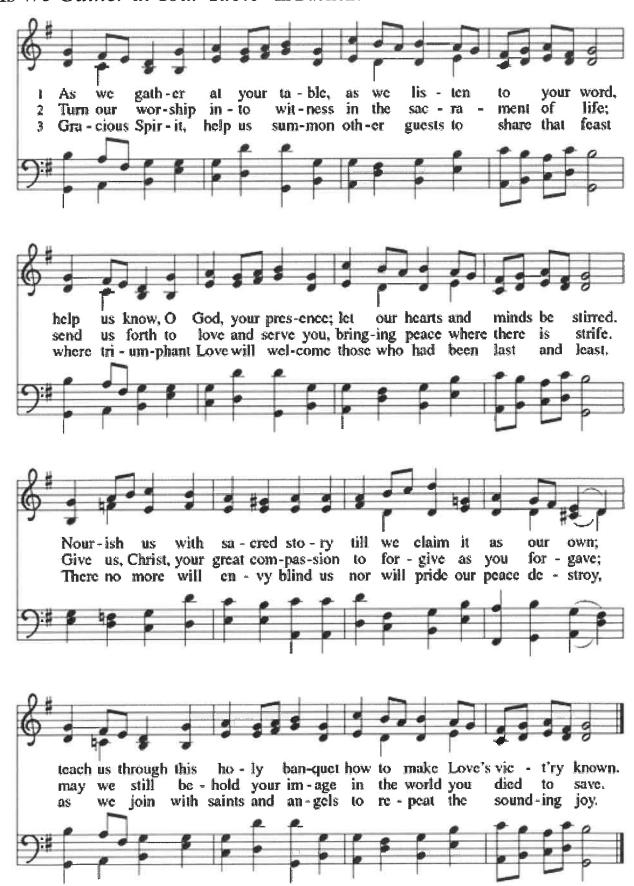
Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

As We Gather at Your Table "In Babilone"



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, Onele en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Communaen, 1710; am Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932
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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.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered including our children and especially Jones Thompson. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has bound us all together as one. We remember the lives of John and Victoria Caffarelli who were married on August 16, 1944 in today's flower dedication. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. 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

Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Text: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) and the Hindu Vedas

Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)

Timothy Flynn, bass

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, may there be union, Where there is doubt, faith;

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; Where there is despair, let there be hope, Where there is darkness, light, Where there is sadness, may there be joy!

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; May we all be in peace, And only peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

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.

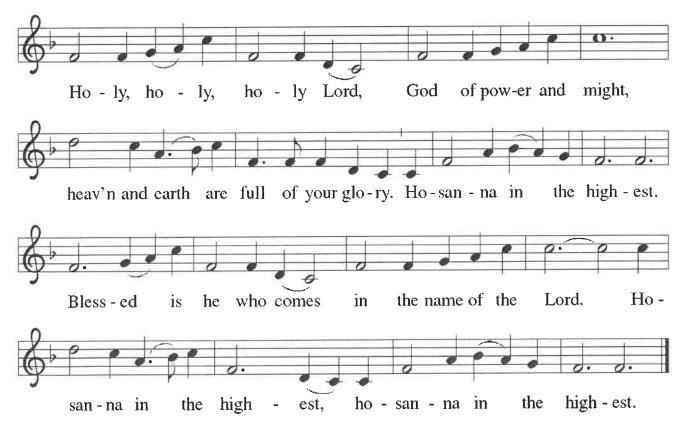
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

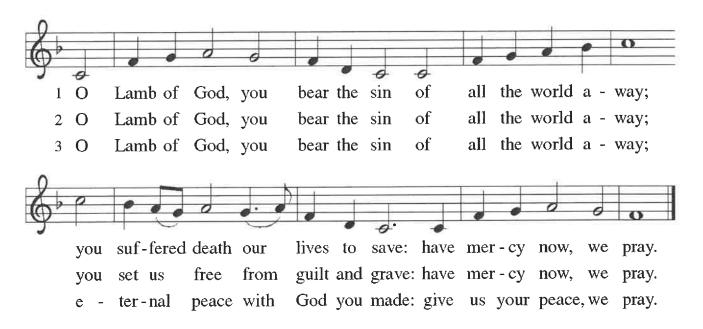
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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

Voices Raised to You "Song of Praise"

ELW 845 (Vs. 1-3, 5)



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young (1919-1998)



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.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and into our fellowship in the gospel: Jones Thompson Cardinali, son of David and Lindsay Cardinali.

Stewardship - Far

Our generosity has a global impact! Part of our synod contribution goes toward the ELCA's Global Mission. These funds help support a total of 101 missionary households, including 13 new missionaries in 2023 and 2024. The missionaries are serving in 41 countries around the world as teachers, professors, program facilitators, pastors or worship assistants, doctors or health care coordinators. To learn more about the people who serve overseas please visit https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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 w/baptism(CH)

MONDAY, August 19, 2024

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

TUESDAY, August 20, 2024

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

THURSDAY, August 22, 2024

4:00 p.m. Block Party at BNMC

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

SUNDAY, August 25, 2024 - Fourteenth 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 RH = Redeemer Hall

MR = Music Room SC = Sacristy PS = Pastor's Study SS = Sunday School

YR = Youth Room

At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey-Biesinger. Reader is Karen Saona. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of their parents John and Victoria Caffarelli, married on August 16, 1944, by Donna Leiser and Mary Linda Schmidt and their families.

Collection counters are Tom Johnson, Neil Kattermann and Sue Spindler.

Council Vice President, Kathy Crissey-Biesinger, 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 Jones Thompson Cardinali.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRONT PORCH SITTIN': Join us today at 9:40 in the Fellowship Room as we welcome Guy Huber to our Front Porch Sittin' event. Guy will be sharing our work of the Global Ministry Mission in Haiti. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Youth entering grades K-12 are invited to an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 29th

from 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Room. Choose from a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings to create your own sundae to enjoy while relaxing with friends before the school year starts. In order to ensure we have enough ice cream for everyone, please RSVP if you plan on attending using the QR code below or calling the church office by 8/27. See you there!



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 OR code 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.

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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