



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 8, 2024  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating our 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God.  
We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.  
We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures  
welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification,  
gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.*

*We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space  
through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions,  
interpersonally and structurally.*

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

*Visitors interested in membership may talk with a  
Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office  
or indicate on the 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

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand*  
from *Four Luther Chorales*

Brooke Joyce  
(b. 1973)

Josh Corwin, *viola*

## *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

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing "Azmon"*

ELW 886



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, all.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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.

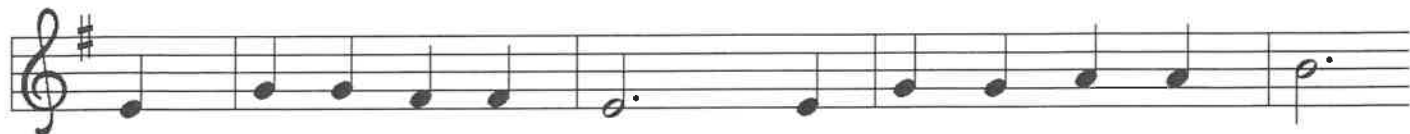
**Amen.**

## **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.

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

The first reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 35<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SOLO

*Deep River* from *From the Depths of the Soul*

Gwyneth Walker  
(b. 1947)

Erin Alexander, *alto*  
Josh Corwin, *viola*

Deep river, my home lies over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?

I'll go on up to heaven, and take my seat,  
And cast my crown at Jesus', Jesus', Jesus' feet.

Never been so far from home...  
River, river, river carry me on...  
carry me, carry me on.

Lord, bless this boat I ride, bless it safely on the water.  
Bring it home at Eventide to shelter in your harbor, Lord,  
To shelter in your harbor.

### **SECOND READING: James 2:1-17**

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

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you?



Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

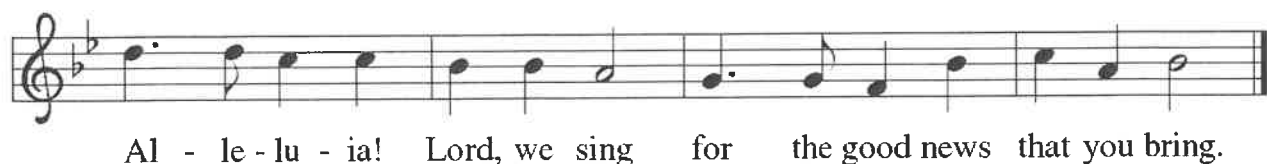
<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

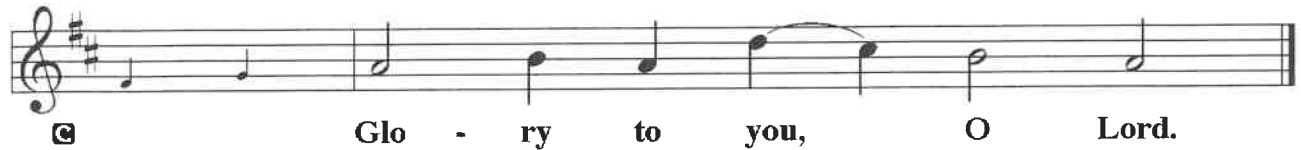
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

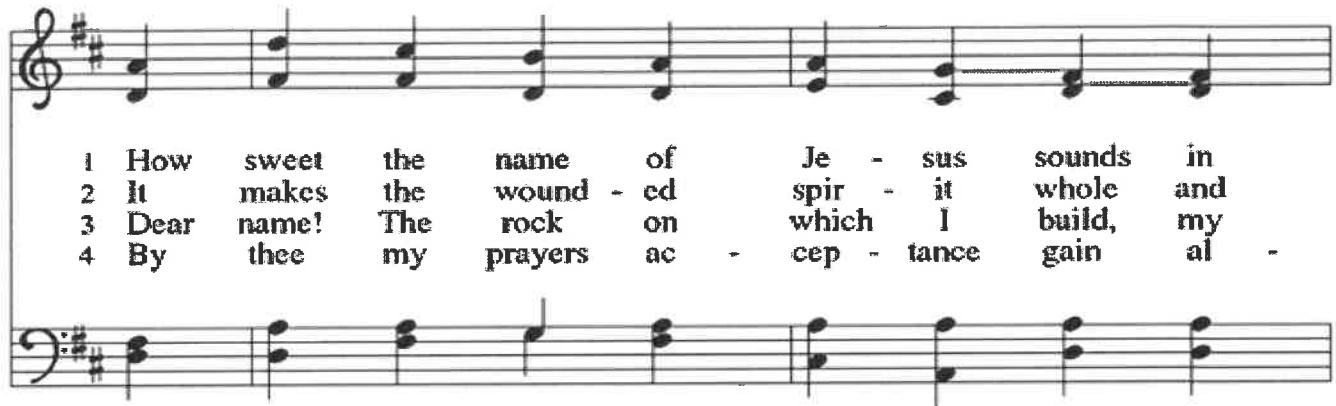
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*Please stand as you are able.*

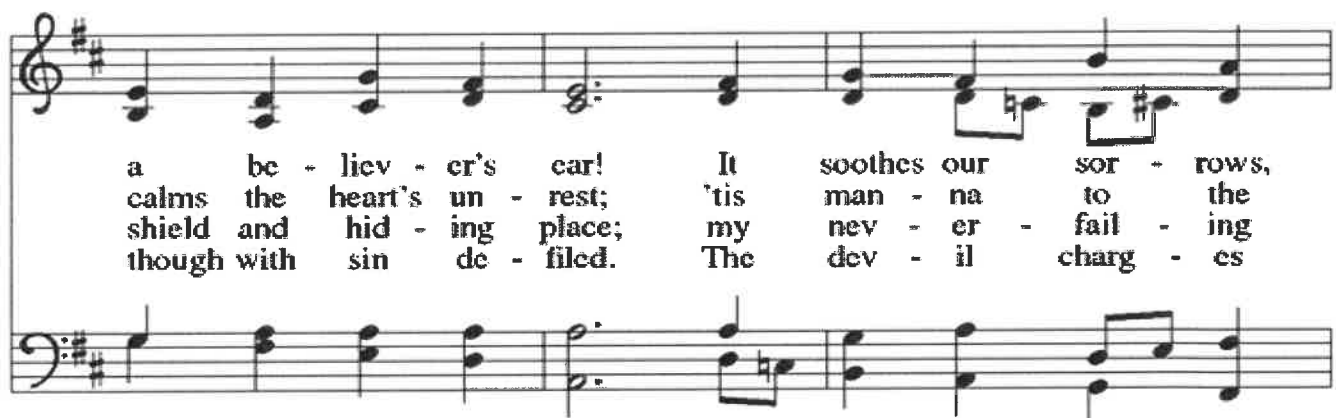
## SERMON HYMN

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* "St. Peter"

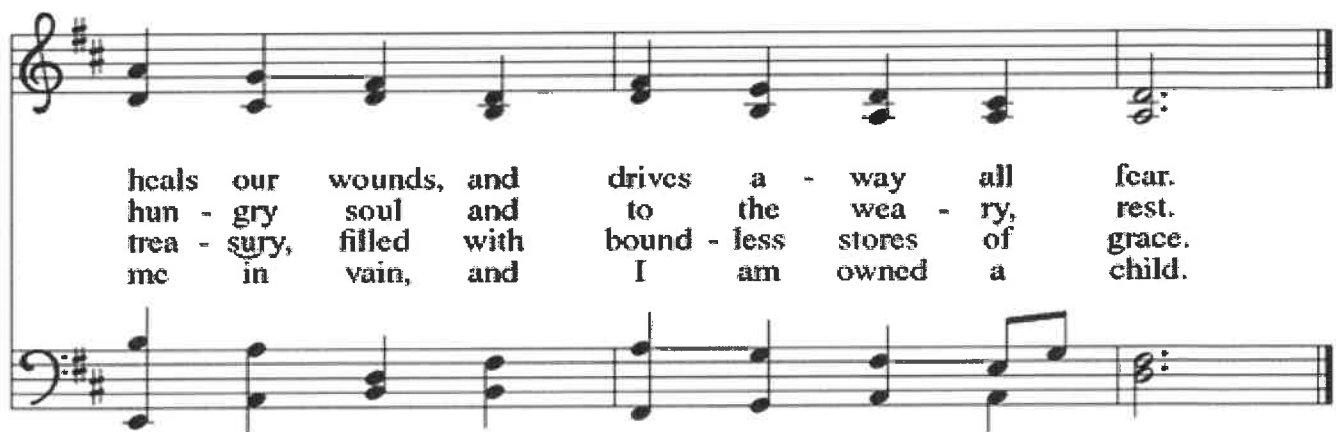
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1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
treas - ury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death!

## **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.*

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Especially, we pray for the students and community around Apalachee High School in Winder, GA, following the school shooting this week. Be at work through us to find meaningful solutions to this and all kinds of violence in schools. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the gifts of labor and love of family and friends, including our children and especially Eliana and Constantino.. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you, especially Theresa Pomietlarz. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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**

*Down to the River to Pray*  
from *From the Depths of the Soul*

Gwyneth Walker  
(b.1947)

Erin Alexander, *alto*  
Josh Corwin, *viola*

*(refrain)* As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way;  
And who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down;  
Come on sisters let's go down, down to the river to pray. *(refrain)*

O brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down;  
Come on brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray. *(refrain)*

O lift your head my weary friend, and taste the pleasure that heaven will send.  
Let nothing cause you to delay... but..., hasten on the good old way. *(refrain)*

*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*  
“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



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.

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**

### *Land of Rest*

*from Three American Folk Song Settings*

John Weaver

(1887-1953)

Josh Corwin, *viola*

*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**

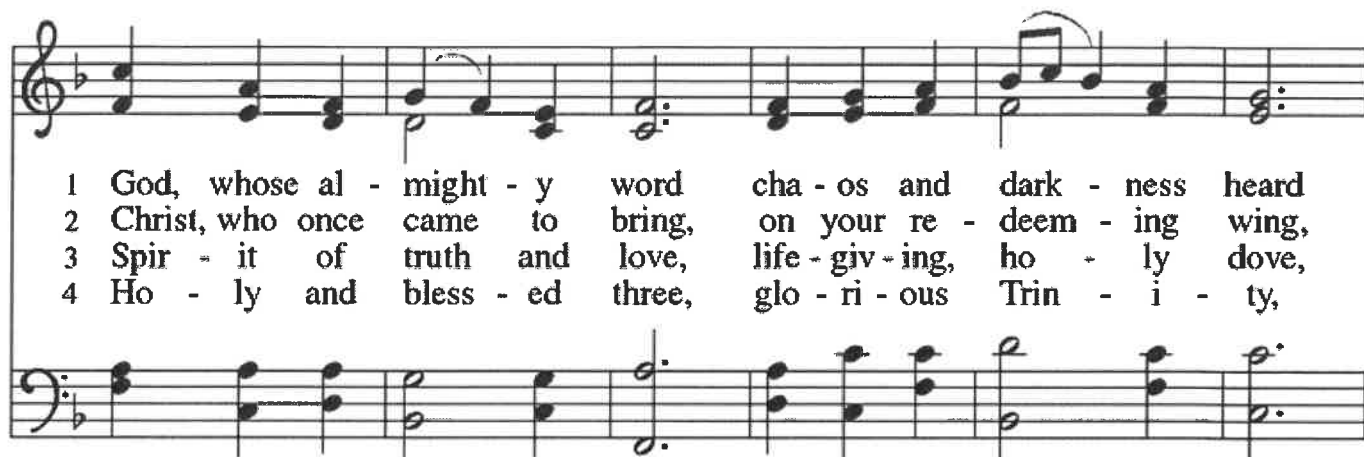
God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

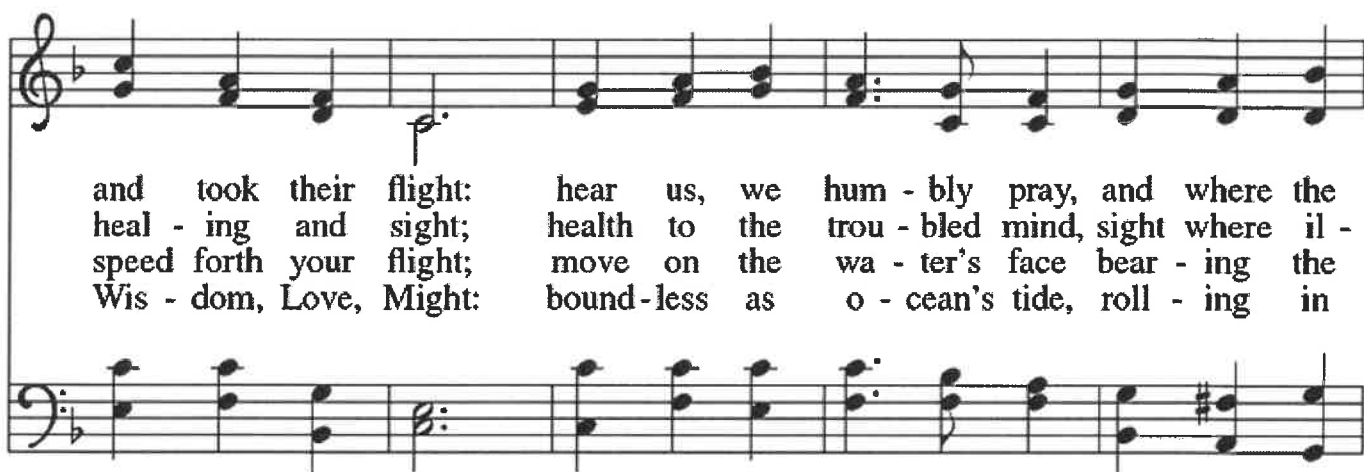
# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*God, Whose Almighty Word* "Italian Hymn"

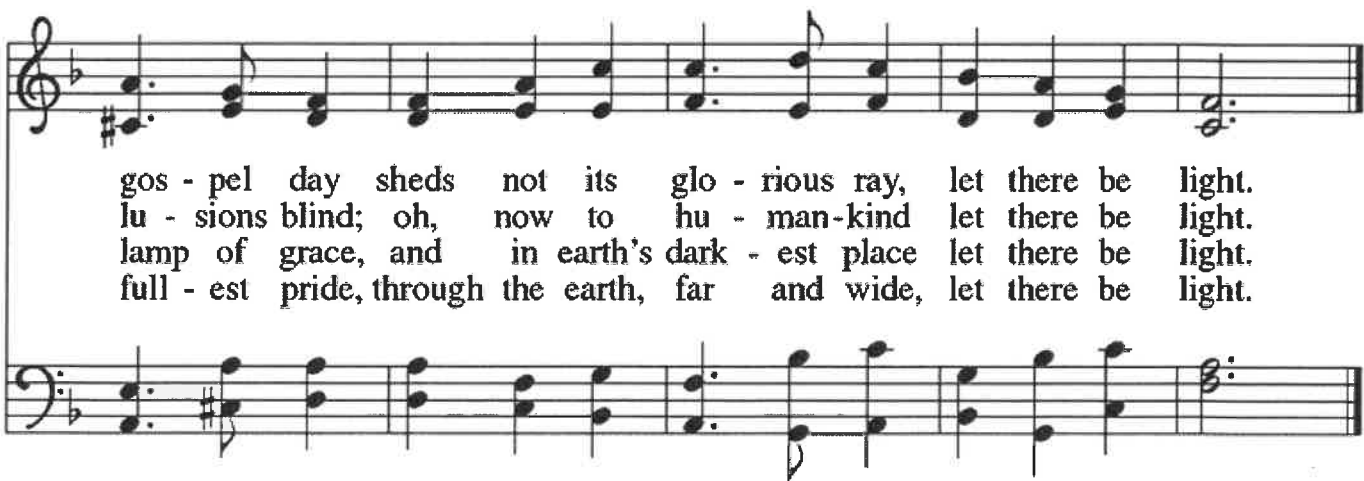
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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Foundation*

from *Three American Folk Song Settings*

John Weaver  
(1937-2021)

Josh Corwin, *viola*



*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.*



### **Stewardship – Near**

Thank you to all who helped  
fill two baskets and two large totes  
with items for School 17 and Harvest  
House. The gifts were blessed during  
last Sunday's service and will be  
distributed to the recipients soon.  
As always: God's Work, Our Hands.

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, September 8, 2024 – Sixteenth 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 (SC)
- 11:30 a.m. Acolyte Meeting (SC)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)

### **MONDAY, September 9, 2024**

- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### **TUESDAY, September 10, 2024**

- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 p.m. Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, September 12, 2024**

- 5:00 p.m. Choir Dinner (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, September 13, 2024**

- 7:30 p.m. Fredonia/Buffalo Partnership Concert (MC)

### **SUNDAY, September 15, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Rally Day

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CH = Mansperger Chapel  
FR = Fellowship Room  
MR = Music Room  
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room  
FI = Fireside Room/Library  
PS = Pastor's Study  
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room  
MC = Main Church  
RH = Redeemer Hall  
YR = Youth Room

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Reader is Mary Kay Atlas. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Thanks for the gifts of labor and love of family, friends and HTLC in my life by Guy Huber;

and

In Loving Memory of our beloved Mother and “Grammy”, Theresa Pomietlarz from Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Claire Carmer and Sue Spindler.

Council President, Jen Yap, 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 Eliana and Constantino Perez.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SERVICE SCHEDULE:** Beginning next Sunday, September 15, we will return to our regular service schedule: 8:30am in the Chapel and 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

**RALLY DAY:** Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the new beginnings of a new year of Sunday School and choir with a special prayer of blessing for the choir, students, teachers, and all who are involved in Sunday School and the many schools in our community. Come and celebrate Rally Day with us. All are welcome.

**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.

**The Family Play Group** will begin meeting again on **Sunday, September 15th, at 9:00 am in Redeemer Hall**. It will wrap -up just in time to attend the **Holy Trinity Youth Choir** rehearsal at **9:30**. Parents can join us for coffee as the children play together. Be sure to bring your favorite toys. If you have any questions please see Mary Kay Atlas or call 716 316- 9176.

**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.



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.



### ♪ 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](mailto: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.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER: Riza and John Girdlestone could use prayer and meal support as they deal with issues related to their pregnancy. One way we can help take a load off of them is by providing meals. Holy Trinity has set up a Meal Train to help coordinate meals from HT people as well as their friends and family outside of HT. Meal Train is a scheduling tool that helps people see what days are already covered and where additional support is needed. If you are connected to the internet, you can find their page here: <https://mealtrain.com/ql3d8l>. If not, please contact the Church Office to see what dates are available.



A special thanks to all who participated in this summer's *Front Porch Sittin'* events between Sunday services, as well as the Juneteenth dinner. We hope you found your participation enjoyable, and it provided time for fellowship and meaningful connections in our HT family. We would especially like to thank our speakers from within our congregation and the broader community, all of whom were enlightening, entertaining, and interesting! They included:

*Speed Talkin'*; Tom and Sami Wnek

*Juneteenth discussion and Juneteenth dinner*; Heather Miller, Elizabeth Vihnanek, Diane Rose

*Niagara Waterkeepers*; Uli MacDonald

*3 Sisters Braiding Sweet Grass*; Linda Schmidt

*Hidden secrets of our neighborhood*; Angela Keppel

*Paws for Pets*; Lisa and John Busch

*Organic Gardening*; Elizabeth Vihnanek

*Tidbits from Holy Trinity's history*; David Hehr

*Eastside Coalition on the Kensington Ave Project*; Sherri Sherrill

*Update on Haiti on our work in this mission*; Guy Huber

*Beekeeping and Prayze Bees*; Pastor Jeff

## *Life Transitions Workshop*

We prepare for all kinds of important life transitions ... starting a family, a first home, college. Why not the transitions toward the end of our lives? These conversations can be awkward and uncomfortable, or they can be joyful and life-giving. In a first-ever workshop of its kind at Holy Trinity, we have invited local experts to join Pastors Jeff and Rich in leading a workshop to help us plan for these important transitions at the end of life. If you are interested in planning ahead, are currently going through end of life decisions with a loved one, or are facing the end of life yourself, this workshop is for you. Holy Trinity – we need your help getting the word out. We can only take the first 120 registrants, and we are opening up registration to Holy Trinity members first. Registration opens to the general public on September 16. A suggested donation of \$5 is payable at the door.

Join us for this conversation on **Saturday, October 19**

from 8:30am –1:00pm. For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.holytrinitybuffalo.org/lifetransitions](http://www.holytrinitybuffalo.org/lifetransitions), call the church office at 716-886-2400 or scan the QR code.

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.



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