



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

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.

Connection Card

The Connection Card insert gives you a direct connection to the leaders and ministry at Holy Trinity. Ask questions, share prayer requests, and find out more about the ministry here. Please return the top portion in the offering plate or to an usher.



Please see back page for AED Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

PRELUDE

(8:30)

Aria

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

(8:30)

Awakening from *Three Sketches for Organ*

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

INTROIT

O God My Heart is Ready

Philip Radcliffe
(1905-1986)

O God, my heart is ready.
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have;
O God, my heart is ready.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When in our Music God is Glorified "Engelberg"

ELW 851

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.

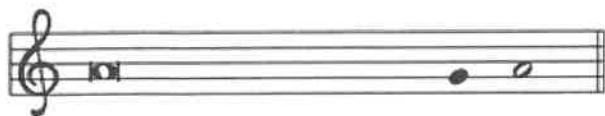
Amen.

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



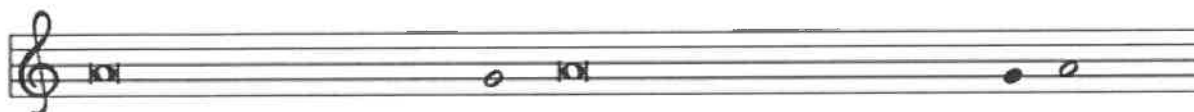
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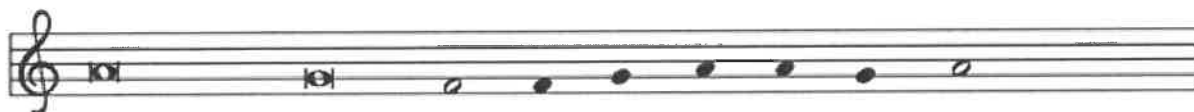
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



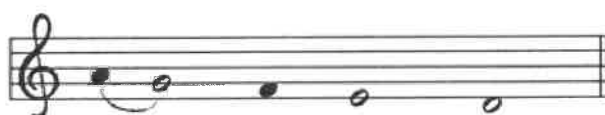
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND TEACHERS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 50th Chapter.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Sing Ye a Joyful Song from Biblical Songs Op. 99, No. 10

Text: Psalms 98:1, 4-5, 7-8; 96:11-12, tr.

Antonín Dvořák

(1841–1904)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth!
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein.
The round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

The Heavens are Declaring

Ludwig van Beethoven

Text: Adapted by Dudley Buck

(1770–1827)

Amie Adams, *soprano* Tyler Huk, *tenor*

The heavens are declaring the Lord's endless glory, Thro' all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story. O man, repeat that glorious sound.
The starry host He orders and measures, He fills the morning's golden springs;
He wakes the sun from His night curtained slumbers,
Oh, man, adore the King of Kings.

What power and splendor, and wisdom and order, In nature's mighty plan unroll'd!
Thro' space and time to infinity's border. What wonders vast and manifold.
The earth is His, and the heav'ns o'er it bending The Maker in His works behold!
He is, and will be, Thro' ages unending,
A God of strength and love untold.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 3rd Chapter.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

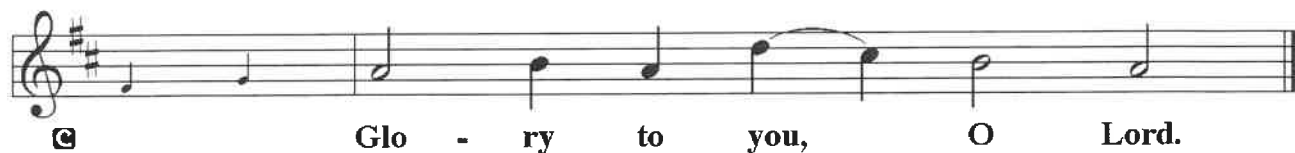
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

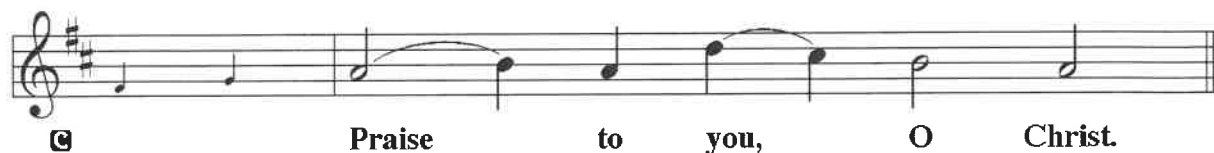


²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

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

ELW 557

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.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, all who grieve and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. We pray for all our youth, especially Henry and Max. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Through our flower dedications today, we remember the life and love of Robert Hughes, and celebrate the gift of beautiful music shared by our choir and musicians that is so inspirational to the life and worship of this congregation. 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.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

THE SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

arr. Richard Walters

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears, I know the Truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
How can I keep from singing?

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Awake, My Soul

Text: Psalm 57:8-11 *adapted*

Elaine Hagenberg
(b. 1979)

Awake, my soul, awake! I will awaken the dawn!
Be exalted, O God, let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be over all the earth.
For Thy steadfast mercy is great, Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Thy steadfast mercy is great, reaching to the heavens.
Awake, my soul, awake! I will awaken the dawn!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your 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.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord. Communion is received by “intinction” - you will be offered the wafer (gluten-free is available) and you dip the wafer into either the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).

Pre-filled communion cups are also available for those who prefer less physical contact. People who do not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Please advise an usher if you would like the pastors to bring communion to you in your pew.

(10:30)

COMMUNION SOLO

How Can I Keep from Singing

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

arr. Richard Walters

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Please reference the text printed on page 19.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Old Church, from *Prairie Songs*

Text: Della B. Vik (1889-1986)

Stephen Paulus

(1949-2014)

The old church leans nearby a well-worn road.

Upon a hill that has no grass or tree, the winds from off the prairie now unload.

The dust they bring around it fitfully.

The path that leads up to the open door is worn and grayed by many toiling feet of us who listen to the Bible lore and once again the old time hymns repeat.

And ev’ry Sabbath morning we are still returning to the altar waiting there.

A hush, a pray’r, a pause, and voices fill the Master’s House with a triumphant air.

The old church leans a wry and looks quite odd, but it is beautiful to us - and God.

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 people who are unable to worship in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar to guide you. Please take a bulletin with you to 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "Hymn to Joy"

ELW 836

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Cornet Processional

David P. Dahl
(b. 1937)



*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.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.*



Stewardship – Far

Thank you to Guy Huber who serves on the Board of the Caribbean Children's Foundation. He recently gave an in-depth presentation on their work with orphans in Haiti. Guy introduced us to the children and projects made possible through generous help from HT and others.

To sponsor a child please visit:
www.caribbeanchildrensfoundation.org

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 15, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

MONDAY, September 16, 2024

- 9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Chorus Rehearsal (CH)

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024

- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, September 19, 2024

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, September 21, 2024

- 9:00 am Property Meeting (FR)

SUNDAY, September 22, 2024 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:15 am Flu Clinic (RH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 pm CGN Service (CH)

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 am the announcer and reader is Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Linda Horton. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

The flowers on the altar are given in Loving Memory of Robert Hughes by Karen, his sister and Raúl Saona; and in Celebration of Holy Trinity's magnificent singers that make up our Choir Family. Welcome back, and thank you for the beauty you create in all of our lives from Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz.

Collection counters are Tom Johnson, Neil Kattermann and Karen Kolb.

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 Henry and Max Peterson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY DAY: Join us today as we celebrate Rally Day. We will be holding a hot dog luncheon during coffee hour in Redeemer Hall following the 10:30am service. 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.

WOMEN OF ELCA FALL GATHERING, Our Spiritual Journey: A Native American Perspective, Presenter: Jocelyn Jones, will be held on Saturday October 5, 2024 at St. Paul's Ellicottville. A Flier and Registration forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways and on the bulletin boards. Please note: registration has been extended to September 22.

BIBLE STUDY: Charting pathways to living abundantly, a new season of our Monday Morning Bible Study will launch September 16 when Pastor Rich will lead the group in laying out its direction for the coming year. Starting with the scripture in which Jesus says, "I came that [you] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10), we'll explore what a satisfying course of study might include, what subjects and resources it might cover, to help us continue growing in our appreciation and experience of life's fullest blessings. Join us in the Fellowship Room (next to Mansperger Chapel) from 9:30 to 11:00 Monday morning, September 16 (and on most Monday mornings that follow), as we make a fresh start in our journey to living abundantly.



SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE will resume next Sunday, September 22, in the Fellowship Room.

NAME TAGS: The name tags have arrived for those who placed an order. Please see Gail Camilleri or Karen Kolb to retrieve your name tag. You can also call the church office to set up a time to pick it up.

WATERCOLOR CLASS with our own Paul Biesinger will begin Thursday 9/26 from 10am to Noon in Redeemer Hall. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies. All are welcome.

EMERGENCY FOOD BAG NEEDS!! Our HT supply of food for those who come to us for help needs replenishing. If able, please donate small cans with pull tabs. Can't find them? Add a can opener. Protein bars, granola bars, drink boxes will help those who may be homeless and provides quick energy. Even gift cards to Wendy's could help. Please Continue donations to CGN Mobile Pantry. Thank you.

SAFETY & SECURITY TEAM FORMING: We are forming a Safety & Security Team to help our congregation be proactive for our safety and all who gather here. 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: Holy Trinity has set up a Meal Train for Riza and John Girdlestone to help coordinate meals from HT people as well as their friends and family outside of HT. To find out what dates are available, see their page (www.mealtrain.com/ql3d81) or contact the Church Office.

LIFE TRANSITIONS WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to volunteer to greet or help with registration, please note this on the Connection Card included in your bulletin.



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, call the church office at 716-886-2400

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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,
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When in our Music God is Glorified "Engelberg"

ELW 851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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SERMON HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun "Morning Hymn"

ELW 557



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



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



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

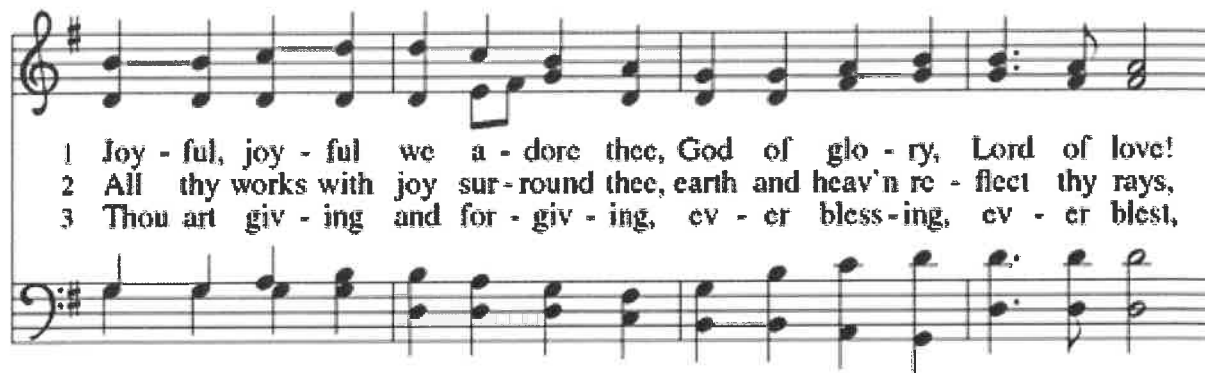
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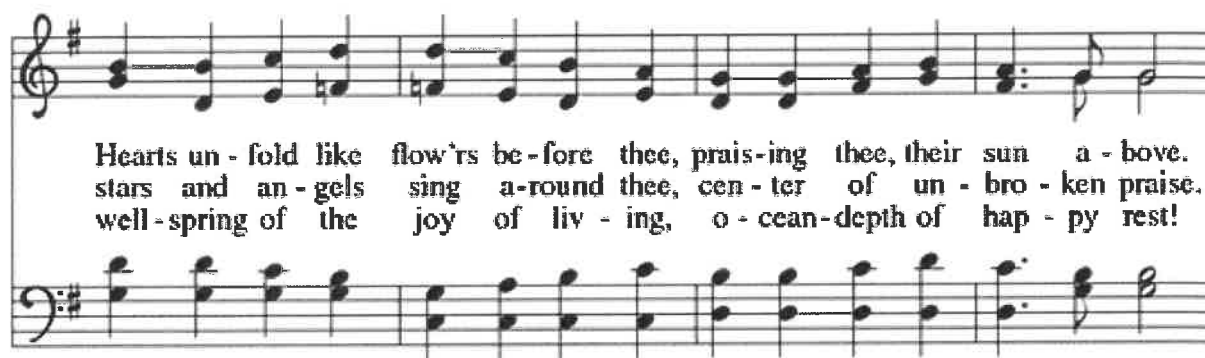
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "Hymn to Joy"

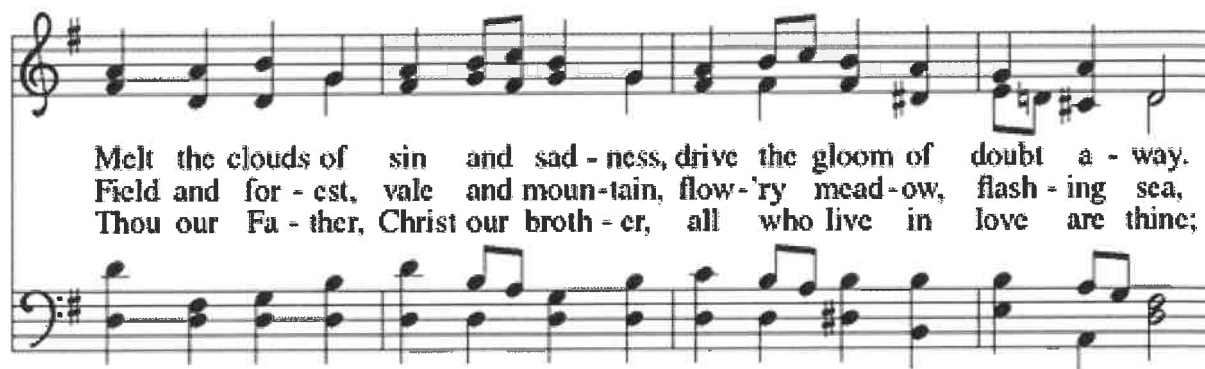
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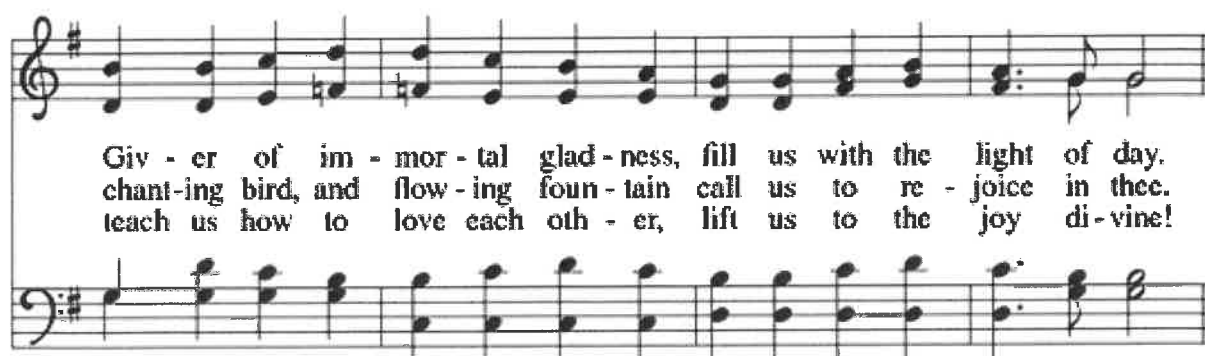
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!