



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 6, 2024
Twentieth 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

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

Rhosmedre from Three Welsh Preludes

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Our Father, By Whose Name "Rhosymedre"

ELW 640

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

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.

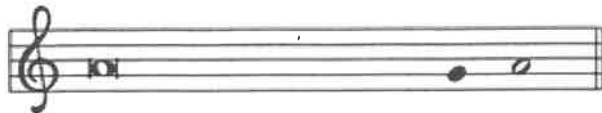
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

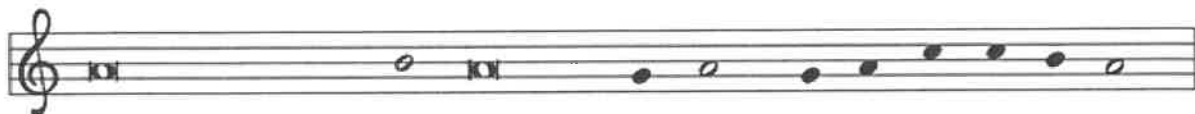
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



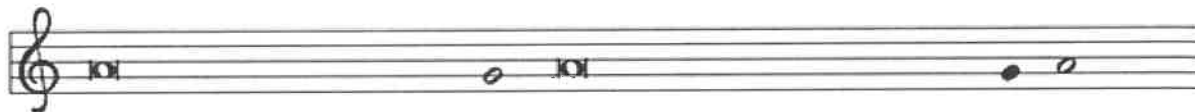
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



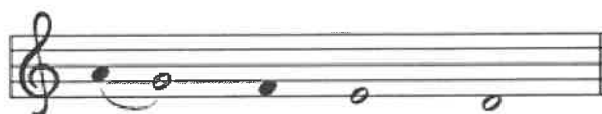
Lord, have mer - cy.



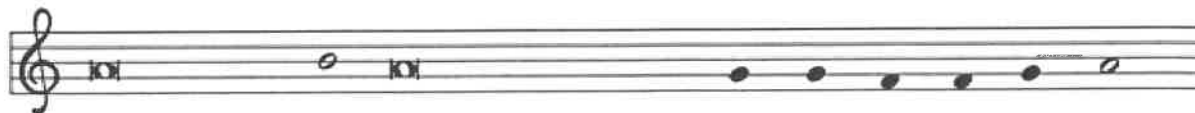
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



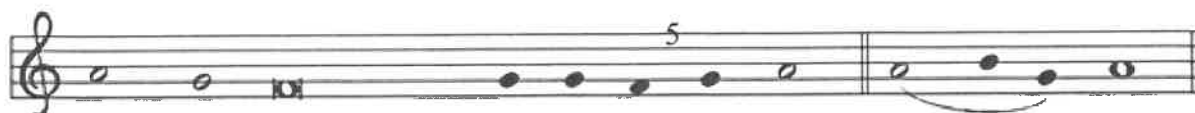
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The first reading for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 2nd Chapter.

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

The Call from Five Mystical Songs

Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Erin Alexander, *alto*

Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Love

Text: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano* Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Love is and was my Lord and King,
And in his presence I attend
To hear the tidings of my friend,
Which every hour his couriers bring.

Love is and was my King and Lord,
And will be, tho' as yet I keep
Within his court on earth, and sleep
Encompass'd by his faithful guard,

And hear at times a sentinel
Who moves about from place to place,
And whispers to the worlds of space,
In the deep night, that all is well.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 1st Chapter.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

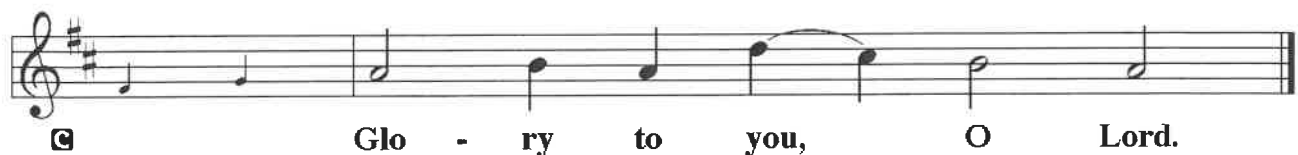
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



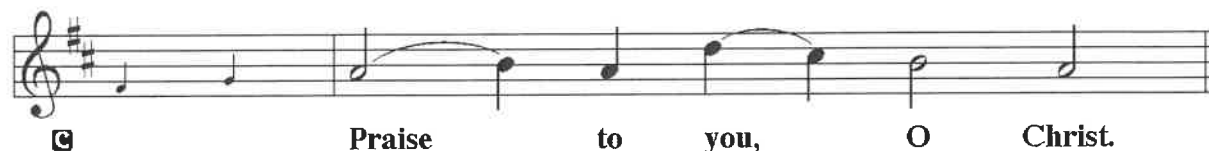
GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You “Wer nur den lieben Gott” ELW 769

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us not only offer to God the burden of our hearts, but let us also become vulnerable to bear the burden of the Word God plants in us, as we pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen with the ear of our hearts for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir us toward renewal and justice. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct us to be faithful stewards for the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who suffer the effects of Hurricane Helene, along with those who suffer any affliction of mind, body, or spirit, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Work through medical, holistic healthcare, and mental healthcare professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division and violence threaten companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished, including our children, especially Olivia and Owen. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place for all in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet, especially Kelly Mahoney, who died this week, and Paul, Hildegarde Heidt, and Earl Kunz, whom we remember through today's flower dedication, and to the Glory of God. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Suffer the Little Children

Text: Mark 10:13-16

Ruth L. Hausman
(1897-1980)

Erin Alexander, *alto*

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them:
and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them,
“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:
for such is the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God
as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

(10:30)

THE MOTET

Love Consecrates the Humblest

Text: Silas B. McManus (1845-1917), alt.

attr. Lucius Chapin (1760-1842)
arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Josh Corwin, *viola*

Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples he gave us
a sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do!

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 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

Suffer the Little Children

Ruth L. Hausman

Erin Alexander, *alto*

Please reference the text printed on page 13.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love Bade Me Welcome

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

David Hurd

(b. 1950)

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.
'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here.'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'
'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

May these vows and this marriage be blessed.
May it be sweet milk, this marriage, like wine and halvah.
May this marriage offer fruit and shade like the date palm.
May this marriage be full of laughter, our every day a day in paradise.
May this marriage be a sign of compassion,
a seal of happiness here and hereafter.
May this marriage have a fair face and a good name,
an omen as welcomes the moon in a clear blue sky.
I am out of words to describe how spirit mingles in this marriage.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth "Dix"

ELW 879

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'The New Commonwealth'

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)
arr. Christopher Morris



*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 – Here

If you are interested in deepening relationships with other HT parents, 'HT Plays together' with Mary Kay Atlas is for you. Bring your children and meet on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the fireside room starting on October 20.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, October 6, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 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)
- 11:30 am Confirmation Class (FR)

MONDAY, October 7, 2024

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

TUESDAY, October 8, 2024

- 12:00 pm Women at the Well (FR)
- 7:00 pm Executive Meeting (FR)

WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2024

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, October 10, 2024

- 9:00 am Life Transitions Meeting (FR)
- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 5:00 pm Choir Dinner (FR)
- 6:00 pm Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, October 11, 2024

- 7:00 pm Concert Rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, October 12, 2024

- 10:00 am Jane Marie Sacal Girdleston Memorial Service (CH)
- 7:30 pm Vox Lusciniae Concert (MC)

SUNDAY, October 13, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 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/Watercolor Art Show (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 Richard Lee. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Saniyah Gilchrist.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Communion Assistant is Doug Alderdice. Chancel Care is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my son Paul and Hildegarde Heidt by Paul Biesinger;
and
In Loving Memory of Earl Kunz by Heidi, Margaret and Sarah Kunz;
and
To the Glory of God from Jim and Norine Dunnigan.

Collection counters are Peter Bergenstock, Claire Carmer and Karen Kolb.

Council Treasurer, Fred Howard, 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 Olivia Salamone and Owen Sauvager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR JEFF AFTER WORSHIP TODAY: Pastor Jeff will not greet the congregation as he usually does after the 10:30am service. This will be the first meeting of the Confirmation Class this year. We partner with Parkside Lutheran and St. Paul's Eggertsville and rotate the location of those classes. If you would like to talk with Pastor Jeff, please contact the Church Office or check "Have the pastor call me" on your Connection Card.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date is available - October 20th. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE: Please see the bulletin insert to find out how you can help those affected by Hurricane Helene.

CGN PANTRY NEEDS: Donations of non-perishable goods desperately needed. Ex: vegetables , fruits, tuna, chicken, Spam, pasta sauce, soups (any type), peanut butter, cereal, pasta, rice (small bags) **NO EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE.** Your donations help support the hundreds of families who have food needs. Thankyou for caring and helping!

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.

Interested in Serving on Council?

Are you interested in serving on the Congregational Council? Your council meets on a monthly basis to address short- and long-term needs of the congregation, from discussing requests raised by ministry teams or individual members, setting goals and priorities, and other duties to ensure our congregation continues to fulfill its mission. It's a wonderful way to learn more about the different ministries and ensure we are taking the interests and perspectives of our diverse community into consideration as we plan for the future.

Members are elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January/February (date TBD) and serve for a three year term.

Members are eligible for re-election but can not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

A few members will be completing their terms in January.

If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, please indicate this on a Connection Card or contact the church office. Or, talk with an existing member of council about their experiences. If you would like to nominate someone else for Council, please discuss it with them directly before submitting their name.

Thank you!



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/ or call the church office at 716-886-2400

EXCITING NEWS from Kristen Pomietlarz!

Organist Kristen Pomietlarz was invited to give a recital on the newly refurbished Peragallo Pipe Organ at St. John XXIII R.C. Parish in West Seneca, New York.

1 Arcade Street | West Seneca, New York

Friday, October 11th at 7:00 pm

We are hoping that members of Holy Trinity will come to support Kristen at this recital!

The event is open to the public.

**Celebration: 10th Anniversary of
Canonization of St. John XXIII**

KRISTEN POMIETLARZ

ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John XXIII Parish | October 11 | Doors open 6 p.m. |

Concert at 7 p.m.

Reception as well as Tour of Choir Loft and Organ to follow

Vox Lusciniae
presents
She Scales the Sky

Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Inspired by the awe-inspiring experience of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse and the Northern Lights in Western New York, this exciting program includes music that evokes the wonderment, magic, and curiosity we experience through witnessing the mysteries of our natural world. Our stories are forever transformed by these moments, and our imagination unleashed.

Featuring world-premiere performances of music by English composer Tamsin Jones, American composer Sarah Marze, and contemporary music for treble choir by Ola Gjeilo, Melissa Dunphy, Laura Jēkabsons, Eva Ugalde, Dan Forrest, WNY's own Caroline Mallonee, and others from around the world.

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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,
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Our Father, By Whose Name "Rhosymedre"

ELW 640



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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SERMON HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You "Wer nur den lieben Gott" ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth "Dix"

ELW 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872