



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 17, 2024
Twenty-Sixth 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.



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INTRODUCTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, we find a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PRELUDE

Adagio from *Sonata No. 1* in F Minor Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Praise You, O God “Kremser”

ELW 870

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

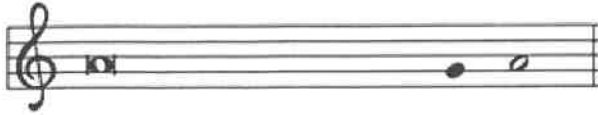
Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

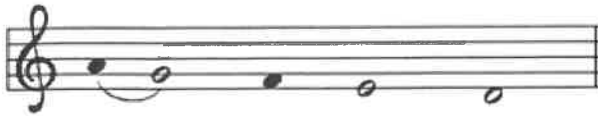
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



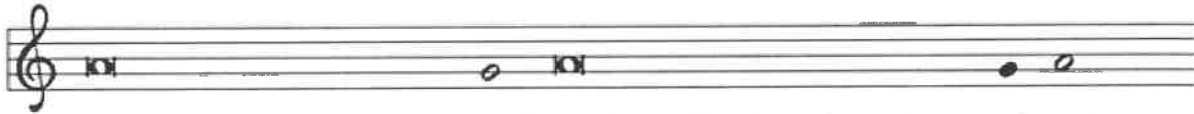
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



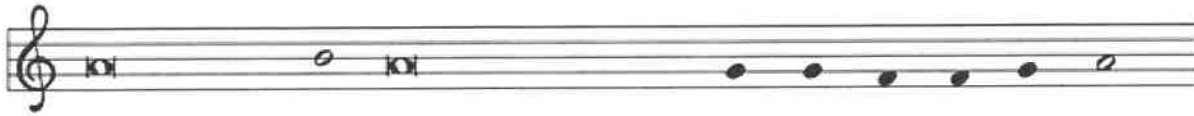
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

HOLY BAPTISM

The Rev. John Van Haneghan

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THE HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781

THE FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The first reading for the 26th Sunday after Pentecost is from Daniel, the 12th Chapter.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth from *Elijah* Op. 70 Felix Mendelssohn
Text: Matthew 13:43, Isaiah 51:11 adapted by William Bartholomew (1809-1847)

Riley Nahlik, *tenor*

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,
and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

There Will be Rest

Frank Ticheli
(b. 1958)

Text: Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow,
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.

I will make this world of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind,
I shall find the crystal of peace, - above me
Stars I shall find.

SECOND READING: Psalm 16

The second reading for today is from the Book of Psalms.

The congregation will speak responsively the bold-faced type.

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand
are pleasures forevermore.

A Song in praise of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

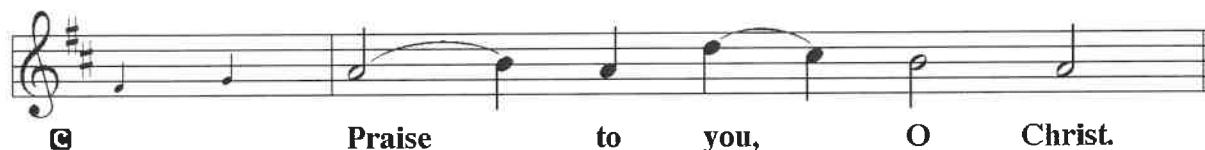
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark



¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On “Seelenbräutigam”

ELW 624

(8:30)

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

In the life of Jesus, we can discern the path that will lead us to abundant life. As his disciples, committed to the way of life he chose, we ask that you help us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in the baptism of the Spirit you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized, especially Elizabeth Adele, in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

By your mercy you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Out of your fullness you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, any mental illness and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Watch over all of us, including our children and especially Audrey and August. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember Kenneth James and Elizabeth Morton Schaal and saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. And we celebrate the lives of Andrew and Abigail through today's flower dedication. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge cards. For those who are ready to submit their stewardship commitment cards today, we ask that you place it in the offering plate. Pledge cards are available on the table at the entrance ways.

THE SOLO (8:30)

Total Eclipse from the Oratorio *Samson* HWV 57

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Riley Nahlik, *tenor*

Total eclipse! No sun, no moon, all dark, all dark amidst the blaze of noon!
O glorious light! No cheering ray to glad my eyes with welcome day! Total eclipse!
Why thus deprived Thy prime decree? Sun, moon and stars are dark to me!

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?

Kyle Pederson
(b. 1971)

Josh Corwin, *violin*
Shannon Levine, *cello*

What if instead of more violence,
We let our weapons fall silent?
No more revenge or retribution;
No more war or persecution.
It could be beautiful.

What if instead of our judgment
We soften our hearts that have hardened?
Instead of certainty and pride
We love and sacrifice.
It could be beautiful.

Can we see the other as our brother?
Can we sing the darkness to light
Sounding chords of compassion and grace?
See the swords of judgement aside,
Let mercy's eyes see the other human face.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
“Old Hundredth”

ELW 885

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

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

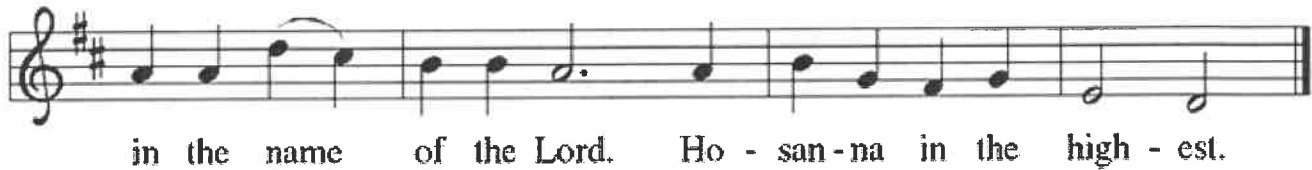
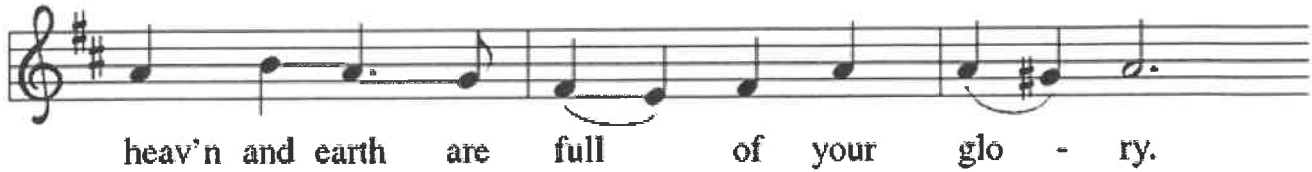
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

...

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.

COMMUNION SOLO (10:30)

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth from *Elijah* Op. 70 Felix Mendelssohn
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Riley Nahlik, *tenor*

Please reference the text printed on page 8.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Density of Light

Text: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022), *Borrowed Light* (1994)

Sarah Quartel
(b. 1982)

Density of light
that could shatter the cold rock of the moon,
compacted flame
that only the face of holy love could withstand,
may Christ reflect your blaze
to the distant satellite of my heart
and melt the fear
that from the orbit of my days
you would scatter
my dim shards to darkness.

Density of light,
compacted flame,
sudden lightning,
draw me onward through the thick darkness
trusting that light shall spring from the grave
and the coldest rock in space shall join in a blaze of song:
glory, glory, glory,
glory be to you O 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.

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.**

Now send us out to labor with you,

in service to the world you have made,

and among the people you have made your home,

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past “St. Anne”

ELW 632

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace
from *Sonata No. 1* in F Minor Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)



*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.*

*Team Stewardship would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU
to everybody who has returned a commitment card.*

*Please join us for a celebration of generosity
at today's coffee hour after the 10:30 Service.*



Stewardship – Far


Looking for a gift for the hard-to-shop for friend or family member?

Consider the ELCA's "God's Global Barnyard."

A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects around the world that help families with the resources they need to thrive.

For more information visit

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/gods-global-barnyard>



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and into our fellowship in the gospel: Elizabeth Adele Snyder, daughter of Jeff and Mary Snyder, and granddaughter of Pastor John Van Haneghan, who will perform the rite of Christian baptism

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, November 17, 2024 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Commitment Sunday

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

MONDAY, November 18, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2024

- 9:00 am Property Meeting (FR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, November 21, 2024

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 pm Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, November 22, 2024

- 6:00 pm Grades 7-12 Thanksgiving Celebration (FR)

SUNDAY, November 24, 2024 – Christ the King Sunday

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
- 9:00 am Family Play Group (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)

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 Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Biesinger. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

The flowers on the altar are given In Thanksgiving for the blessing of our grandchildren, Andrew and Abigail, who celebrate their birthdays this month by Barb and Larry Wozniak; and In Loving Memory of Kenneth James by John and Gail Camilleri; and In Loving Memory of my sister, Elizabeth Morton Schaal by Marty Kutas.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Claire Carmer and Karen Kolb.

Council Vice-President, Kathy Biesinger, will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Audrey and August Solberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: There's much to process following the November 5 election. During tomorrow's class, Dave Ulrich will help us do that by addressing three questions. What happened in the election? Why did it happen? And what are the policy implications of the election? To give us a balance of perspectives, our own Don Miller will join Dave in leading the discussion. Join us from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It is that time of year when we send college care packages to all of our students who are currently in college. If you have a student who would like to receive a care package from the church, please call the church office and let Linda know the name and address of the student. We are planning to get these mailed out by the beginning of December before the winter break. The youth group will be helping with this project this year. If you would like to help by donating snacks for the packages, please contact Kathy Biesinger – kc1008@aol.com.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION (Grades 7-12): Celebrate the season of gratitude with an evening of delicious food, fresh baked desserts, and sharing what we're thankful for through the creation of a thankful tree. We will gather in the Fellowship Room on Friday, November 22nd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Bring a friend, an appetite, and a thankful heart! Please RSVP using the link or QR code. bit.ly/Thanksgiving7-12



CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PLAY will be held Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Redeemer Hall. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$45 for family. Reservation forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The chancel is so beautiful on Christmas Eve with the striking red of poinsettias. If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of someone or simply “to the glory of God,” they may be purchased for \$12 each. Order forms can be found at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in the weekly email.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items during November and December for our Christmas baskets. Cans with tabs are preferred and, as always, no expired food. Last year we were able to give each recipient a \$100.00 gift card. Your monetary donations would greatly help get us the funds we need. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity with a Christmas basket notation.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP: For many, Christmas is a joyous season with family and friends, parties and laughter. But for many others, Christmas is not these things. Grief, loss, loneliness ... these are especially poignant during this season. This year as Advent begins, we are reminded that we are not alone. It's ok to feel these things and bring them with us to church as we experience the light of Christ that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). Please share this invitation with people who you know may be experiencing these things. Join us on Friday, December 6 at noon and 7:00pm in the chapel.

LET'S MAKE SOME DUST: As many of you have seen the refinishing work being performed by Andrew Kraus, on the church's front doors, some help is needed to complete the task before the cold sets in. We are looking for volunteers to help with sanding, staining and finishing coats of polyurethane. Supplies and tools will be provided. However, if you would feel more comfortable using your own, feel free to do so. You will need to bring your own safety glasses. Andrew has electric sanders, including orbital (no belt sanders, please); sanding blocks for manual sanding; sandpaper, gloves, masks, wire brushes, and a wire wheel. He also has some drills which can be used with a wire wheel. Again, feel free to bring your own tools. Andrew will also provide instructions on the various tasks. Next week, the temps will be in the upper 40s to mid-50s. Andrew will be working on the doors Monday, from 1:00-4:00 and Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00AM-4:00PM. You will choose your own days and hours, and you can come and go as you please – whatever fits your schedule. Please call the church office at 716-886-2400 to let him know if you'll be able to help on any of the days over the next couple of weeks, or so. Of course, this task is weather dependent, so please call Andrew prior to heading to HT. Each day we have volunteers, we will have lunch brought in.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

2024 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES MULTI-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 p.m. Service (Redeemer Hall)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:00 p.m. Worship Service (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Worship Service (Chapel)

BLUE CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:00 p.m. Service (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. Service (Chapel)

7TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Family Service

9:45 p.m. Preservice music

10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas service (Chapel)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Praise You, O God "Kremser"

ELW 870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*. 1626

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On "Seelenbräutigam"

ELW 624



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past "St. Anne"

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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