



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday
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

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'Coronation'

Jean Langlais
(1907–1991)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign "Duke Street"

ELW 434

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.

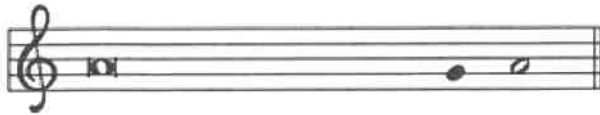
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GREETING

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.

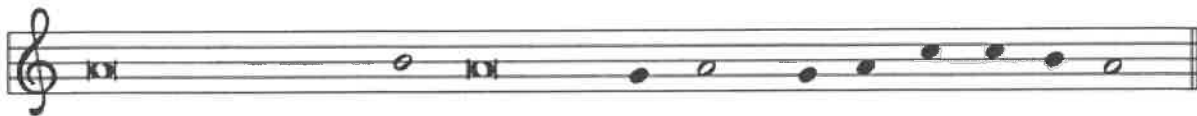
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



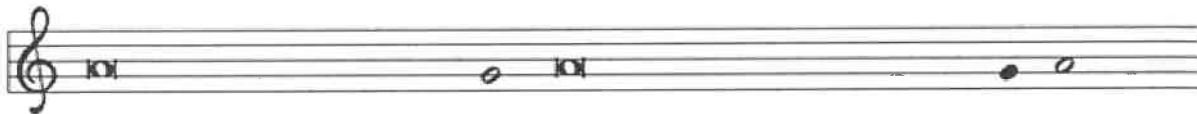
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



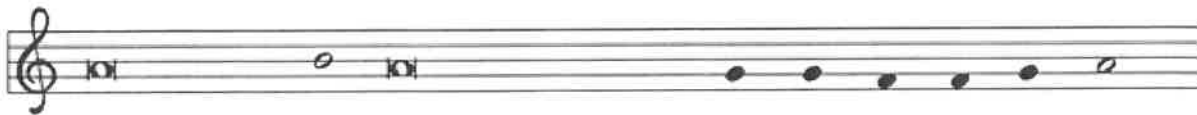
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



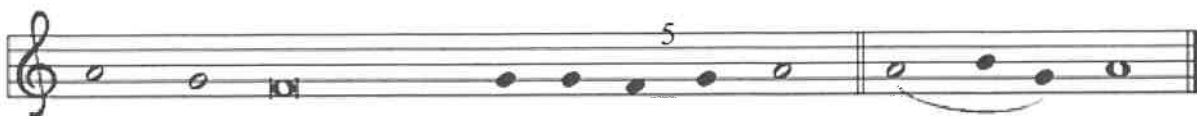
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Keep a Joyful Song Ringing in Your Heart

Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

Holy Trinity Youth Choir
Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Keep a joyful song ringing in your heart,
And join the countless ages
in singing songs of praises,
Sing "Gloria," "Hosanna,"
"Alleluia, O praise Him."

Songs of joy the angels sang.
All the earth with music rang:
"Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo."

Keep a joyful song ringing in your heart,
And join the countless ages
in singing songs of praises,
Sing "Gloria," "Hosanna,"
"Alleluia, O praise Him."

Songs of welcome the children sang;
Streets of palms triumphantly rang:
"Hosanna, Hosanna.
For He that comes in Blessed."

Keep a joyful song ringing in your
heart,
And join the countless ages
in singing songs of praises,
Sing "Gloria," "Hosanna,"
"Alleluia, O praise Him."

Sing "Gloria," "Hosanna,"
"Alleluia. Praise the Lord."

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The first reading for Christ the King Sunday is recorded in Daniel, the 7th Chapter.

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,
Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours;
Inspire us to shine so all may know
The radiance of the Spirit's own
Revealing power.

Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,
Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours;
Excite us to sing so all may know
The anthem of the Spirit's own
Resounding power.

Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,
Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours;
Impel us to live so all may know
The fervor of the Spirit's own
Resplendent power.

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

Messiah is King

Jack M. Vogel

Text: W.A. Muhlenberg (1796-1877); tune from an anonymous 16th century *galliarde*, "La Roque"

Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Zion, the marvelous story be telling,
the Son of the Highest, how lowly his birth!
the brightest archangel in glory excelling,
he stoops to redeem thee, he reigns upon earth.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Tell how he cometh; from nation to nation
the heart cheering news let the earth echo round;
how free to the faithful he offers salvation,
his people with joy everlasting are crowned.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Mortals, your homage be gratefully bringing,
and sweet let the gladsome hosannas arise;
ye angels, the full alleluias be singing;
one chorus resound through the earth and the skies.
Shout the glad tidings, exultingly sing,
Jerusalem triumphs, Messiah is King!

Messiah is King!

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

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

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

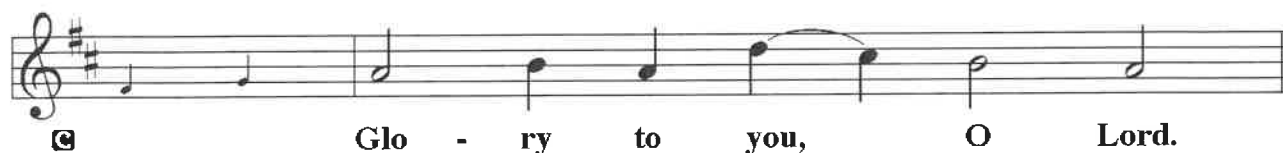
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 18:33-38

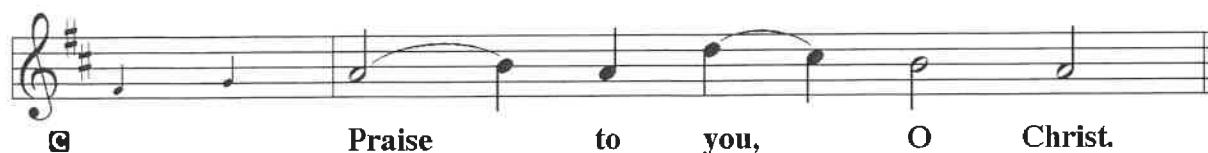
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Rejoice, for Christ Is King! “Laud Regis”

ELW 430

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons as we celebrate the wedding anniversary of Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent and watch over all your children, especially Matthew and Nicholas. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. We remember the lives of Charles Thomas and Dakota Jacob Lee, and honor the family of Dr. Richard Lee through today's flower dedication. 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

THE ANTHEM

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending 18th Century English Melody

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755) Arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Congregation is invited to sing on the 4th verse.

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending, Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! God appears, on earth to reign.
2. Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of his passion. Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers:
With that rapture, Gaze on those glorious scars!
4. **Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory: Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! (Three times) Alleluia! Come, Lord come!**

4. Yea, a - men! Let all a -

dore thee, High on thine e - ter - nal

throne; Sa - viour, take the power and

glo - ry: Claim the king - dom for thine

own: O come Quick - ly! O come

quick - ly! O come quick - ly! Al - le -

lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

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

ELW 885

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

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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 ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Healey Willan

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) (1880-1968)

Tune: Johann Freylinghausen (1670-1739): *Macht hoch die Tür* (Fling Wide the Door)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Life and salvation He doth bring, wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now, creator, wise art Thou!

Oh, blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

The cloudless Sun of joy He is, who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art Thou!

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal;

Thy Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame we offer to Thy name.

Amen.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! "Coronation" ELW 634 (vs. 1-4, 6)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Coronation'

Charles Callahan
(1951-2023)



*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.*

2025 Pledge Cards

Many thanks to all who have returned their commitment cards for 2025. If you have not done so, we ask that you submit the cards by the beginning of December to help us plan for next year.

If you need one, blank pledge cards can be found on the tables by the entrance ways.



Stewardship – Environment

If you can, ‘Leave the leaves’!

Instead of raking them into plastic bags, spread them on your garden beds. Leaves create an important habitat for insects which use them to overwinter in various stages of their life cycle: eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises and adults. For example, Walking sticks spend the winter as an egg, the Woolly Bear Caterpillar overwinters in its caterpillar form and the Black Swallowtail butterfly overwinters in its chrysalis.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)

MONDAY, November 25, 2024

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

TUESDAY, November 26, 2024

- 10:00 am HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
- 6:30 pm Council Dinner and Meeting (FR)

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2024

- 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Service (CH)
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service (CH)

THURSDAY, November 28, 2024 *Happy Thanksgiving*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 29, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 30, 2024

- 10:00 am Christmas Tree Set-up

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 11:30 am Confirmation Class at Parkside
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour/Greening of the Church

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 Uli MacDonald. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Rowan Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistant is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Chancel Care member is Donna Leiser. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

The flowers on the altar are given In Honor of the family of Dr. Richard J. Lee and to honor the memory of my grandson, Dakota Jacob Lee by Richard Lee; and
In celebration of our wedding anniversary on November 29 by Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt; and
In Loving Memory of Charles Thomas, brother of Gary Thomas.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Ron Pellnat.

Council member, Paul Bauchle, 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 Matthew and Nicholas Steinbruckner.

Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service with the Network of Religious Communities

Holy Trinity welcomes inter-faith members of our community for a Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service to celebrate unity in diversity, building community, and being thankful.

We will hear about THANKFULNESS from various religious perspectives and have an opportunity to connect with our neighbors.

Light refreshments will be served.

Join us on Monday, November 25, starting at 7:00 pm
(you can arrive any time after 6:30 pm)
in Holy Trinity's Redeemer Hall.



Free
Family
Event!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1080 Main St. Buffalo, NY

Free
Parking!

Neighborliness

*An Interfaith gathering to celebrate
the unity in diversity, building
community and being thankful*

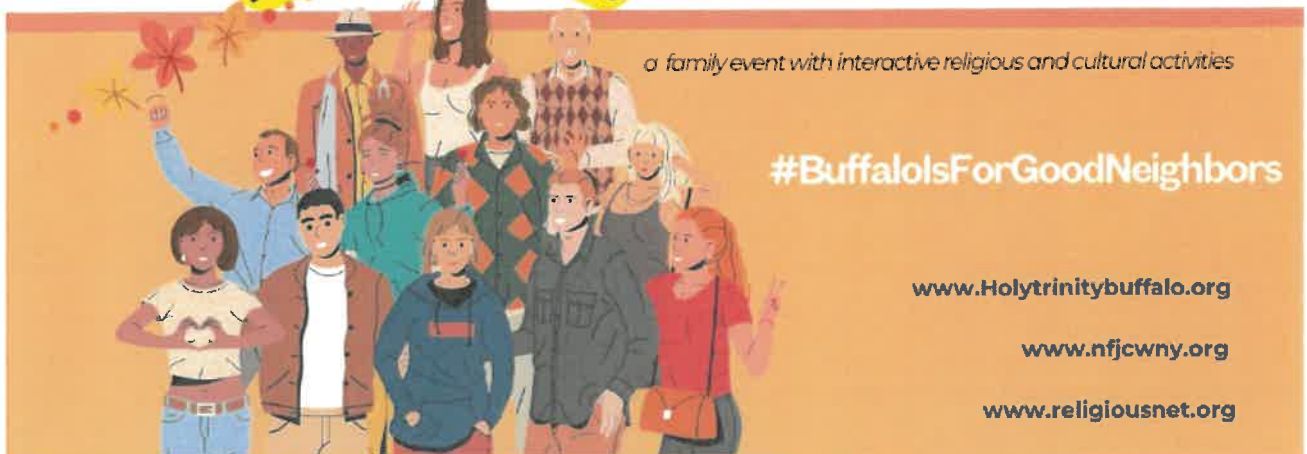
a family event with interactive religious and cultural activities

#BuffalolsForGoodNeighbors

www.Holytrinitybuffalo.org

www.nfjcwny.org

www.religiousnet.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow when Pastor Rich will present Biblical Interpretation 101, session 1 of 3. Join us from 9:30-11:00 am 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.

BURRITO PROJECT - FLEECE NAVIDAD! Our next Burrito Project date is Tuesday, December 3 starting at 5:30. While donations are welcome throughout the year, in the winter months, we typically see an increase in requests for blankets, gloves, hats, socks, etc. Dark, solid colors are preferred. Donations can be sent to the church office or placed in the tote near the chancel entrance.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PLAY will be held Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm 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.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Annually the members of HT generously provide gifts, warm accessories, and holiday cheer to students attending our local school, PS17. This year the Angel and Mitten trees will be ready on Sunday, December 1st. Please find them in the area outside the church office and chapel, and choose a child to cheer this year. Look for sibling groups, hanging by a red ribbon, if you're interested in more than one name. Gifts need to be wrapped, or bagged, and securely tagged with the students name and room number. Please be sure to place your gifts under the Angel Tree at church by Sunday December 15th. Thank you for participating in this fulfilling ministry!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items until December 18 for our Christmas baskets. Cans with tabs are preferred and please no expired food. Last year we were able to give each recipient a \$100 gift card. Your monetary donations would 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 7:00 pm in the chapel.

COOKIES FOR HAITI: Our Global Mission team is sponsoring a cookie sale to support the Caribbean Children's Foundation. One box of a dozen assorted homemade cookies will be \$15.00. That donation will provide the daily school day meal for 2 months! Place your order for the number of boxes you would like, using the form below, and placing it in the offering plate or sending to the church office. Pick up day is December 15 downstairs in the Fireside room after each service. Payment by cash or check only. Questions? Contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862.



**Cookies for Haiti
Order Form**

Name _____ Phone _____

TOTAL Number of boxes ordered _____

\$15.00 /box TOTAL AMT _____ cash or check only

Pay at time of pick up on Sunday December 15

2024 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES MULTI-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 pm Service (Redeemer Hall)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:00 pm Worship Service (Chapel)

7:00 pm Worship Service (Chapel)

BLUE CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:00 pm Service (Chapel)

7:00 pm Service (Chapel)

7TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Family Service

9:45 pm Preservice music

10:30 pm Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 am Christmas service (Chapel)

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For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:

Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.
Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.
Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.
Coming from other areas of our building,
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

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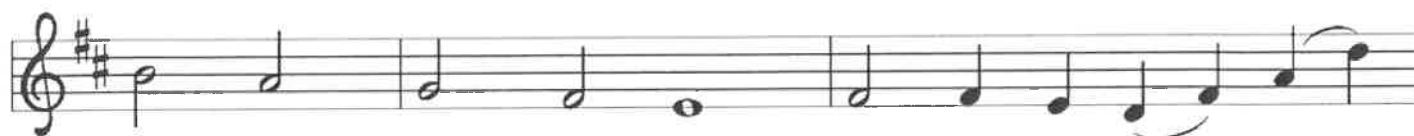
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign "Duke Street"

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

SERMON HYMN

Rejoice, for Christ Is King! "Laud Regis"

ELW 430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! "Coronation"

ELW 634 (vs. 1-4, 6)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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