



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 26, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany
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

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

PRELUDE

Light, Revealing (Lumen ad revelationem gentium) Grace-Evangeline Mason
(b. 1994)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Zion, Haste "Angelic Song"

ELW 668

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

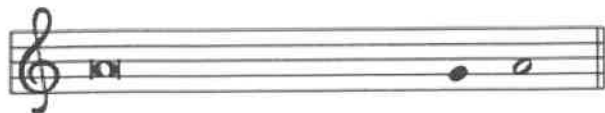
Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

GREETING

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

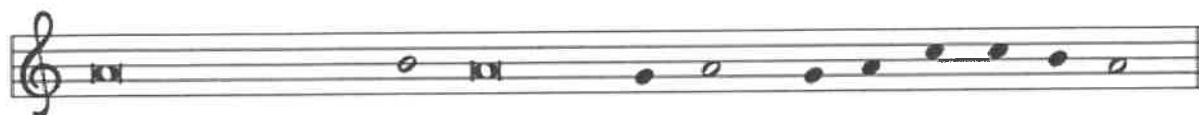
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



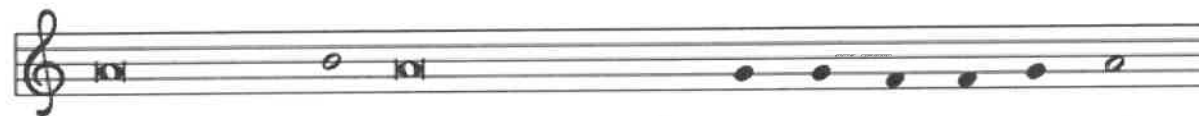
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



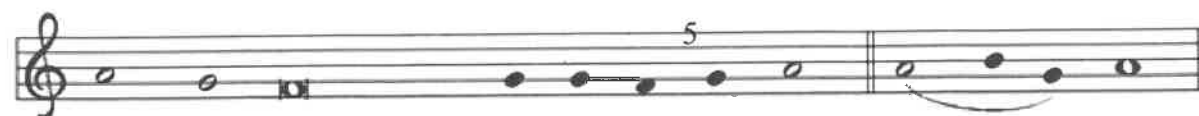
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The first reading for the Third Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Nehemiah, the 8th Chapter.

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE ANTHEM

Carol of Beauty

Dennis Kraus

Praise we the Lord who made all beauty for all our senses to enjoy.
Give we our humble thanks and duty for simple pleasures we employ.

Praise him who makes our life a pleasure, sending us things which glad our eyes.
Thank him who gives us welcome leisure, that in our hearts sweet thoughts may rise.

Praise him who loves to see young lovers, fresh hearts that swell with youthful pride.
Thank him who sends the sun above us, as bridegroom fit to meet his bride.

Praise him who by a simple flower lifts our hearts to things above,
Thank him who gives to each one power to find a friend to know and love.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

Text: Isaiah 52:7

John Stainer
(1840–1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 12th Chapter.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.
²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing “Azmon”

ELW 886
(v3 women, vs. 4 men)

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

**As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. Watch over all our children, especially Cameron and Zachary. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died, especially Jody Siddall who we remember through today's flower dedication. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

Where True Charity and Love Dwell

Kaye Saunders
(b. 1963)

Where true charity and love dwell,
God is also there.
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
Let us all be glad and rejoice now and always.
As we love and serve our Lord, the living God,
so let us with sincerity love each other.

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

His Light in Us

Text: Euan Tait (b. 1968)

Kim André Arnesen
(b. 1980)

God's distant call flares in the night, so long expected, so longed for;
and all my life, Christ called my name, and now at last I'll answer Him.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us,
incarnate, fragile, our Lord appears, alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal, so perfect, his cry of changeless love.

Alive, awake, His call is here:
it is the crying of the Child;
I know Christ's call, its hidden flame,
it makes my spirit flare with hope!

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

This root, this stem, this flowering love, this mustard seed,
it grows to the greatest tree, the birds of souls have nested there.
The light of the night now blazes at dawn!

You've lead me here, O little child, your being singing with God's life.
The kingdom sings, it choirs with earth, all creation lives Christ's peace.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.**

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
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.

Nourishing God,

**at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.**

Strengthen us for service,

**and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.**

In the name of Christ we pray, 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 Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve "Chesterfield"

ELW 551

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Azmon'

Barbara Harlach
(b. 1946)



*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 our potluck coffee hour following the 10:30 Service
and the Annual Congregational Meeting.***



Stewardship – Environment:

Save the date!!

This year's spring sweep shoreline cleanup,
organized by Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers,
will take place on Saturday, April 26.

All are welcome to participate.



THE ANNUAL MEETING

***PLEASE SEE MEETING AGENDA
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

146th Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

Guests are welcome to attend our congregational meeting
but do not have a voice or vote on the floor.

Members of Holy Trinity please be sure to sign the participation sheet
which will be passed around the sanctuary.

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Welcome & Call to Order | Jen Yap |
| 2. Opening Prayer | Pastor Jeff Wilson |
| 3. Report of Voting Members (10:30 only) | Jen Yap |
| 4. Approval of the 1/28/24 Annual Meeting Minutes | Jen Yap |
| 5. Congregational Council President's Report | Jen Yap |
| 6. Report of Pastors | Pastor Jeff Wilson |
| 7. 2024 Treasurer's Report | Jen Yap |
| 8. Report of Standing Committees | Jen Yap |
| 9. Presentation of the 2025 Budget/Spending Plan & Vote | Jen Yap |
| 10. Election of Congregational Council Members | Jen Yap |
| 11. Nomination of Synod Assembly Delegates | Jen Yap |
| 12. Strategic Plan Update: Finding Our Why | Jen Yap |
| 13. Priorities for 2025 | Pastor Jeff Wilson |
| 14. Social Media/Logo Refresh Update | Jen Yap |
| 15. Year in Pictures 2024 | Jen Yap |
| 16. Report of Ballots (10:30 only) | Jen Yap |
| 17. Suspension (8:30)/Adjournment (10:30) | Jen Yap |
| 18. Closing Prayer | Pastor Jeff Wilson |

I have been a lifelong member of HTLC. My grandparents and parents were members at HTLC, as well. I was confirmed here (Dr. Loew) in the mid-1960's. I have served as an usher for the last 15+ years, a communion assistant for almost 10 years, and as a Lay Reader. I served on our church Council from 2005-2010 and served as President from 2007-2010. My wife, Karen, and I attend church services (mostly 10:30am) on a regular basis. We are both now retired (2016/2017). For the past 3 years, I have served on Council and chaired the Property Committee\ where they strive to make, and keep, the church up-to-date and a safer place to worship. If re-elected to a second 3-year term, I will continue in the same direction.

Paul Bauchle

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It is an honor to be part of the Church Council over the past three years. For the past two years, I have held the position of council secretary. I also am part of the HT Cares Ministry and work with the team on our first series of Life Transitions Workshops.

I recently retired. Prior to retirement, I worked in healthcare and currently remain a licensed registered nurse. I have a master's degree in nursing and certification in healthcare improvement. I started my career as a staff nurse in critical care before advancing to Corporate Director Quality Improvement. I also held the Position of VP Clinical Effectiveness and Outcome and Chief Nursing Officer.

It is exciting to be part of energy and Holy Trinity as we continue to live our faith journey experimenting, leaning, and growing. I would be honored to be considered for a second term on our Church Council.

**Linda Horton**

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A native of Lewiston, I moved to Buffalo in 2000. Shortly thereafter, I joined Holy Trinity and served on church council. More recently, I served on the call committee and the front porch sittin committee. I have worked at M&T Bank for 29 years where I manage a team of project managers and I am also a group fitness instructor at the Jewish Community Center of Buffalo. I currently live in the Elmwood Village with my partner Michael and our mini dachshund Otto.

Todd Kroening

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Holy Trinity has been home for me for over 30 years. Joe and I were married here in 1993. Our two adult children were baptized and grew up here. I taught Sunday school and VBS for 20+ years. I've been fortunate to chaperone LYO trips to NYC and New Orleans. For many years, I've enjoyed singing in our chapel choir. Outside of HT, I work part-time as a teacher's aide at the neighborhood elementary school. During the summer, you can find me out at Graycliff Estate working in the gift shop. For fun, I like to hike and ride my bike. For a few years now, I've been a part of the WNY Hiking Challenge. Taking a walk in nature is a wonderful way to connect with God. On Monday nights in the summer, you can meet me for SlowRoll as bicyclists ride through a different city neighborhood each week. I've been on church council before and look forward to serving once again.

**Martha Kryszczuk**

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I am honored to be considered for a position on the Church Council. I have been a member of Holy Trinity for 30 years along with my husband, Donald, and my daughters, Kristen and Lauren. I also have three grandchildren who were confirmed at Holy Trinity. During this time, I have had the opportunity to serve the Church by teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. I served two terms on the Council and was appointed Treasurer. I have been the chairperson of the Finance and Investment Committees. Although presently not a member of the Council, I have continued to chair the Investment Committee for the past ten years.

In my professional life, I have worked in healthcare. I am a registered nurse with a master's degree in business. I worked at a large medical center in Buffalo in various administrative positions. Most notably as Administrator of a Certified Home Health Agency, Chief Nursing Officer of the hospital, Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Operating Officer of the hospital. I have been the president of Maricle Healthcare Advisors, LLC since 2008.

In 2019, I sat for my exams and was licensed as a registered representative by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

I have served on the following board of directors: Church Council: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eggertsville; Upstate New York Transplant Services; AIDS Family Services; Professional Nurses Association of Western New York; Institutional Review Board, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine; Center for Biomedical Ethics, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine; New York State Task Force on AIDS.

If you would like to speak to me or have any questions regarding my candidacy, you can contact me at kmaricle00@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Maricle

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I am a recent member joining in 2024 after attending since 2009 with my husband David. I am retired after 36 years of working with adults with developmental disabilities through Western New York DDSO and People Inc holding a variety of direct care and administrative positions. My current activities include caring for my elderly father, spending time with my granddaughter, traveling, memberships with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope to bring my life experiences to benefit our congregation. Thank you for considering me to serve on the church council.

Sincerely,

**Sally Pellnat**

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

### **SUNDAY, January 26, 2025 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting (CH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting (MC)
- 12:00 pm Coffee Hour/Potluck Luncheon (RH)
- 1:00 pm Chancel Choir Recording Session (MC)

### **MONDAY, January 27, 2025**

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

### **TUESDAY, January 28, 2025**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2025**

- 6:00 pm Vocalis (MC)

### **THURSDAY, January 30, 2025**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 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 Coffee Hour/Potluck Luncheon (RH)
- 1:00 pm Confirmation Class at St. Paul's

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

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

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



At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Richard Lee. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Martha Kutas. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Communion Assistant is Doug Alderdice. Chancel Care member is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Jayne's sister Jody Siddall by Doug and Jayne Lloyd; and

In Honor of the congregation of HT from the Schleifer-Schneggenburger sisters.

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 Cameron and Zachary Agro.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Monday Morning Bible Study class continues tomorrow, with Pastor Rich leading a discussion of four major themes that run through our scriptures. Classes run from 9:30 to 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**UPDATED DIRECTORY:** An updated congregational directory is available. You can find copies on the tables at the entrance ways. Feel free to take one.

**THE HT CARES TEAM** is hosting a Life Transition Part 2 Workshop on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30am –2:00pm. This workshop will include information on handling the stages of grief, managing funeral home and cemetery preparations, and elder life real estate concerns. Join us for this important workshop led by community experts. A suggested donation of \$5 is payable at the door. Join us for this important conversation. Please register by March 14 using the QR code or calling the church office.



**HT NEEDLERS** to Celebrate 20 Years of Shawl Ministry! Have you, a friend or family member received one of the over 1,000 shawls provided? Are you interested in what the HT Needlers do? Join the group on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at noon in the Fellowship Room to celebrate with a potluck luncheon! To help us plan for the event, please RSVP to the church office, Ruth Schmidt, or Barb Wozniak.

**CGN FOOD PANTRY:** Pastor Kwame and her volunteer team are in significant need of non-perishables. The shelves are in need of replenishing. No expired food please. Thank you.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O Zion, Haste* "Angelic Song"

ELW 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

## *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837-1901

# SERMON HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* “Azmon”

ELW 886

(v3 women, vs. 4 men)



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



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

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* "Chesterfield"

ELW 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.  
Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.  
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.  
Coming from other areas of our building,  
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