



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 2, 2025
Presentation of Our Lord
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

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

PRELUDE

Variations on 'Nettleton'

Undine Moore Smith
(1904-1989)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light "Houston"

ELW 815

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.

(10:30)

Please stand or sit 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.

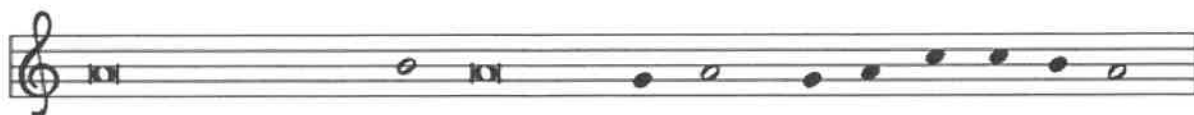
KYRIE



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.



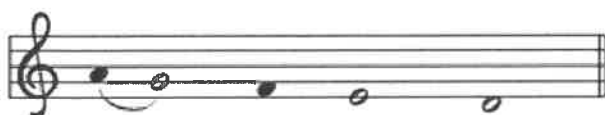
Lord, have mer - cy.



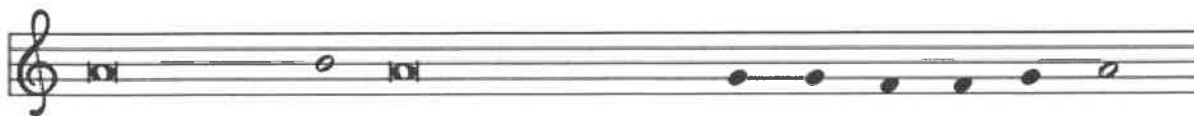
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

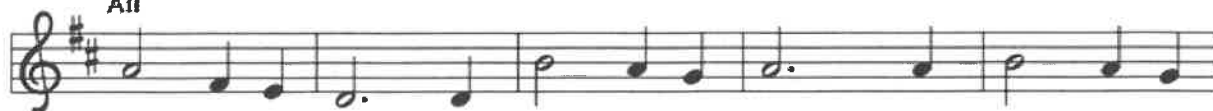
Refrain

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 and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The first reading for the Presentation of Our Lord is recorded in Malachi, the 3rd Chapter.

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Simeon from *Weihnachtslieder* Op. 8, No. 4

Peter Cornelius
(1824-1874)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

After eight days, the baby boy
was carried to Jerusalem,
to the house of God,
from the stall in Bethlehem.
There comes striding an old man,
the pious Simeon;
in the middle of the temple he takes
the son from his mother's arms.
From the face of the old man
beams bright joy;
he praises God's ways,
full of prophecy, and says:
"Now, permit your servant
to depart in peace, Lord,
for you have allowed
me to see the Saviour,
whom you sent into the world
to bestow upon the Gentiles
the brightness of your light,
to the glory of your people!"
With happily astonished minds,
the pair of parents listen,
then leave, carrying away
the wondrous infant boy.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

How Lovely are the Messengers
from *St. Paul* Op. 36, Part II

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace,
to all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 2nd Chapter.

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

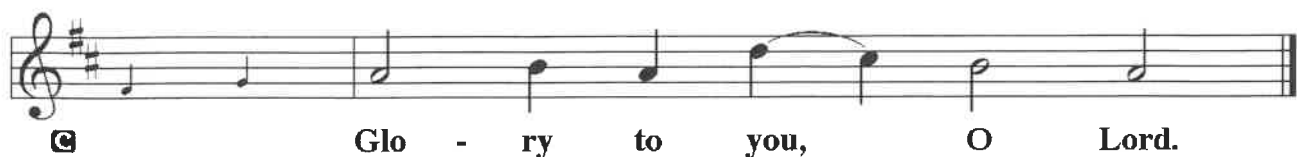
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word,

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the gentiles

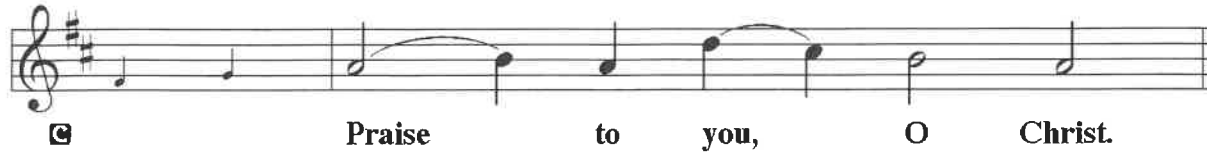
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness “Nettleton”

ELW 843

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.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children, especially Simon and Stuart, and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We pray for all affected by the helicopter and airline collision in DC: the family, friends, airport workers, and those who witnessed it. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. We thank you for your blessings and honor the 15th birthday of Erys through today's flower dedications. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. 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.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

THE SOLO (8:30)

I Am In Doubt

Text: Florence Hynes Willette (1901-1982)

Undine Smith Moore

(1904-1989)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

I'll love You until stars fall.
Can it be so sure, so lasting as my heart demands
of one whose slightest touch upon my hands
is like the wind inside an aspen tree?
I am in doubt of this frail thing
I hold so sworn to constancy
And this is why, why,
Too often I have watched a burnt blue sky
Where slipping stars spilled scarlet
and grew cold.

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889), *altered*

Sir Charles Hubert H. Parry

(1848-1918)

arr. Michael McCarthy

1. O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.
O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled, like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.
2. O heav'nly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill!
In nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
O wide embracing, wondrous love, we read Thee in the sky above,
We read Thee in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.
3. We read Thee best in Him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read Thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of Thy might.
4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest!
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim!

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.

(10:30)

COMMUNION SOLO

I Am In Doubt

Undine Smith Moore

Text: Florence Hynes Willette (1901-1982)

(1904-1989)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Please find the text printed on page 14 of this worship bulletin.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love Bade Me Welcome

David Hurd

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

(b. 1950)

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

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing “Sicilian Mariners”

ELW 545

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Deep River from *Four Spiritual Preludes*

David Hurd
(b. 1950)



*You are encouraged to take the bulletin home with you for future reference.
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins at the entrance ways.*

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



Stewardship – Here

Thank you to Christina Ruggeri for her leadership
in organizing fun get-togethers and activities
for our children and youth at Holy Trinity.
We hope to see many of you at one of the next events!!

Music Notes

This February, Holy Trinity will highlight African American composers in honor of black history month.

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989), the "Dean of Black Women Composers", was an American composer and professor of music in the twentieth century. Moore was originally trained as a classical pianist, but developed a compositional output of mostly vocal music—her preferred genre. Much of her work was inspired by black spirituals and folk music. Undine Smith Moore was a renowned teacher, and once stated that she experienced "teaching itself as an art". Towards the end of her life, she received many awards for her accomplishments as a music educator. Today we hear her organ work *Variations on Nettleton* and soprano Colleen Flynn sings her art song *I am in Doubt*.

David Hurd (b.1950) is widely recognized as one of the foremost church musicians and concert organists in the United States, with a long list of awards, prizes, and honors recognizing his achievements and expertise in organ performance, improvisation, and composition. From 1976 until 2015, David Hurd taught on the faculty of The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City, eventually being named the Professor of Church Music and Organist. He has taught also at Duke University, Manhattan School of Music, Westminster Choir College, and Yale University. From 1998 until 2013 he was Music Director and Organist at Church of the Holy Apostles (Episcopal) in New York City. In 2016, he was appointed Organist and Music Director of the famed Church of St. Mary the Virgin at Times Square. The chancel choir sings his beautiful setting of *Love Bade Me Welcome* and organist Kristen Pomietlarz closes with his bold setting of *Deep River*.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025 – Presentation of Our Lord

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 11:30 am Confirmation Class at St. Paul's

MONDAY, February 3, 2025

- 9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
- 11:00 am Life Transitions Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Choirs rehearsal (CH)

TUESDAY, February 4, 2025

- 12:00 pm Needlers Potluck Luncheon (FR)
- 5:30 pm Burrito Project at Holy Trinity (RH)

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2025

- 6:00 pm Vocalis (MC)

THURSDAY, February 6, 2025

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

SUNDAY, February 9, 2025 – Fifth 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)

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

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

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

At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Kathy Biesinger. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Communion Assistant is Sue Cosentino. Chancel Care member is Donna Leiser. Acolytes are Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist and Maia Leiser.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Peter Bergenstock and Neil Kattermann.

The flowers on the altar are given
In Honor of Erys' 15th birthday on February 7th by Jeff and Jen Yap;
and
Thanking God for blessing me much more than I deserve from Guy Huber.

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 Simon and Stuart Ames.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HT COUNCIL: We are thankful for the service and dedication of our Council members concluding their terms this year: Fred Howard (Treasurer), Elizabeth Vihnanek, and Jen Yap (President). At the January 26 Annual Congregational Meeting, we re-elected Linda Horton and Paul Bauchle to a second term serving on Council and elected Todd Kroening, Martha Kryszczuk, Sally Pellnat, and Karen Maricle. At the Council meeting on January 28, the Council elected Linda Horton to serve as President, Kathy Crissey-Biesinger as Vice President, and Karen Maricle as Treasurer.

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.

BURRITO PROJECT: Our next Burrito Project date is this Tuesday, February 4 starting at 5:30. We will assemble and distribute over 100 burritos to anyone who is hungry. A typical evening follows this schedule: 5:30pm: prepare ingredients and assemble burritos; 7:00pm: load burritos and other items into cars; 7:30pm: park near the main bus station and distribute burritos and other items; 9:00pm: return to church for clean up. Join us for all activities, or just a portion of the evening as your schedule permits. 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.

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.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely, or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 716-834-3131 and is 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.



Only **01** **28** away!
Months Days



A workshop to help you prepare for the future with Faith & Confidence

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.



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

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Tues.
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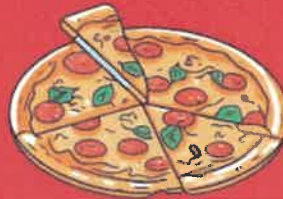
Grades K-6
STEAM Night

5:30-7PM
FELLOWSHIP ROOM



Grades 7-12
Make Your Own Pizza Night

6-8PM
FELLOWSHIP ROOM



Thurs.
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PLEASE RSVP
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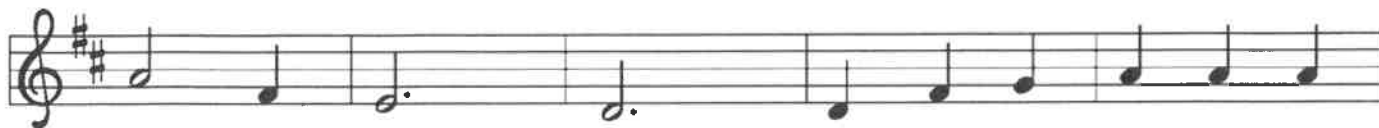
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light "Houston"

ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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SERMON HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness "Nettleton"

ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing "Sicilian Mariners"

ELW 545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

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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