



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Celebrating our 146<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

## **PRELUDE**

(8:30)

Improvisation on ‘*Tree of Life*’  
Original Melody: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Kristen Pomietlarz

(10:30)

*The Trees Unfold*

Judith Weir  
(b.1954)

## *RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* “Lobe Den Herren”

ELW 858

## **PASTORAL GREETING**

(10:30)

## **COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Trusting that God welcomes 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.**

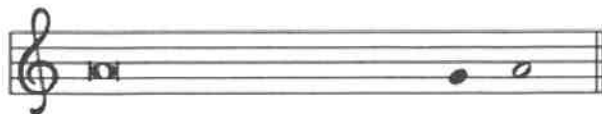
*(10:30) Please stand or sit as you are able.*

## **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.**

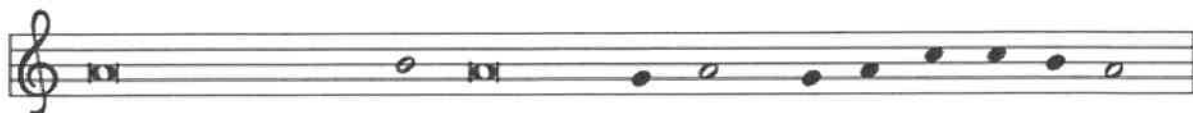
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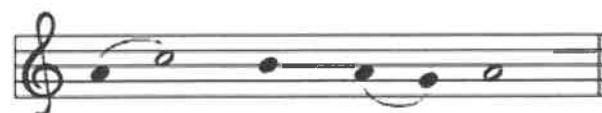
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



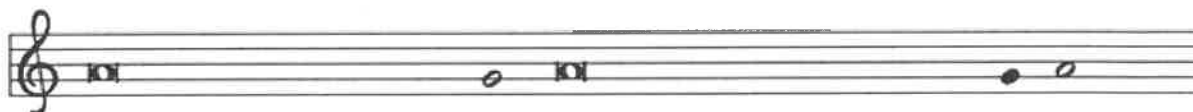
Lord, have mer - cy.



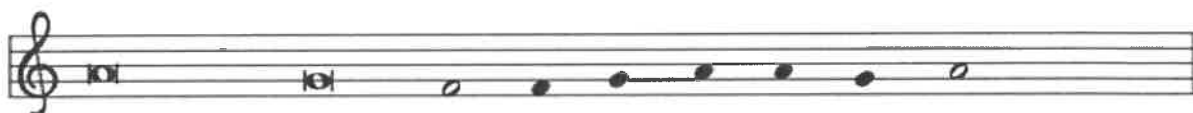
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



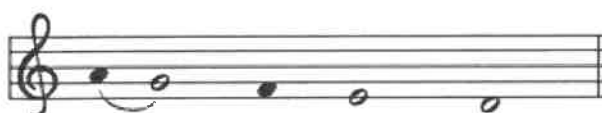
Lord, have mer - cy.



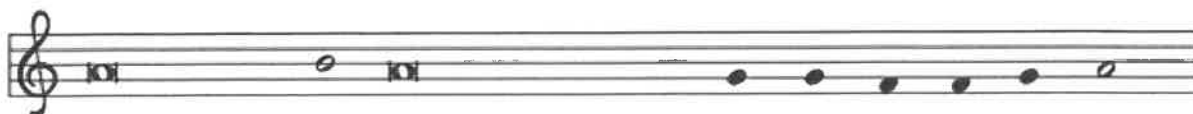
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

**Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Richard Neal

### **THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Jeremiah, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

**THE ANTHEM**

*The Apple Tree*

Text: attr. Rev. Richard Hutchins (c.1700 - c.1800)

Mark Schweizer

(1956-2019)

Please reference the text printed below.

(10:30)

**THE ANTHEM**

*Christ the Appletree*

Text: attr. Rev. Richard Hutchins (c.1700 - c.1800)

Stanford Scriven

(b. 1988)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
the trees of nature fruitless be, compar'd with Christ the appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
miss'd of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil; here I will sit and rest a while;  
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Chapter.



<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

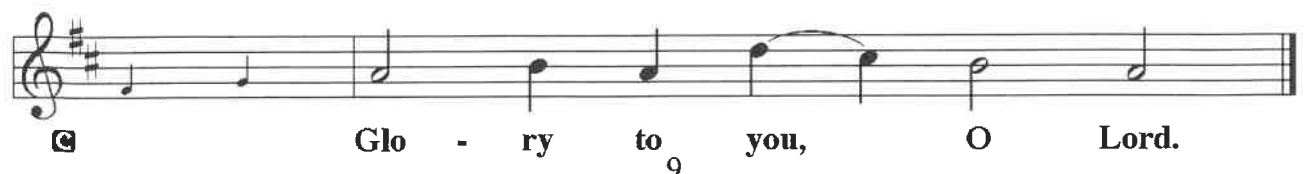
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



<sup>17</sup> Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

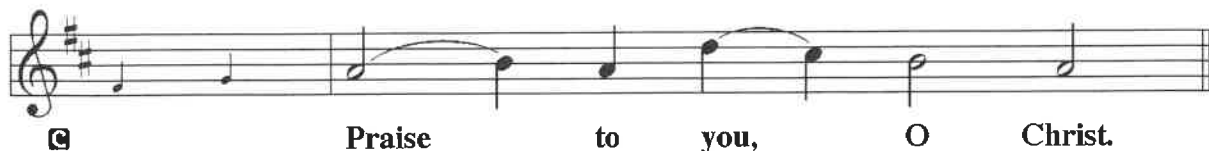
<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SERMON HYMN

*Thy Holy Wings* “Bred Dina Vida Vingar”

ELW 613

## 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

In baptism, O God, we are no longer our own, but yours. Move us to action or assign us to suffering; use us or lay us aside; exalt us or bring us low; fill us or empty us; let us have all things or let us have nothing. We freely and wholly abandon ourselves to your will and pleasure, assured of your grace and trusting in your providence. With your Spirit shining within us, help us pray with confidence for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for creation's hidden places and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation and all your children, especially Angelo and Natalia. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace, especially Robert and Mira Thomson, Etta and Franklin Kroll, Carolyn Hughes and Violeta Saona, who we remember through today's flower dedications. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness that inspires all to the living. 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**

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(8:30)

## THE ANTHEM

*The Beatitudes*

Text: Matthew 5:3-12

Richard Shephard

(1949-2021)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(10:30)

## THE ANTHEM

*I Believe That This is Jesus*

African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
Yes, yes, yes Lord!  
Oh, I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, come and see.

*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 ANTHEM**

### *The Beatitudes*

Text: Matthew 5:3-12

Richard Shephard  
(1949-2021)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*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.**

(8:30)

## **COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised* “Engelberg”

ELW 449

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Jubilate*

Fela Sowande  
(1905-1987)



*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 – Far**

Thank you to the members of our Monday Morning Bible Study group who recorded two short videos that conveyed love, caring and prayers to Uli MacDonald’s mother, Ursula Kasper, residing in Germany, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

The video greetings were greatly appreciated and had a positive impact on a family halfway around the globe.

## Music Notes

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

The chancel choir revisits the music of Undine Smith Moore with her setting the spiritual *I Believe This is Jesus*. **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.

The organ postlude *Jubilate* was composed by Nigerian born composer **Fela Sowande**. (1905 –1987) Sowande later studied and lived in London, and eventually settled in the United States. He became a US citizen in 1977. He was granted many honorifics in his lifetime, including Member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as well as Member of the British Empire. Although his compositions owe much to a strong Nigerian influence, he also incorporated Western techniques; in this way, he emphasized his belief that nationalism should not go unchecked, but always be part of a great global community.

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

### **SUNDAY, February 16, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir/Council Installation (CH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion/Council Installation (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)

### **MONDAY, February 17, 2025 *President's Day***

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, February 18, 2025**

- 10:00 am HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 5:30 pm Grades K-6 STEAM Night (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025**

- 6:00 pm Vocalis (MC)

### **THURSDAY, February 20, 2025**

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 pm Grades 7-12 Pizza Night (FR)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SATURDAY, February 22, 2025**

- 9:00 am SYNOD Event at HT

### **SUNDAY, February 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 3:00 pm Vox Lusciniae Concert (MC)

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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 Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Erys Yap.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Marty Bauer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistant is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Chancel Care member is Martha Kutas. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

Collection Counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Linda Horton.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of our parents Robert and Mira Thomson and Etta and Franklin Kroll by Paul and Judy Kroll; and

In Loving Memory of their mother Carolyn Hughes by Karen Saona and her brother Don Hughes and In Loving Memory of Raúl's sister, Violeta Saona, by Raúl and Karen Saona.

Council President Linda Horton 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 Angelo and Natalia Bavaro.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of President's Day.

BIBLE STUDY: Because of the holiday, there will be no Bible Study tomorrow. Next Monday, February 24, in recognition of Black History Month, Dave Ulrich will be presenting "Why BLACK LIVES MATTER Matters." Programs run from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

EXPLORE BUFFALO TOURS: Explore Buffalo's Sacred Spaces tour program showcases Buffalo's spectacular architectural heritage of houses of worship. Sacred Spaces tours provide opportunities to see and learn more about incredible architectural design, stained glass, and more in these landmark buildings. Holy Trinity will be included in these tours on February 25 and March 11 and 25 at 1:00pm. Please go to [www.explorebuffalo.org](http://www.explorebuffalo.org) for more information and to sign up.

PLANT SALE: Order forms for the annual plant sale fundraiser are now available! Copies are available on the tables outside the church and chapel or by calling the church office.

**Important dates: Sunday, March 30: Deadline to hand in order form with payment. Saturday, May 17: Pickup (11:30am-12:30pm) and planting of church grounds.** Please note that the nursery offers ~475 items; we've selected a subset of this list for our standard order form. You are welcome to review and/or order from the full list. Copies will be available in Redeemer Hall during coffee hour and in the church office. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with the organization and distribution of the plant orders starting around 9am on May 17. We are also looking for volunteers to help plant the flowers in the church gardens. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jen Yap, Elizabeth Vihnanek or the church office.



**Saturday, February 22, 9:30am-12:30pm  
@ Holy Trinity, Buffalo**

All of us have so much to learn from one another! Have you ever visited a church and really liked something they did or how they expressed some aspect of their ministry and thought ... “I wonder if my church could do that”?

The \*Collaboration\* workshop at Holy Trinity on February 22 gives participants an opportunity to not just learn from *one* congregation, but from *many*! A local ministry leader will speak to us about the power of collaborating and the impact we can have together. Bishop Lee Miller II, we preach and lead us in a time of rededication to our personal and professional ministries.

If this sounds like an event that would be encouraging to you, you are very welcome to participate. There is no cost, but we ask that you bring non-perishable food and other pantry items (such as cereal, oatmeal, rice, beans, canned fruit and soup) to share with **Community of Good Neighbors** in Buffalo ([www.cgnbuffalo.com](http://www.cgnbuffalo.com)).



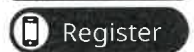


Only **01** **14** away!  
Months Days

# Life Transitions<sup>2</sup>

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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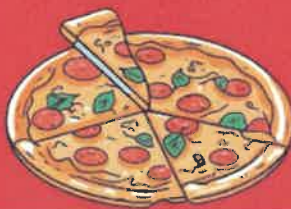
Grades K-6  
**STEAM Night**

5:30-7PM  
FELLOWSHIP ROOM



Grades 7-12  
**Make Your Own Pizza Night**

6-8PM  
FELLOWSHIP ROOM



Thurs.  
**20**  
Feb.

**PLEASE RSVP**  
[BIT.LY/HTYOUTHRSVP](https://bit.ly/htyouthrsvp)



# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* "Lobe Den Herren"

ELW 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

# SERMON HYMN

*Thy Holy Wings* "Bred Dina Vida Vingar"

ELW 613



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We Know That Christ Is Raised* "Engelberg"

ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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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.  
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