



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 23, 2025
Seventh 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.



Please see back page for AED Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

PRELUDE

(8:30)

Improvisation on 'Great Day'

Kristen Pomietlarz

(10:30)

Retrospection

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign "Duke Street"

ELW 434

PASTORAL GREETING

(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.

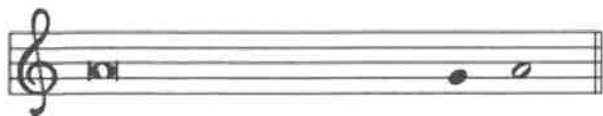
(10:30) Please stand or sit as you are able.

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.

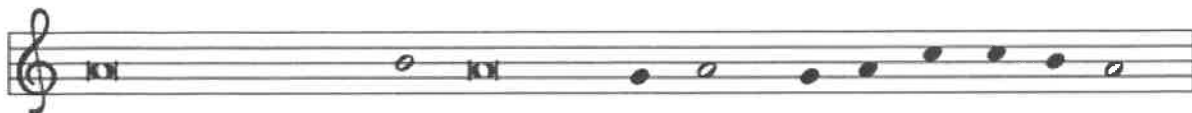
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



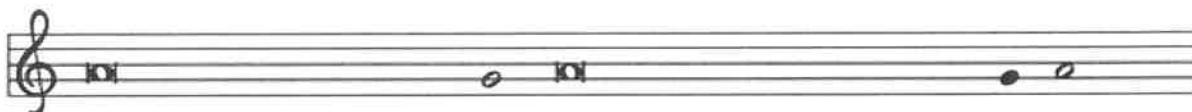
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

keyrain

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.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Genesis, the 45th Chapter.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.

¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Laudate...

Text: Psalm 117 and 96

Rihards Dubra
(b.1964)

Vox Lusciniae
Brian Stevens, *conductor*

O praise the Lord, all ye nations.
O clap your hands all ye people,
rejoice in our God with a voice of exultation.
O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

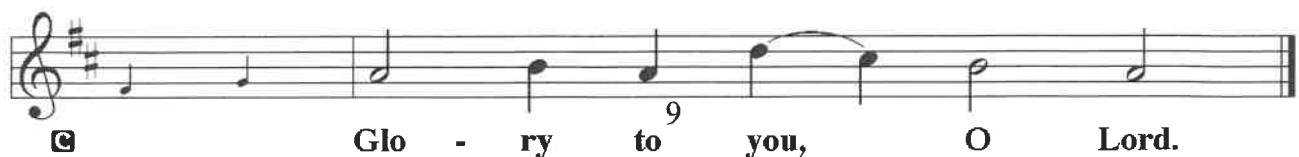
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

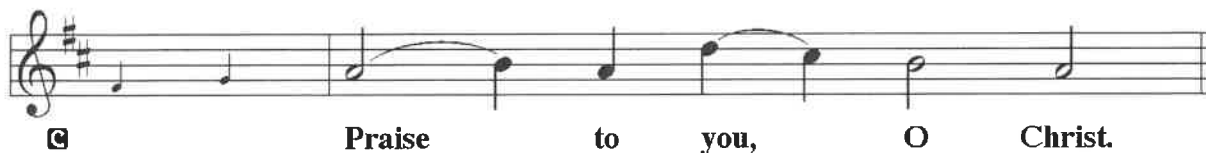


Jesus said: ²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken “Merton”

ELW 603

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.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love as we honor the 5th birthday of Austin Byrne and the birthday of Darold Wobschall, through today's flower dedications. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities and watch over all your children, especially Gracelyn and Maddison. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us, especially Arthur Pellnat and Ruth Hoffman. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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



(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

I Hear Music in the Air

Carl MaultsBy

Text: Based on the Spirituals *I Will Trust in the Lord* and *Up Above My Head* (b. 1949)

Vox Luscinae
Brian Stevens, *conductor*

Up above my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Up above my head, I hear praying in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Up above my head, I hear singing in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

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

Steal Away

Text: Traditional American Spiritual

arr. Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)

Vox Luscinae
Brian Stevens, *conductor*

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.

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 of Glory, You Have Bought Us “Hyfrydol”

ELW 707

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on ‘Great Day’

Adolphus Hailstork

(b. 1941)



*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 – Environment

With spring cleaning just around the corner, we would like to remind everyone to donate gently used clothing or furniture to any of our local second hand stores. For a review of eco-friendly cleaning products google National Geographic: the best natural cleaning products for your home.

Music Notes

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

The organ prelude is a whimsical piece by Florence Price called *Retrospection* (also known as *Elf on a Moonbeam*.) Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

Vox Lusciniae, our guest choir in-residence this weekend, is a newly-formed treble choir based in Buffalo, NY and directed by Dr. Brian M. Stevens. Their mission is to support contemporary and innovative music for treble voices. “Vox Lusciniae” means voice of the nightingale. A nightingale has among the widest variety of vocalizations. They can combine different sounds to form unique melodies, often unique to each individual bird. Nightingales symbolize renewal, creation, and the coming of spring.

Vox Lusciniae sings two pieces based on spirituals. First, a setting of *Steal Away* by English composer Malcolm Archer. The song was composed by Wallace Willis and his daughter Minerva Willis, slaves of a Choctaw, freedman in the old Indian Territory, sometime before 1862. *I Hear Music in the Air* by Carl MaultsBy is based on the spirituals *I Will Trust in the Lord* and *Up Above My Head*. Carl Maultsby (b. 1949) is an African-American composer, arranger, conductor, organist, keyboardist, singer, and author. Carl MaultsBy is a diverse composer working in musical theatre, film, television, records, and cultural media.

The organ postlude is Adolphus Hailstork’s toccata on the African-American spiritual *Great Day*. Hailstork’s use of lively and driving rhythms capture the spirited optimism of this spiritual. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) received his doctorate in composition from Michigan State University, where he was a student of H. Owen Reed. Dr. Hailstork has written across a variety of genres, producing works for chorus, solo voice, solo piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, and orchestra. Dr. Hailstork has received honorary doctorates from the Manhattan School of Music, Michigan State University, and the College of William and Mary. He resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he is professor emeritus at Old Dominion University.

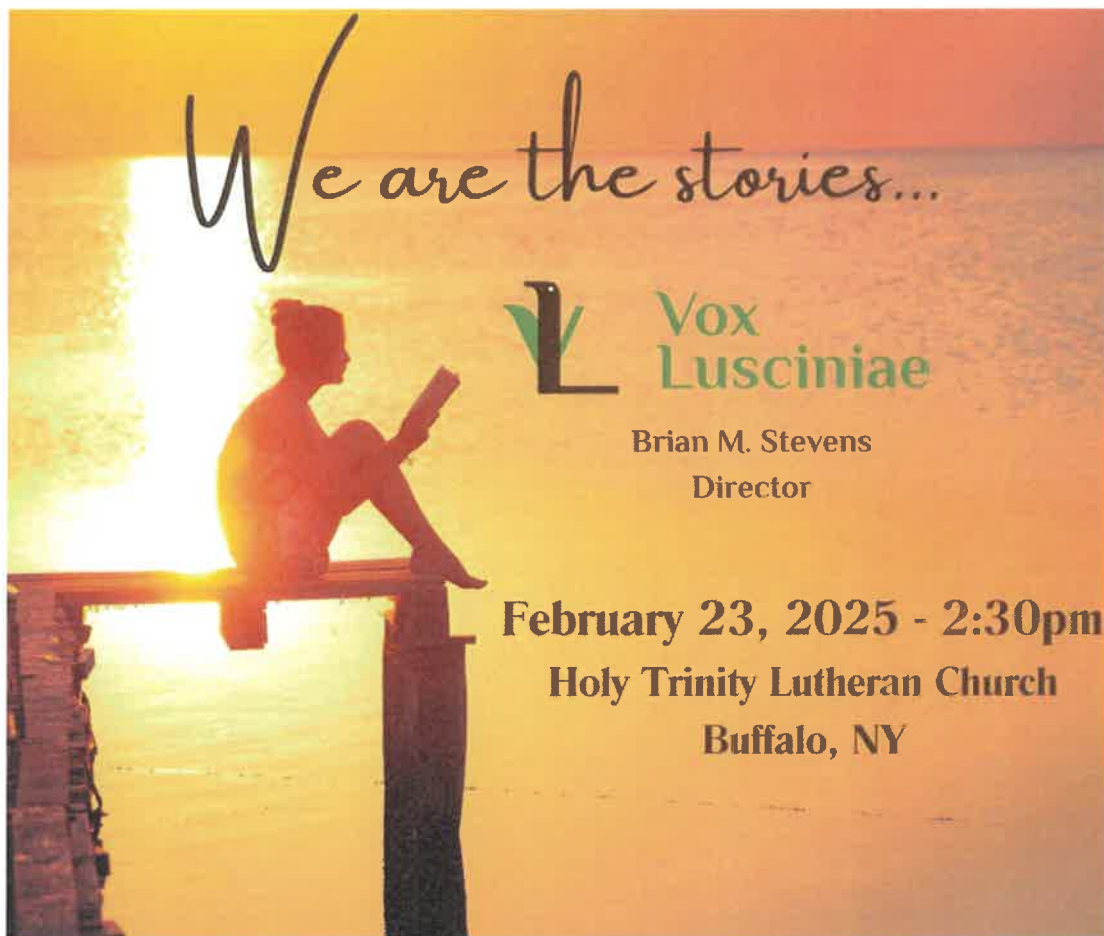
We are thrilled to announce Vox Lusciniae's concert
today at 2:30pm!

“We are the stories...”

This inspiring and exciting program focuses on the myriad of ways each thread
of our stories unfolds and intertwines with those of so many others to weave a
vast tapestry through time.

Our concert will feature world premieres by Canadian composer Gerda
Blok-Wilson and American composer Robin McLaughlin Conine, as well as
pieces by Mårten Jansson, Melissa Dunphy, Laura Jēkabsone,
Marie-Claire Saindon, Don Macdonald, Rihards Dubra,
Katerina Gimon, and Jocelyn Hagen.

We hope to see you all there to take this journey with us and to celebrate the
music of these incredible contemporary composers from around the world!



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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/Council Installation (MC)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 2:30 pm Vox Lusciniae Concert (MC)

MONDAY, February 24, 2025

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

TUESDAY, February 25, 2025

- 1:00 pm Explore Buffalo Tour
- 6:30 pm Council Dinner and Meeting (FR)

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2025

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis (MC)

THURSDAY, February 27, 2025

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

SUNDAY, February 23, 2025 – Transfiguration 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 Parkside

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 Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Avery Best.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Karen Maricle. Reader is Paul Biesinger. 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 Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist, and Maia Leiser.

Collection Counters are Peter Bergenstock, Claire Carmer and Ron Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Arthur O. Pellnat. Happy 94th birthday from Ron Pellnat; and

In Honor of my first great grandson, Austin Valor Byrne's 5th birthday by Thomas W. Johnson; and

In Honor of Ruth Hoffman and happy birthday to Darold Wobschall by the Hoffman Family.

Council Treasurer Karen Maricle 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 Gracelyn and Maddison Becker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY: Classes resume tomorrow and 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.

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

- Check the master order list to confirm we have all items
- Take flats/plants off the delivery trays
- Organize the items by category
- Assemble items by order
- Confirm all orders are filled
- Help with distribution
- Plant flowers in the church garden beds

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jen Yap, Elizabeth Vihnanek or the church office.

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.



LUTHERAN CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER will be held on Friday, May 2 at 6:00pm at Ripa's Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$60 per person. Join us for this special event as we congratulate our own Jen Yap who will be receiving The Maji Award Award. **Please register and pay online by March 20** at www.wnylutherancharities.org. Please call the church office with any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available- March 9 and March 30, 2025. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at mmarylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

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



2025 Lenten and Easter Worship

Ash Wednesday, March 5

- 7:30–9:00 am Ashes on the Run on Main Street in front of HT
12:00 pm Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes with Choir

Lenten Supper and Study (Thursdays 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10)

- 6:00 pm Soup and bread supper and discipleship conversation
The same themes will be the subject of Monday Bible Study

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir
10:30 am Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 12:00 pm Holy Communion/stripping of the altar
7:00 pm Holy Communion/stripping of the altar w/Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18

- 12:00 pm Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 8:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Team
10:00 a.m. Pre-service music
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

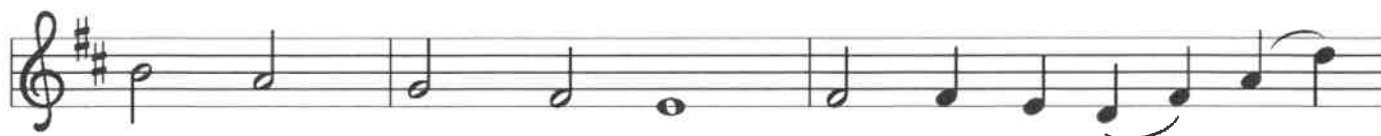
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign "Duke Street"

ELW 434



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



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



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

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

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

SERMON HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken "Merton"

ELW 603



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us "Hyfrydol"

ELW 707



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.
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