



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration 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.



Please see back page for AED Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

PRELUDE

Metamorphosis Two

Philip Glass
(b. 1937)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Beautiful Savior "Schönster Herr Jesu"

ELW 838

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

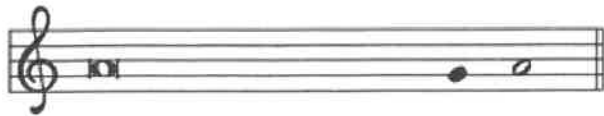
God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

(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.



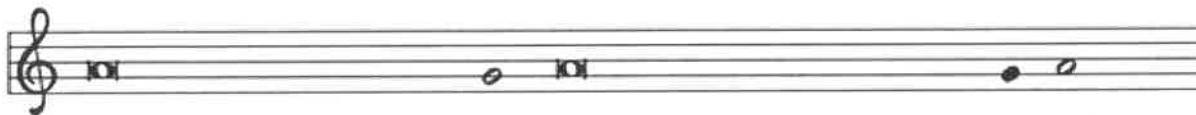
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



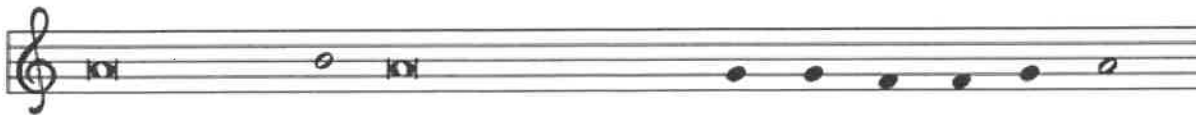
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



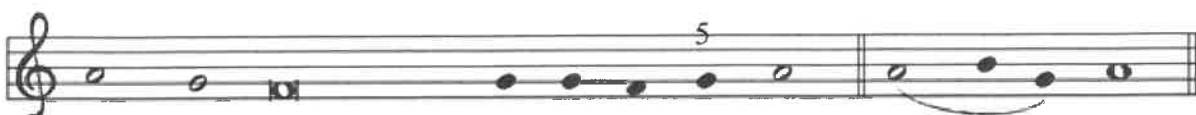
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Exodus 34:29-35

The first reading for the Transfiguration of Our Lord is recorded in Exodus, the 34th Chapter.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE DUET

Licht und Liebe D. 352

Text: Matthäus Karl von Collin (1779-1824)

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*
Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Love is a sweet light.
Just as the Earth makes its way towards the Sun
And towards those bright stars
In the wide blue distance,
So the heart pushes itself towards the bliss of love;
For it is a sweet light.

High in that quiet holy of holies, look at how
Those bright stars are shining up there;
They are fleeing from the Earth, those dark,
Gloomy veils of mist, full of melancholy.
Oh no! but how similarly gloomy
I feel deep in my soul,
Which once blossomed with joys
But has now become lonely, without love.

Love is a sweet light.
Just as the Earth makes its way towards the Sun
And towards those bright stars
In the wide blue distance,
So the heart pushes itself towards the bliss of love;
For it is a sweet light.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Prayer for Transfiguration Day

Text: Traditional collect, adapted

John Weaver
(1937-2021)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles.
In the voice that came from the bright cloud
you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings.
O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 3rd and 4th Chapters.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness,

¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day

whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected

in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

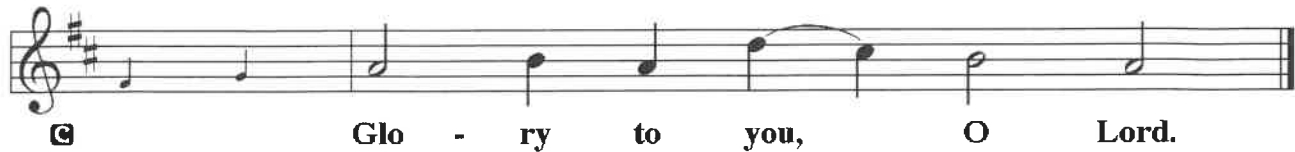
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



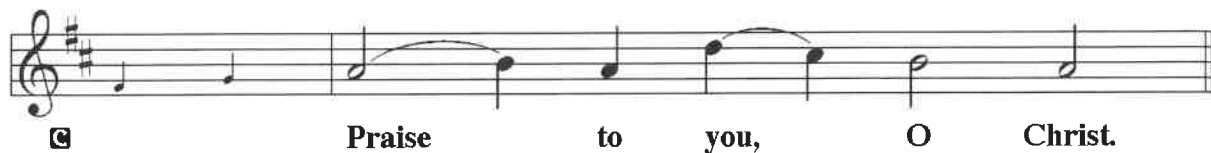
GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! “Potsdam”

ELW 315

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.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. Watch over all your children, especially Avery and Clayton. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people especially Karl Huber, Sr., Elaine Fuhlbruck, Melissa and Aaron who we remember through today's flower dedication. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. 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



(8:30)

THE SOLO

Prayer from Night Songs

Text: Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

H. Leslie Adams
(b. 1932)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

I ask you this: Which way to go?
I ask you this: Which sin to bear?
Which crown to put Upon my hair?
I do not know, Lord God, I do not know.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Heidi Schneider, *soprano*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine...

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine...

My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine...

Hallelujah, children! I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine!

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

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

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

Licht und Liebe D. 352

Text: Matthäus Karl von Collin (1779-1824)

Franz Schubert

(1797-1828)

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Please find the text printed on page 8 of this worship bulletin.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677, Tr.

Silesian Folk Song

Arr. F. Melius Christiansen

(1871-1955)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

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

Thy Strong Word “Ebenezer”

ELW 511 (vs. 1, 4-6)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Metamorphosis Three

Philip Glass

(b. 1937)



*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 our outgoing church leadership
and to everyone who was elected to serve on council
for the coming years. May God bless your time and dedication
to help our congregation thrive and be a blessing to all who enter.

Music Notes

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord.

Transfiguration - a great change of form or appearance, especially a change that beautifies, glorifies, or makes more spiritual.

Metamorphosis - a change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one, by natural or supernatural means.

The Prelude and Postlude this week will be *Metamorphosis Two* and *Three* by Phillip Glass (b.1937). Glass is an American composer and pianist, widely regarded as one of the most influential composers of the late 20th century. Glass's work has been associated with “minimalism” where musical ideas are built up from repetitive phrases, shifting patterns and layers of sound and color. The postlude ends in a minor key and fades away to a quiet and meditative state, preparing us to meet next on Ash Wednesday and the ensuing 40 days of Lent.

A few quotes from Phillip Glass:

“The problem with listening, of course, is that we don't. There's too much noise going on in our heads, so we never hear anything. The inner conversation simply never stops. It can be our voice or whatever voices we want to supply, but it's a constant racket. In the same way we don't see, and in the same way we don't feel, we don't touch, we don't taste.”

“I am fascinated by repetition because it allows music to explore different dimensions and reveal hidden complexities.”

“Music has the power to transcend barriers and bring people together in a way that words alone cannot.”

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 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)
- 11:30 am Confirmation Class at Parkside

MONDAY, March 3, 2025

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

TUESDAY, March 4, 2025

- 12:00 pm Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 pm Burrito Project at Zion
- 6:00 pm Vocalis (MC)

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025 *Ash Wednesday*

- 7:30 am Ashes on the Run
- 12:00 pm Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes (CH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes (MC)

THURSDAY, March 6, 2025

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

SATURDAY, March 8, 2025

- 9:30 am Buffalo Choral Arts Society rehearsal (MC)
- 10:00 am Fellowship and Hospitality Committee Meeting (RH)

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025 – First Sunday in Lent

- 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)
- 12:00 pm Piano recital (MC)
- 3:00 pm Buffalo Choral Arts Society Concert (MC)

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 Angela Keppel. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Daniel Culross. 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 Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Neil Kattermann and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Honor of my father, Karl B. Huber, Sr., born on March 7, 1914 from Guy Huber; and

In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck and her grandchildren, Melissa and Aaron from their Family.

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 Avery and Clayton Best.



I would like to thank everyone who sent me a card,
called or texted me when I was laid up with a broken leg.

Your kind thoughts and healing prayers meant a lot to me as I healed.

See you soon! God bless you all!

Martha Kryszczuk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins this week. There are several occasions to receive your ashes. The pastors will be on Main Street from 7:30am to 9am for Ashes on the Run where you can simply drive in front of the church to receive your ashes. We will also hold two services; one at 12:00pm in the Chapel and the other at 7:00pm in the main Sanctuary, joined by our choir.

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. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jen Yap, Elizabeth Vihnanek or 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. **Please register and pay online by March 20** at www.wnylutherancharities.org. Please call the church office with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE will be meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 am in Redeemer Hall. All are welcome to attend.

JOIN THE HT NEEDLERS Gathering at noon Tuesday, March 4, in the Fellowship Room. Bring a lunch and enjoy the fellowship! We will be viewing and discussing the video (first in the series) on FAITHFULNESS: Faith where you are: Ruth and Naomi. Ruth chooses to remain part of Naomi's family, even after Naomi has lost everything – including her husband and sons. This intergenerational story of faithfulness during emptiness and sorrow helps us learn how to rely on God in bleak times.

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. 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. We look forward to seeing you for this important conversation.



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 date is available - March 9. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

CONCERT: Buffalo Choral Arts Society with chamber orchestra presents Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* on Sunday, March 9 at 3:00pm at Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$20, students and veterans \$10. Tickets are available at the door or at BuffaloChoralArts.org



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



The HT Youth Ministry Committee has been working hard to offer a variety of youth events over the past few months. Attendance at these events has varied and we would like to hear from families about how we are/are not meeting the needs of our youth. Your feedback is important and will help guide this ministry forward. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us regarding the activities, scheduling, and communication of HT Youth events.

A graphic with a dark red background and a white wavy border. At the top center is the HT YOUTH logo. Below it, the text reads: 'Have youth in your life? We want to hear from you!' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath is the text 'Help shape Holy Trinity's Youth Ministry!' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the QR code is an icon of two speech bubbles, one solid and one dashed, with three stars inside the solid bubble. To the right is a QR code with the 'bitly' logo at the bottom right corner. At the bottom center is the URL 'bit.ly/HTYouthSurvey' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the survey or youth events, please reach out to Christina Ruggeri (christina.ruggeri@holyltrinitybuffalo.org).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Beautiful Savior "Schönster Herr Jesu"

ELW 838



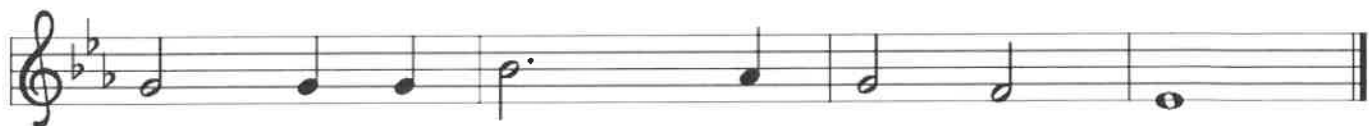
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

SERMON HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! "Potsdam"

ELW 315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thy Strong Word "Ebenezer"

ELW 511 (vs. 1, 4-6)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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