



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.

We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

Connection Card

The Connection Card insert gives you a direct connection to the leaders and ministry at Holy Trinity. Ask questions, share prayer requests, and find out more about the ministry here. Please return the top portion in the offering plate or to an usher.



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INTRODUCTION

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE

Saraband (in modo elegiaco) from Six Pieces

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World "Temple of Peace"

ELW 726

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Wash me through and through, Part I (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion, blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

O let your ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

Have mercy on me, O God, for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Cleanse me from all my sin and wash me pure as the snow and make me to hear
of joy and gladness, that the body which you have broken may rejoice.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 55th Chapter.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

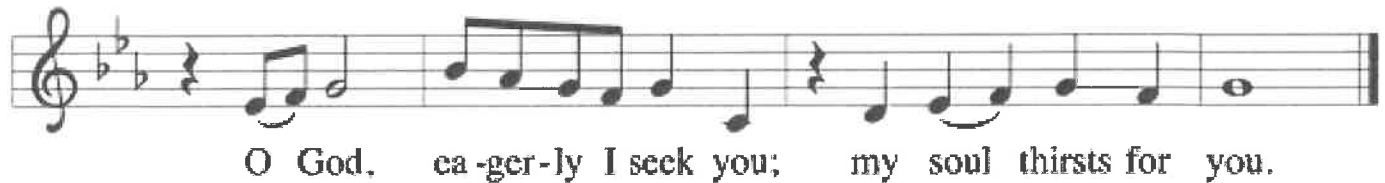
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 63:1-8

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain (“R”).



Psalm 63:1

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¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there | is no water.

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.

³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴ So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name. **R**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷ For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸ My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast. **R**

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The second reading for today is recorded in
1st Corinthians, the 10th Chapter.

¹I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ” ”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me “Kelvingrove”

ELW 798

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Watch over all your children, especially Annabelle and Noah. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended, especially Randall Smith, Marie Smith and Sally Patterson who we remember through today's flower dedications. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING



(8:30)

THE SOLO

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual

arr. Mark Hayes

(b. 1953)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

Wade in the water,
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.

Down in the valley, down on my knees.
Wade in the water.
Askin' my Lord to save me please,
Wade in the water.

Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke,
Wade in the water.
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke,
Wade in the water.

I heard a rumblin' up in the sky,
Wade in the water.
Must-a been Jesus passin' by,
Wade in the water.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

When I Was Sinkin' Down

Old American Hymn

arr. Hall Johnson

(1888–1970)

When I was sinkin' down, oh my soul, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
What wondrous love is this, oh my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of Bliss
to send His precious peace to my soul.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,

opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,

deepen our commitment to sharing those

treasures with others,


through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.


OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart "Hillert"


ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

...

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

The Shepherd

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

How sweet is the Shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day
And his tongue shall be fillèd with praise.

For he hears the lamb's innocent call
And he hears the ewe's tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace
For they know when their Shepherd is nigh.

(10:30)

Sicut Cervus

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

Just as a hart desires to find a wellspring where from to quench his thirst,
so my soul also longs for Thee, O Lord, who art our God.

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.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 618

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

*The services conclude with the ringing of the bells
throughout the Lenten season.*



*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

Thank you to the Worship Committee for reducing
the amount of paper needed in our weekly bulletin
by not including the hymns anymore.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 23, 2025 – Third 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)

MONDAY, March 24, 2025

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

TUESDAY, March 25, 2025

- 10:00 am HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 1:00 pm Explore Buffalo Tour
- 6:30 pm Council Dinner and Meeting (FR)

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025

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

THURSDAY, March 27, 2025

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper and Study (FR)
- 6:00 pm Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, March 29, 2025

- 8:30 am Life Transitions Workshop Part 2 (RH)

SUNDAY, March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

CH = Mansperger Chapel

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study

SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

RH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room

At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Peterson.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Kathy Crissey-Biesinger. Reader is Marty Bauer. 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 Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser, Killian Brown.

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

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Randall F. Smith and Marie E. Smith from Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones; and

In Loving Memory of our mother Sally Patterson from Kathy Crissey-Biesinger and Family.

Council Vice-President Kathy Crissey-Biesinger will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Annabelle and Noah Bork.



2025 Lenten and Easter Worship

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

6:00 pm Soup and bread supper and discipleship conversation
“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” God’s words to Isaiah are God’s words to us. We find wholeness and strength when we ground ourselves in our source of life and live as God created us to live, with authenticity and integrity. During this series, we’ll consider the life we are already living by God’s grace, as individuals and as a congregation, and discuss how we can embody that life more authentically.

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/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
9:45 a.m. Pre-service music
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with
Choir, Brass, Harp and Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.** 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

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 using the QR code or calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you.



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 at www.wnylutherancharities.org.

BURRITO PROJECT: Our next Burrito Project event is Tuesday, April 1 starting at 5:30. We will assemble and distribute over 100 burritos to anyone who is hungry. A typical evening follows this schedule:

5:30pm: prepare ingredients and assemble burritos

7pm: load burritos and other items into cars

7:30pm: park near the main bus station and distribute burritos and other items

9pm (or earlier): return to church for clean up.

Join us for all activities, or just a portion of the evening as your schedule permits.

BLESSING BAGS COLLECTION: Since many of you have asked to have more of these bags made to share with others, during this Lenten season we are asking Holy Trinity members and friends to contribute items so that Blessing Bags can be made available to those who are in need in our communities. The following items will be collected thru Easter Sunday and can be placed at Kahler's Korner (located near the church office beneath Dr. Kahler's portrait): water bottles, granola type nutrition bars, cheese and cracker packets, toothbrush kits, wet wipes, small tissue packs, lip balms, small hand sanitizers and bandages. If you can, please donate any of these items. We also hope to collect \$5 gift cards from Wendy's, McDonald's or Tim Horton's to place in each bag. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. We will assemble the bags during coffee hour on Sunday, May 4 for you to take and distribute whenever you see a need.

MEMORIAL BRICK Dedications are available. Our fountain terrace is the space on our north lawn alongside Main Street and provides a gathering space for the community all around us. Memorial Bricks may be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be found on the tables at the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

NEW MEMBERS' & INQUIRERS' CLASS: Are you considering becoming a member at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jeff welcomes you to a conversation about Lutheranism, Christianity, and membership on Sunday, May 18 at 12:30pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Those who would like to join will be received into membership on Sunday, June 1. If you have questions or would like to attend this engaging class, please contact the church office at info@holytrinitybuffalo.org or 716-886-2400.

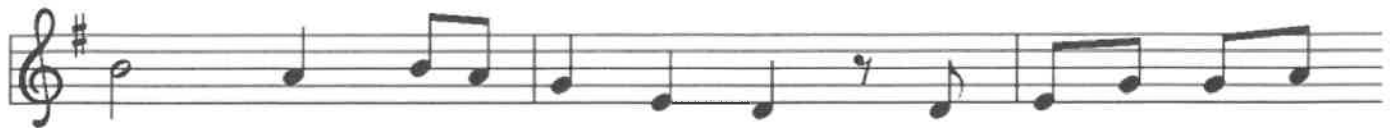
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: If you have a child who has not received First Communion, Pastor Jeff is planning a First Communion class. We have tentatively scheduled the class for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall, and the tentative date for them to receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 18, at the 10:30am service. These dates will be firmed up over the next few weeks. We ask that at least one parent, godparent, or grandparent attend. To register or for questions, please contact the church office at info@holytrinitybuffalo.org or 716-886-2400.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World "Temple of Peace"

ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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SERMON HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me "Kelvingrove"

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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