



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 6, 2025
Fifth 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

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDE

Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott BWV 721

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus "Lasset uns mit Jesu Ziehen"

ELW 802

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.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 III (1980)

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

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the watchmen in the night.
Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

With the Lord there is plenteous redemption,
he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
Give me the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 43rd Chapter.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 126

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



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Psalm 126:5

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- ¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”
- ³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴ Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. **R**
- ⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶ Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. **R**

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 3rd Chapter.

Paul writes: ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

In Christ There Is No East or West "McKee"

ELW 650

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.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. Watch over all your children, especially Madalyn and Killian. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need, especially Doug Lloyd and Clyde Terry, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. We honor Leah Behrens as we celebrate her birthday through today's flower dedications. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. 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

Hear My Prayer, O Lord from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99, No. 6 Antonín Dvořák
Text: Psalm 61 and 63 (1841-1904)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Hear my pray'r, O Lord give ear unto my cry.
Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies.
I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.
Lord ! Though art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early.
My soul is faint, my body longeth,
longeth after Thee in a barren desert where there is no water.
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in pray'r and adoration;
yea, my lips will praise Thee all my life long.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears Robert Graham
Text: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650) (1912-1992)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace:
cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears,
nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears. Amen.

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.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Edward Boatner (1898-1981)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim's journey,
Lord, I want Jesus, to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me,
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus, to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me,
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus, to walk with me.

(10:30)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Arr. Ralph A. Harris

Tim Flynn, *bass*
Amie Adams, *soprano descant*

When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less “The Solid Rock”

ELW 596

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 – Near

Thank you to our Chancel Choir who collaborated
with the Westminster Choir to perform the
very beautiful and moving "Considering Matthew Shepard"
composition that was enjoyed by a large
audience on March 21.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, April 6, 2025 – Fifth 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 Confirmation Class at HT (FR)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)

MONDAY, April 7, 2025

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

TUESDAY, April 8, 2025

- 7:00 pm Executive Meeting (FR)

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
- 7:00 pm Personnel Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, April 10, 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)

SUNDAY, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

- 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 Uli MacDonald. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tony Lizauckas.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Sally Pellnat. Reader is Paul Biesinger. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matthew Brown, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist, Maia Leiser.

Collection Counters are Darlene Carden, Claire Carmer and Tom Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given
In Honor of my daughter Leah Behrens' birthday on April 1 by
Thomas Johnson.

Council member Sally Pellnat 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 Madalyn and Killian Brown.



2025 Lenten and Easter Worship

Lenten Supper and Study (Thursday 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

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: A funding raising initiative has been established to support Fellowship Coffee Hour in conjunction with Upstate Bottle Return located at 4730 Broadway St. Depew. We have 4 collection boxes located in the church for your convenience while attending services. Larger donations may be dropped off at Upstate. Just state that you are donating to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. A drive will be held on May 17 during the plant sale pick up. Additionally pick up at your home available upon request. Please contact Sally Pellnat for further information. (Note this is for returnable deposit cans and bottles only, not recyclables.) Go to <https://upstatebottlereturn.com> for more information and locations.

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 8 (please note date change).** 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 scheduled the class for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall, and the date for them to receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 18, at the 10:30am service. 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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Does the current political/social/economic situation have you confused? anxious? angry? hopeful? Starting on Monday, April 28, Dave Ulrich will try to make some sense of the current trends and provide some historical parallels to the current events and trends. A series of probably three weeks is anticipated. Programs start at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

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.

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



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.

HOLY TRINITY MEMBERS CAN SAVE LIVES
THE HT CARE TEAM IS SPONSORING A BLOOD DRIVE
WITH CONNECT LIFE ON SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025
FROM 9AM TO 1PM (FELLOWSHIP ROOM)

To sign up, scan the QR Code or call 716-529-4270
OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code:001673



All May blood donors will receive a pair of flex tickets
to a Bisons home game.

PICTURE ID WILL BE NEEDED

GET THE FACTS:

- 1 in 7 people entering a hospital needs blood
- Someone in the U.S. needs blood every 2 seconds
 - 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 LIVES

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Sixteen year olds need parent permission slip
 - Minimum weight – 120 lbs
- Minimum age 17 (16 with signed parent permission form)
- Maximum age 75 – if older, you may donate after medical history is taken at the donation site – some donors are 90+
- When signing up, pick a time (15 minute intervals) – give your full name, email, and phone number

See HT Care Team members for more information

Kathy Crissey-Biesinger, Linda Horton, Donna Leiser, Marilyn Miller,
Millie Nikischer, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Rich, Barb Wozniak, Pat Ulrich

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus "Lasset uns mit Jesu Ziehen"

ELW 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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SERMON HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West "McKee"

ELW 650



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

RECESSIONAL HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less "The Solid Rock"

ELW 596



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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