



*Blessed is the One
who comes in the
name of the Lord!*

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

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

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY GREETING

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor “Valet Will Ich Dir Geben”

ELW 344

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

Ride on, King Jesus!

African-American Spiritual
arr. Bruce Trinkleley

(Refrain) Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can a-hinder me.
I was but young when I begun, No man can a-hinder me;
But now my race is almost done, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man can a-hinder me.
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*
If you want to find your way to God, No man can a-hinder me,
The gospel highway must be trod, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*

THE ANTHEM (10:30)

Ride on, King Jesus!

African-American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

(Refrain) Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun, No man, no, can a-hinder thee;
But now my race is almost done, No man, no, can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*
He's the King, and the Lord of all. No man can a-hinder thee.
Jesus is the first and He's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 2nd Chapter.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 31:9-16

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




Psalm 31:5

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- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones | are consumed.
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. **R**
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- ¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.
- ¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

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 22:1-6

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

¹Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

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 Let Me Be Your Servant “The Servant Song”

ELW 659

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.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ’s passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially Jimmy Bigham, and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. We honor the children and grandchildren of Richard Lee through today's flower dedications. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence, especially Doug Lloyd, and Rudolf and Elizabeth Rick. 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



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

God Be In My Head

Text: Old English Prayer

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: Luke 22:7-16

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰Listen, he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION: Luke 22:17-20

¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

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 Palms (Les Rameaux)

Jean-Baptiste Faure
(1830–1914)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day, in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare; join all and sing, His name declare, Hosanna! Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might once more regain freedom from degradation. Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness are restored to light. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation. Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

(10:30)

Verily, Verily I Say Unto You

Thomas Tallis
(1505–1585)

Text: John 6:53-56

Verily, verily, I say unto you:

except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life;

and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus “St. Christopher”

ELW 338

THE PASSION BEGINS: Luke 22:21-23, 39-46

The congregation is invited to loudly proclaim the bold portions.

²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

³⁹ [Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴ In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” ⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴ they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁵ They kept heaping many other insults on him.

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³ Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

⁵ But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together,

“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting,

“Crucify, crucify him!”

²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts ...

“Crucify, crucify him!”

... and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

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 – Far

Kudos to HT member Elizabeth Vihnanek whose passionate desire to send a family in need a “farm” of animals through Lutheran World Relief resulted in \$540 raised from the Monday Morning Bible Study Group.

A family will receive two goats, two sheep, two piglets, one hen and six chicks. Your generosity is reaching people in need all over the world.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)

MONDAY, April 14, 2025

- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Choirs rehearsal (CH)

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2025

- 6:30 pm INCIPIO Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, April 17, 2025 *Maundy Thursday*

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (CH)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Choir (MC)
- 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MC)

FRIDAY, April 18, 2025 *Good Friday*

- 9:00 am Lilies delivered
- 12:00 pm Good Friday Service (CH)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service with Choir (MC)
- 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, April 19, 2025

- 9:00 am Lily set-up (MC)
- 11:00 am Easter rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Easter breakfast (RH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:45 am Preservice Music (MC)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)

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 Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Linda Horton. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistant is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Chancel Care member is Martha Kutas. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Karen Kolb and Ron Pellnat.

Many thanks to Assistant Conductor and Youth Choir Director Erin Alexander for leading both of our wonderful Chapel and Chancel choirs this Palm Sunday. Justin is away with the Amherst Central High School Concert Chorale for a concert at Carnegie Hall with National Concerts, led by composer-conductor Jake Runestad.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Rudolf and Elizabeth Rick by Martin and Helen Wright; and

In Honor of my children and grandchildren by Richard Lee.

Council President Linda Horton will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.



Holy Week and Easter Worship

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

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING: The Holy Trinity Property Committee will be hosting an Active Shooter Awareness session along with an Emergency Preparedness for Churches overview, on Sunday, April 27. This will take place following the 10:30 Service, in the main church. Once finished, there will be refreshments and light snacks available in Redeemer Hall. This event will last about 60 minutes. Dana Estrada will conduct the Active Shooter Awareness session. Dana is with the City of Buffalo, Citizen Services department. She is also affiliated with Niagara University. Pastor Steve Biegner, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville, will provide us with an overview on Emergency Preparedness for Churches. This will be an important event for our church's safety, especially for those serving as ushers. Thank you and we hope you make every effort to attend.

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.

FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: A fundraising 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.

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.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Does the current political/social/economic situation have you confused? anxious? angry? hopeful? Our next Bible Study will be Monday, April 28, when 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.

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a Cinco de Mayo coffee hour in Redeemer Hall, on May 4, after the 10:30 Service. Your favorite Mexican dishes and desserts will be available.

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).



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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor "Valet Will Ich Dir Geben"

ELW 344

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866. alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

SERMON HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant "The Servant Song"

ELW 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus "St. Christopher"

ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.
Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.
Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.
Coming from other areas of our building,
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