

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Celebrating our 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

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

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's  
creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender  
identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.  
We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space  
through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions,  
interpersonally and structurally.*

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

*Connection Card*

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



*Please see back page for AED Instructions*

## INTRODUCTION

*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

*Arabesque* Op. 31, No. 15 from *24 Pièces en style libre*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* "Victory"

ELW 366

## PASTORAL GREETING

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(10:30)

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

(10:30)

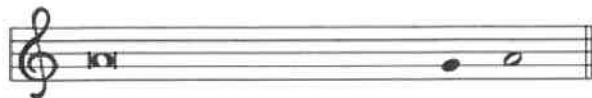
*Please stand or sit as you are able.*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

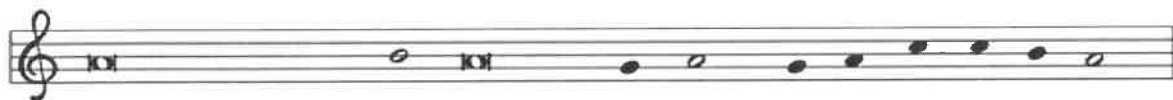
## KYRIE



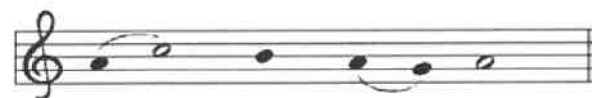
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



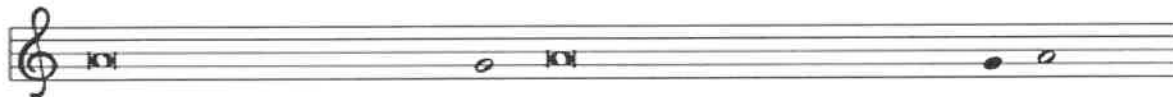
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



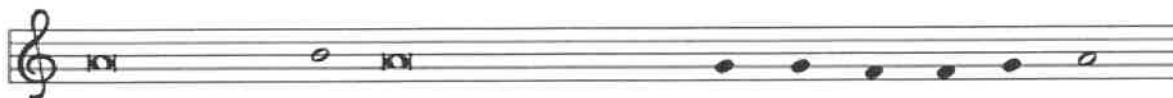
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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)

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32**

The first reading for the Second Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE DUET

*Regina coeli* Op. 45

Mélanie Hélène “Mel” Bonis  
(1858-1937)

Amie Adams and Nicole Brendel, *sopranos*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia,  
because He, whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
is risen as He had said, alleluia.  
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Delight and rejoice, Virgin Mary, alleluia,  
Because the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

## THE SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

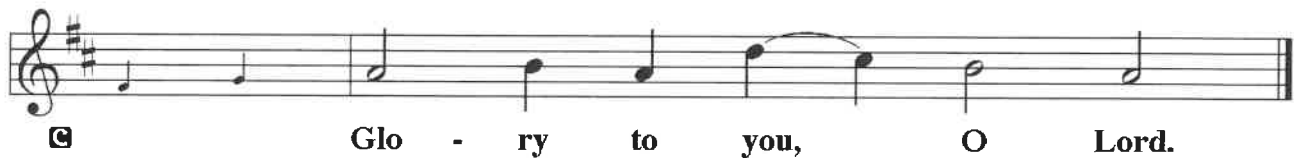
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”



<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*We Walk by Faith* “Dunlap's Creek”

WOV 675



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland. fl. 1816

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

**God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.**

*A brief silence.*

**Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people and watch over our children, especially Aislin and Alexander. We give you thanks for love as we celebrate the marriage this week of Kevin and Monica Ostempowski.**

**Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation.**

**Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way and especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... .

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places, especially Pope Francis, Arthur and Dorothy York, Layton and Viola Leiser and Margarita Saona, all who we remember through today's flower dedications. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERING



## THE DUET

*Duo des fleurs* (Flower Duet) from the opera *Lakmé*

Léo Delibes  
(1836-1891)

Amie Adams and Nicole Brendel, *sopranos*

Under the thick dome where the white jasmine with the roses entwined together  
On the river bank covered with flowers laughing in the morning, let us descend together!

Gently floating on its charming risings, on the river's current  
On the shining waves, one hand reaches,  
Reaches for the bank, where the spring sleeps,  
And the bird, the bird sings.

Under the thick dome where the white jasmine  
Ah! calling us together!

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Under the thick dome where the white jasmine  
Ah! calling us together!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Risen One,**

**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,**

**breathe your life into us,**

**and enliven us with this meal,**

**that we may live as your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

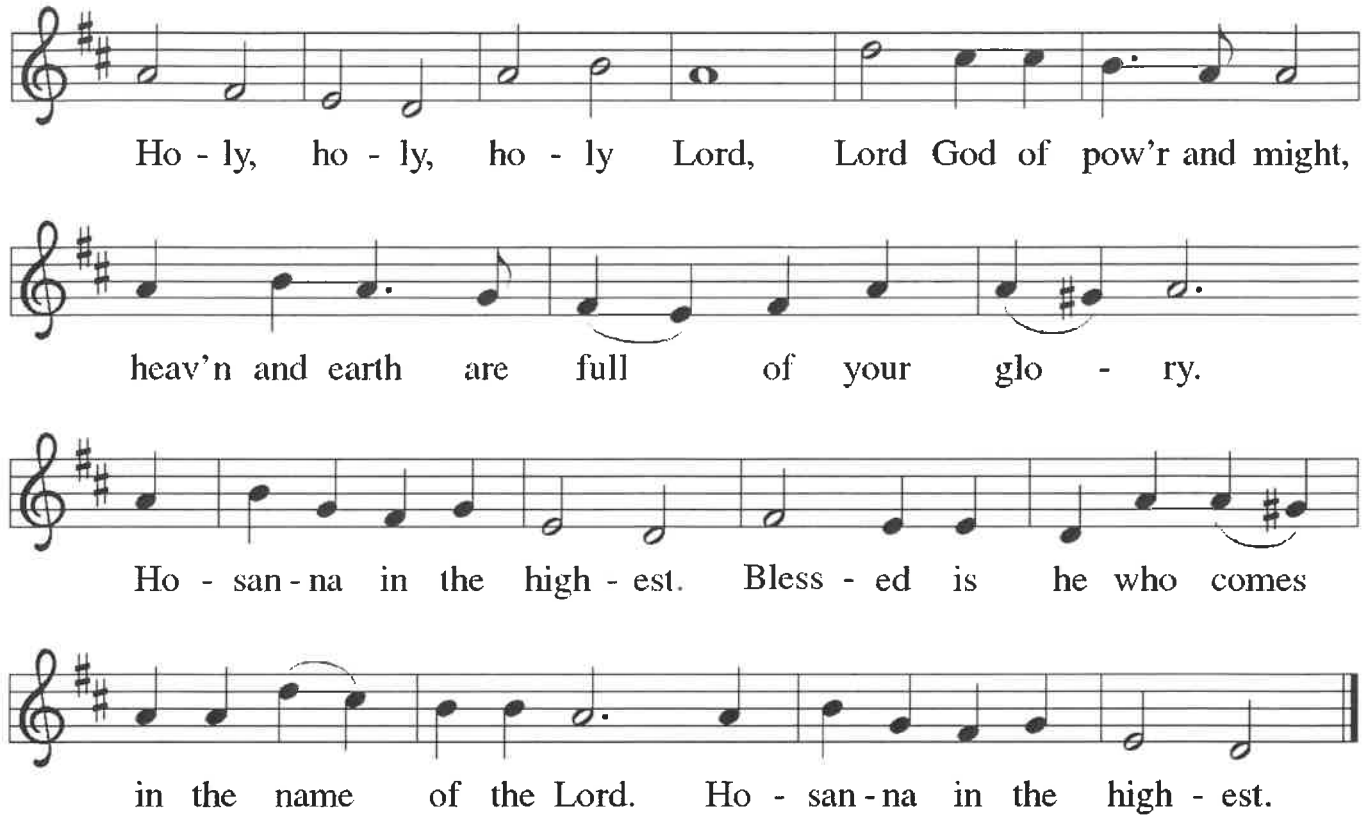
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

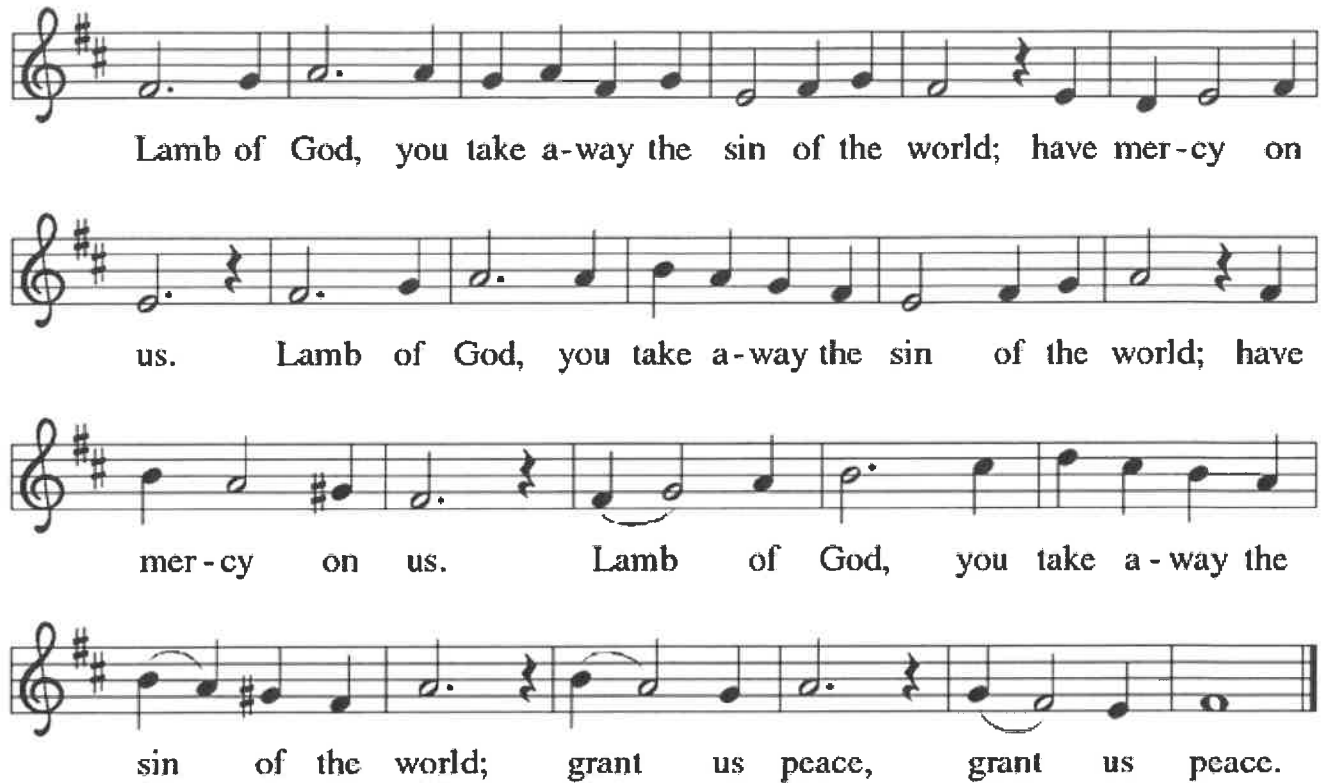
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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



*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.*

*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.

**Living One,**

**in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**

**Send us now to tell of your wonders,**

**sing of your glory,**

**and proclaim your risen life**

**to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with people who are unable to worship in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar to guide you. Please take a bulletin with you to be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.*

## **THE BENEDICTION**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection* “Ellacombe”

ELW 361

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Alleluias*

Robert Lau

(b. 1943)



*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.*

## Stewardship – Environment

Thank you to all from Holy Trinity who helped clean up trash  
during the Waterkeepers Spring Sweep on Unity Island.



Please join us after the 10:30 service in the main church for an Active Shooter Awareness session along with an Emergency Preparedness for Churches overview. 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.

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.

Once finished, there will be refreshments and light snacks available in Redeemer Hall. We encourage everyone to attend.

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 11:30 am Active Shooter Training (MC)
- 12:30 pm Coffee Hour (RH)

### **MONDAY, April 28, 2025**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 29, 2025**

- 10:00 am HT Cares Meeting (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2025**

- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

### **THURSDAY, May 1, 2025**

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 5:00 pm Choir Dinner (FR)
- 6:00 pm Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, May 2, 2025**

- 6:00 pm Lutheran Charities Dinner at Ripa's

### **SUNDAY, May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 am Blood Drive (FR)
- 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 St. Paul's
- 11:30 am Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 pm Blessing Bag Assembly (RH)

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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 Dave Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Tim Yap.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Martha Kryszczuk. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Elizabeth Vihnaneck. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

Collection Counters are Peter Bergenstock, Claire Carmer and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Arthur and Dorothy York by their families; and  
In Loving Memory of Layton and Viola Leiser by Ron and Donna Leiser; and

In Loving Memory of Raúl's mother, Margarita Saona, by Raúl and Karen Saona.

Council member Martha Kryszczuk 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 Aislin Campbell and Alexander Cialone.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** "History's Hundred Disorienting Days." Does the current political/social/economic situation have you confused? anxious? Angry? Hopeful? Starting 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. The series will run three or four weeks. The first topic is "Promises, Programs, Problems, and Prognostications." Programs start at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**HT WALKS TOGETHER:** Everyone is invited to join Uli MacDonald for a walk at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Saturday, May 10 at 11:00 am. We will meet at the parking lot next to the Forest Lawn Chapel. The walk will take about 1 hour, rain or shine.

**MEDITATION CLASS:** Please join Uli MacDonald for a 4 week beginner meditation class on Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21 and 28. The class will start at 7 pm and last about 45 minutes. Prerequisite: ability to sit comfortably for about 20 minutes. Please let the office know if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Clyde Terry's 94th birthday will be on May 5. He'd love to hear from his Holy Trinity friends and know we're thinking of him. There is a box of cards on the table near the entrance to church. Feel free to take a card and return it to the box by next Sunday, May 4. Angela Keppel will deliver the cards to him after church. Please see Angela for more information.

Alberta Matesick will be turning 100 years young on May 16. If you would like to send Alberta a card, her address is Canterbury Woods Gates Circle, 1 Gates Circle, Room 233, Buffalo, NY 14209.

**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.

**PLANT SALE:** The pick-up date for the annual plant sale will be Saturday, May 17 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. We will also be planting the church grounds that day. All are welcome to come and help with the planting and enjoy a hot dog lunch.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@holytrinitybuffalo.org) or 716-886-2400.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 9:00 am TO 1:00 pm (FELLOWSHIP ROOM)**

To sign up, scan the QR Code or call 716-529-4270  
OR visit [ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org](https://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 an HT Care Team member for more information:**

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

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* "Victory"

ELW 366



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!* "Ellacombe"

ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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**For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:**

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,  
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

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