



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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

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

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

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

Connection Card

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



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INTRODUCTION

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

PRELUDE

Offertorium

James MacMillan
(b. 1959)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thine Is the Glory “Judas Maccabaeus”

ELW 376

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 us 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)

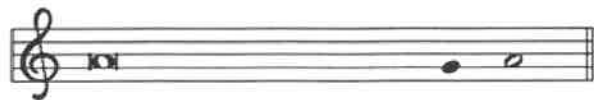
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GREETING

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.

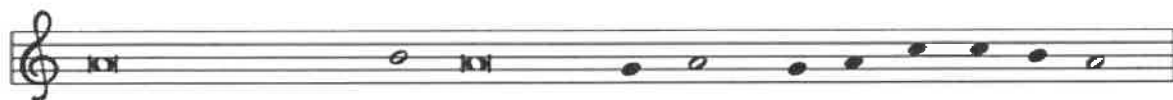
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



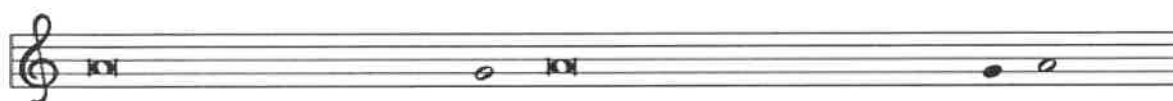
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



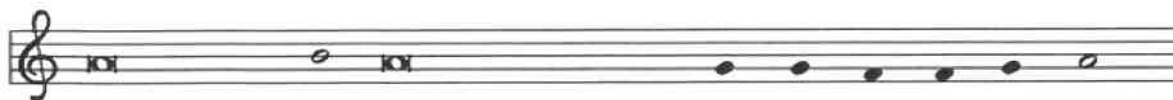
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

The first reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 9th Chapter.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

A Simple Song from *Mass*

Leonard Bernstein
(1918–1990)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Sing God a simple song: lauda, laude. Make it up as you go along: lauda, laude. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live all of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, lauda, lauda. And walks in His ways, I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing lauda, laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in His ways

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Exultate Deo

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

Sing joyfully to God our strength;
sing loud unto the God of Jacob!
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel,
the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
at the time appointed for our feast day.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 5th Chapter.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

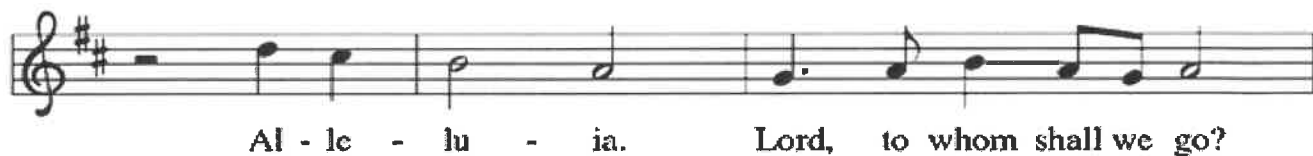
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

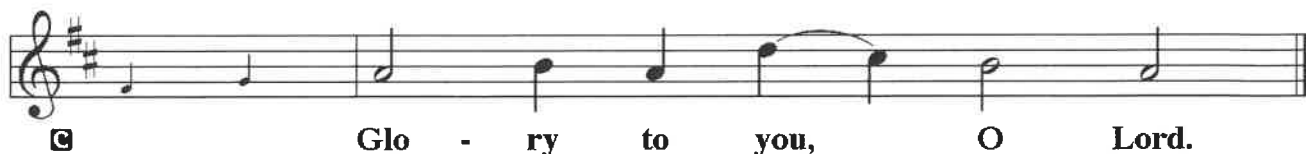
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

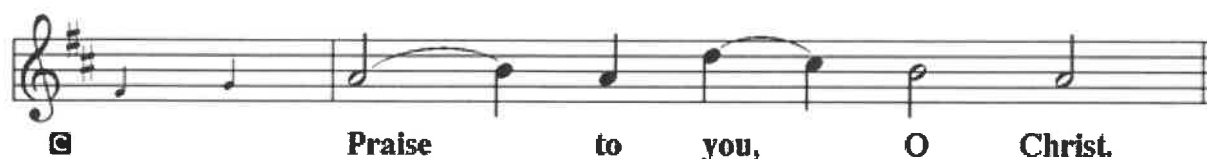


¹⁵ When [Jesus and his disciples] had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This “Wondrous Love”

ELW 666

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.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated and watch over our children, especially Carina and Tyler. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places especially Michael Bloos and Genevieve Kryszczuk, who we remember through today's flower dedications. We remember our recently departed, especially Loretta Moore, aunt of Johnetta Kenner. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day.

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



(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hall (altered) (1860-1935)

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee,
Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

His Light in Us

Kim André Arnesen

Text: Euan Francis Barclay Tait (b. 1968)

(b. 1980)

God's distant call flares in the night, so long expected, so longed for;
and all my life, Christ called my name, and now at last I'll answer Him.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us, incarnate, fragile, our Lord appears, alleluia, alleluia!
Eternal, so perfect, his cry of changeless love.

Alive, awake, His call is here: it is the crying of the Child;
I know Christ's call, its hidden flame, it makes my spirit flare with hope!

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

This root, this stem, this flowering love, this mustard seed, it grows to the greatest tree,
the birds of souls have nested there. The light of the night now blazes at dawn!

You've lead me here, O little child, your being singing with God's life.
The kingdom sings, it choirs with earth, all creation lives Christ's peace.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

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
and 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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord. Communion is received by "intinction" - you will be offered the wafer (gluten-free is available) and you dip the wafer into either the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).

Pre-filled communion cups are also available for those who prefer less physical contact. People who do not receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Please advise an usher if you would like the pastors to bring communion to you in your pew.

(10:30)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Text: Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hall (altered) (1860-1935)

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Please find the text printed on page 13 of this worship bulletin.

Alleluia from Psalmo Brasileiro

Text: Jorge de Lima (1893-1953)

Jean Berger
(1909-2002)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Alleluia, alleluia, O Lord!

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.

But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

We have no cymbals for your praise, no harps to praise you,
litanies for the mother of God.

Accept them, I implore you. I will dance and sing your praises!

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.

But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, O Lord!

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. 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 Church of Christ, in Every Age "Wareham"

ELW 729

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

Alleluia No. 1: Fanfare and Allegro

Jeffrey Allan Honoré
(b. 1956)



*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 a Cinco de Mayo coffee hour following the 10:30 Service.
Your favorite Mexican dishes and desserts will be available.*

*During the coffee hour today, the Blessing Bags will be assembled.
A big thank you to all who so generously donated
to this worthwhile project. Bags will be available
today after they are compiled and in baskets
at the entrances to the church next Sunday.*

Stewardship – Here

Thanks be to God for food!!

A special thank you to Mary Kay Atlas for providing delicious meals to our choir once a month and also to the Hospitality Team for having a Cinco De Mayo themed coffee hour today.

We would love to have you celebrate with us after the 10:30 service!

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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 (CR)
 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)

MONDAY, May 5, 2025

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

TUESDAY, May 6, 2025

12:00 pm Needlers (FR)
 5:30 pm Burrito Project at Zion
 6:00 pm Vox Luscinae rehearsal (MC)

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025

9:00 am Property Meeting (FR)
 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
 6:30 pm Vox Luscinae rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Meditation Class (FR)

THURSDAY, May 8, 2025

10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
 6:30 pm Vox Luscinae rehearsal (CH)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MC)
 7:00 pm Finance/Investment Meeting (FR)
 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, May 9, 2025

6:30 pm Vox Luscinae rehearsal (MC)

SATURDAY, May 10, 2025

9:00 am First Communion Class (RH)
 9:00 am Vox Luscinae rehearsal (MC)
 10:00 am Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting (FR)
 3:00 pm Vox Luscinae Concert (MC)

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

CH = Mansperger Chapel

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study

SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

RH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room

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

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

Collection Counters are Darlene Carden and Paul and Karen Bauchle.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Michael G. Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz and family; and

In Loving Memory of Genevieve Kryszczuk by Joe, Martha, Jim and Kara Kryszczuk.

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 Carina Culross and Tyler Castano.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Dave Ulrich will continue the series "History's Hundred Dis-orienting Days." Tomorrow's theme is "Institutional Destruction: Three MAGA Movements from History." The program will start at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

CONCERT: VOX LUSCINIAE with composer Katerina Gimon
Saturday, May 10 at 3:00 pm

Join Vox Luscinae (Brian Stevens, *conductor*) for an exciting afternoon of music celebrating the work of award-winning Canadian composer Katerina Gimon. "IF THE EARTH COULD SING" speaks to themes of climate change, natural beauty, and the wonder of the earth beneath our feet. Featuring the USA premiere of "Unsung: If the Earth could sing," a five-movement choral cycle inspired by climate change and scored for treble choir, percussion, and cello.

The program highlights Gimon's innovative use of graphic notation, aleatoricism, body percussion, and extended vocal techniques, taking singers and audience alike on a journey through what it means to sing in a contemporary musical scene—and an ever-changing natural world.

As an added delight, composer Katerina Gimon will be in attendance for the concert! The composer will also be at Holy Trinity Services next week as our beloved Chancel Choir will present three of her works during the 10:30 am Service, May 11th.

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 is on May 5. He'd love to hear from his Holy Trinity friends and know we are 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 today. 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.

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 or 716-886-2400.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: If you have a child who has not received First Communion, we are planning a class for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall, and the date to receive their First Communion will be 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.

**CONCERT: Vocalis Chamber Choir with New York Polyphony
Choral Connections: Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 pm**

Critically acclaimed for a “rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts,” (NPR) and as “singers of superb musicianship and vocal allure” (The New Yorker), New York Polyphony is one of the foremost vocal chamber ensembles active today. Their innovative programming spans Gregorian chant to contemporary commissions, and their focus on familiar and rare works of the 12-17th centuries has helped bring early music to modern audiences. Founded in 2006, the quartet tours extensively worldwide, and their discography includes two GRAMMY-nominated albums; many of their releases have topped the “best of” lists of major publications. The concert will also feature organist Kristen Pomietlarz and pianist Justin Pomietlarz.

www.vocalischamberchoir.org

HOLY TRINITY MEMBERS CAN SAVE LIVES
THE HT CARE TEAM IS SPONSORING A BLOOD DRIVE
WITH CONNECT LIFE TODAY
FROM 9:00 am TO 1:00 pm (FELLOWSHIP ROOM)

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

Thine Is the Glory “Judas Maccabaeus”

ELW 376



- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
- 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

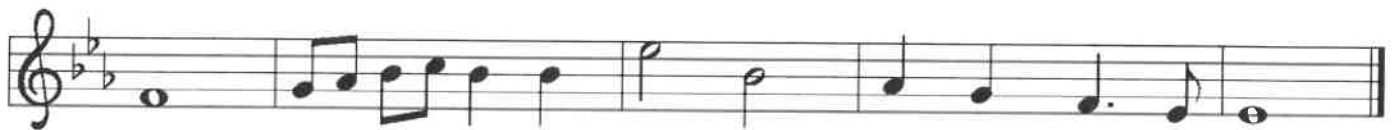


rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939

Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

SERMON HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This “Wondrous Love”

ELW 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age “Wareham”

ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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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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