



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth 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 gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRELUDE

Church Bells Beyond the Stars

Inspired by *Prayer I*, George Herbert (1593-1633)

Cecilia McDowall

(b. 1951)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises “Noel Noevelet”

ELW 379

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)

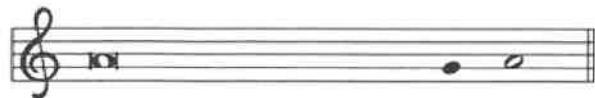
Please stand or sit as you are able.

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.

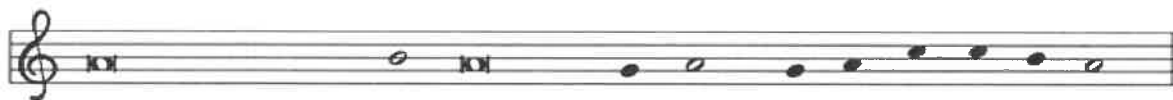
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



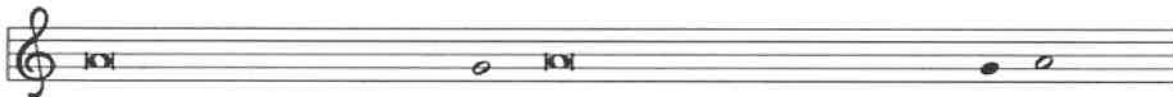
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



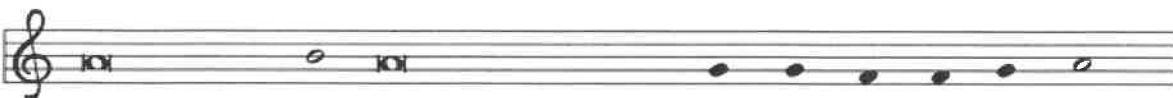
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

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

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Jesus Christ the Appletree

Text: compiled by Joshua Smith, 1784

Traditional English

arr. Mark Mitchell

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compar'd with Christ the appletree.
This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know,
but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the appletree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
miss'd of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.
I'm weary'd with my former toil; here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

The Language of the Stars

Text: Martha Lavinia Hoffman (1865-1900)

Katerina Gimon

(b. 1993)

Amie Adams, *soprano* Nicole Brendel, *soprano*
Chancel and Youth Choirs

Ye brilliant orbs that deck the sky,
Shrouded in deepest mystery,
To thee my song I sing!
I long to know of what thou art,
Of this great universe a part,
I feel thy glory in my heart
While to the earth I cling!

I long to traverse thy bright spheres,
To stand above the flight of years
Remembering earth's dark sod;
Who formed thy glittering, gilded gems,
Who framed thy starry diadems,
Who all the golden glory bends
Of the resplendent sun!

Mysterious questions, answered not,
With deepest meaning ever fraught,
Flooding this life below,
When rolling years no more shall be,
When man shall find his destiny,
When time unveils eternity;
Perhaps, we then shall know.

(*Youth Choir*) Ye brilliant orbs that deck the sky,
Shrouded in deepest mystery,
To thee my song I sing!

To thee my song I sing!

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 7th Chapter.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

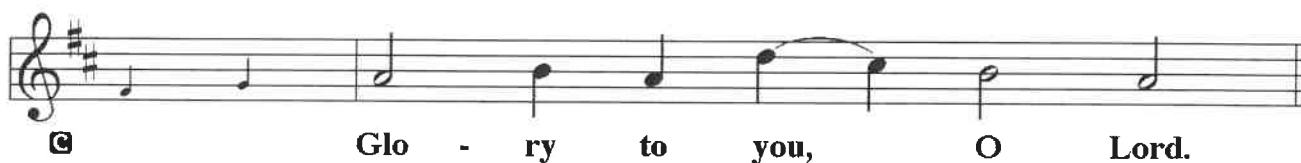
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us “Bradbury”

ELW 789

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.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. We pray especially for the new pope, Leo XIV, and for all who serve and worship in the Roman Catholic Church.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... .

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints especially Ralph and Maxine Loew, and Clifford and June Hehr who we remember through today's flower dedications. We rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child.

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

Songs My Mother Taught Me

from *Gypsy Songs* Op. 55, No. 4

Text: Adolf Heyduk (1835-1923), Czech: *Když mne stará matka zpívat, zpívat učívala*

Antonín Dvořák

(1841-1904)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Songs my mother taught me, in the days long vanished;
Seldom from her eyelids were the teardrops banished.
Now I teach my children, each melodious measure.
Oft the tears are flowing, oft they flow from my memory's treasure.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

All Together We Are Love

Katerina Gimon

(b. 1993)

I am a dreamer, I am a song, I am a mountain, tall and strong;
I am a warm breeze, I am the sky, I am a bluebird free to fly;
I am a song for all hearts, and when our spirits soar
All together we are love...

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.

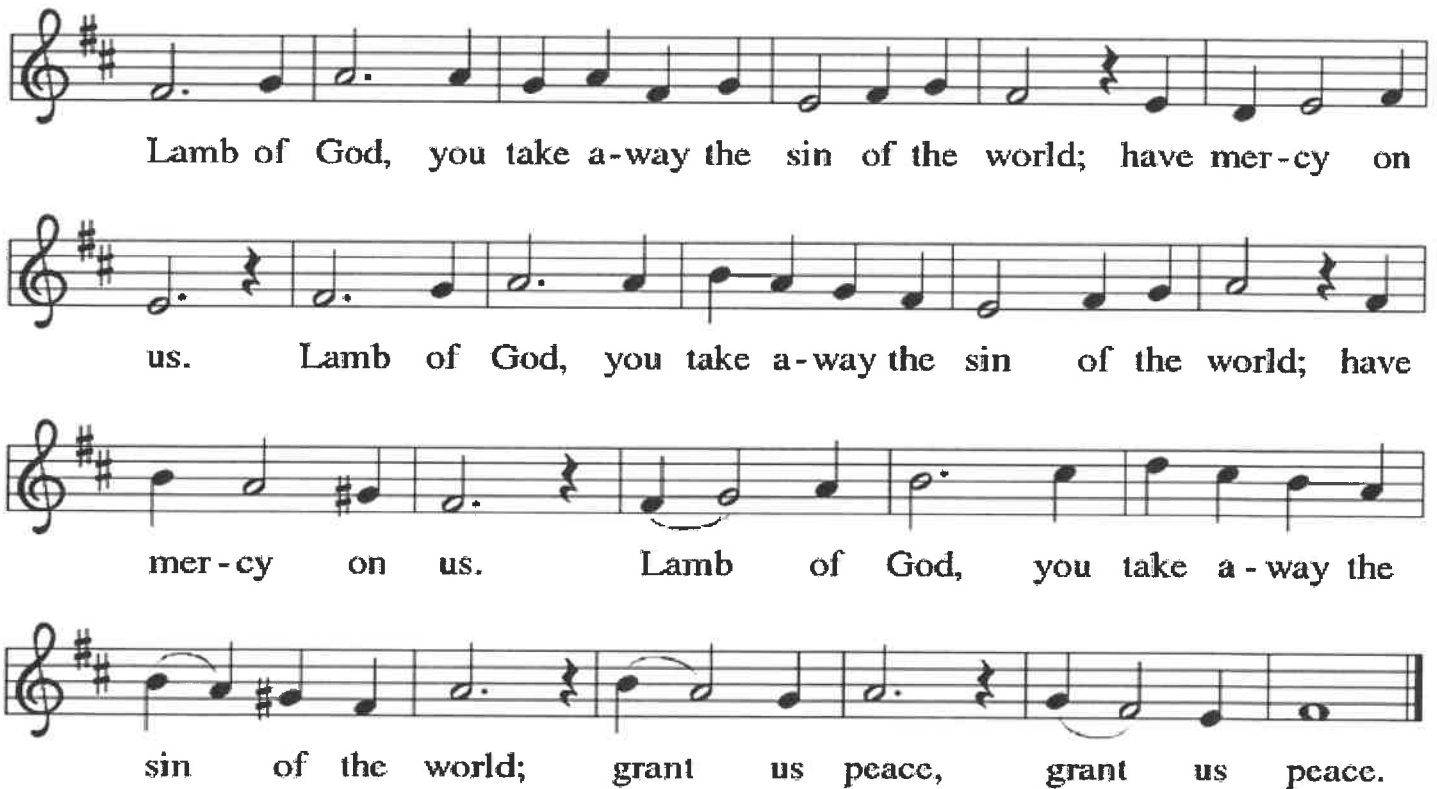
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Songs My Mother Taught Me

from *Gypsy Songs* Op. 55, No. 4

Text: Adolf Heyduk (1835-1923), Czech: *Když mne stará matka zpívat, zpívat učívala*

Antonín Dvořák

(1841-1904)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Please find the text printed on page 15 of this worship bulletin.

Bell Tower

Katerina Gimon

Text: Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926), *Sonnets to Orpheus II*, 29;

Tr. Joanna Macy and Anita Barrows

Quiet friend who has come so far,
feel how your breathing makes more space around you.
Let this darkness be a bell tower
and you the bell. As you ring,

what batters you becomes your strength.
Move back and forth into the change.
What is it like, such intensity of pain?
If the drink is bitter, turn yourself into wine.

In this uncontainable night,
be the mystery at the crossroads of your senses,
the meaning discovered there.

And if the world has ceased to hear you,
say to the silent earth: I flow.
To the rushing water, speak: I am.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling “Hyfrydol”

ELW 631

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

Carillon

Herbert Murrill
(1909-1952)



*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.*

In partnership with *Vox Lusciniae* (Brian Stevens, Artistic Director) it has been an honor and a privilege to welcome celebrated Canadian composer Katerina Gimon to Holy Trinity this week.

Composer, improviser, and vocalist Katerina Gimon's uniquely dynamic, poignant, and eclectic compositional style has earned her a reputation as a distinct voice in contemporary Canadian composition and beyond. Her music has been described as “sheer radiance” (Campbell River Mirror), “imbued...with human emotion” (San Diego Story), and capable of taking listeners on a

“fascinating journey of textural discovery” (Ludwig Van), earning her several honours including multiple SOCAN Awards (2022, 2021, 2016), nomination for Western Canadian Composer of the Year (2023, 2021), and a Barbara Pentland Award for Outstanding Composition (2022).



In her music, Katerina draws influence from a myriad of places — from the Ukrainian folk music of her heritage to indie rock, as well as from her roots as a songwriter. Her compositions are performed widely across Canada, the United States, and internationally, with notable performances at Carnegie Hall, Berliner Philharmonie, and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Recent commissions include new music for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Orpheus Choir of Toronto, National Youth Orchestra of Canada, and re:Naissance Opera.

Katerina holds a Master of Music in Composition from the University of British Columbia ('17) and an Honours Bachelor of Music degree in Composition and Improvisation from Wilfrid Laurier University ('15). Katerina is the composer-in-residence for Myriad Ensemble and is based in metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

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

MONDAY, May 12, 2025

9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
 10:00 am Occupational Training Center dance (RH)
 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Choirs rehearsal (CH)

TUESDAY, May 13, 2025

12:00 pm Women at the Well (FR)
 7:00 pm Executive Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2025

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

THURSDAY, May 15, 2025

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

FRIDAY, May 16, 2025

7:30 pm Vocalis Community Sing (MC)

SATURDAY, May 17, 2025

9:00 am Plant Sale sorting and planting
 9:00 am Vocalis rehearsal (MC)
 11:30 am Plant Sale Pick Up

SUNDAY, May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 w/First Communion (MC)
 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
 12:00 pm New Member class (FR)
 4:00 pm Vocalis Concert (MC)

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

Stewardship – Near

A huge Thank You to Linda Schmidt who helped organize the assembly of 'Blessing Bags' last Sunday and to all of you who put them together and who will distribute them throughout our community.



At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Natalie Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is Marty Bauer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistant is Sue Cosentino. Chancel Care member is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Peter Bergenstock and Ron Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Ralph and Maxine Loew and in honor of our families by Janet and Michael Day; and

In Loving Memory of my parents Clifford and June Hehr by David Hehr.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Dave Ulrich will continue the series on "History's Hundred Dis-orienting Days." Tomorrow's presentation will be: "Make America Great(er): Jackson, Polk and McKinley." Programs start at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

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 followed with a hot dog lunch.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN: Youth of all ages are welcome to help plant the Children's Garden this same day (no gardening experience required). We will meet at 10:30 at the Bell Tower. Come early to help organize the plants and stay late for 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. 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. Go to <https://upstatebottlereturn.com> for more information and locations.

HT SAFETY TEAM: One of the many important things we do at Holy Trinity is to provide for the safety of everyone who worships and gathers here. We held an active shooter training session on Sunday, April 27, with about 40 people in attendance. Our next step is to develop a plan for what we can do to prevent emergency situations and, if they do happen, how to best address them. If you would like to be part of this team, talk with Dave Pellnat, contact the church office, or check the box on the back of the Connection Card.

MEDITATION CLASS: Please join Uli MacDonald for a beginner meditation class on Wednesdays May 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.

NEW MEMBERS' & INQUIRERS' CLASS: 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. If you have questions, please contact the church office at info@holytrinitybuffalo.org or 716-886-2400.

HT CARES TEAM would like to thank all 21 people who signed up to donate blood last week, allowing us to exceed our quota. We are grateful to ConnectLife for their mission of keeping those blood donations local. We want to thank Linda Lipczynski for all blood drive communications and Chuck Ryniec for setting up and cleaning up.

**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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises “Noel Noevelet”

ELW 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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SERMON HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us “Bradbury”

ELW 789



- 1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling “Hyfrydol”

ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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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.
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