



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrating our 147<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.*



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## INTRODUCTION

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

## PRELUDE

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

George Shearing  
(1919-2011)

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* "Promised Land"

ELW 437

## 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)

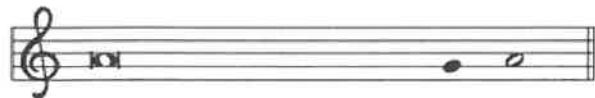
*Please stand or sit as you are able.*

## 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.**

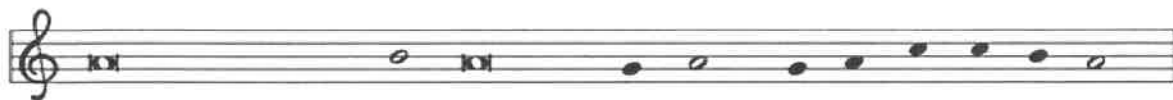
## KYRIE



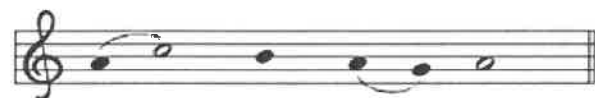
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



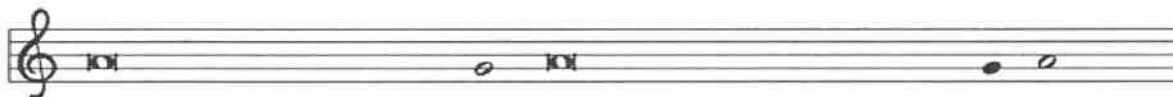
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



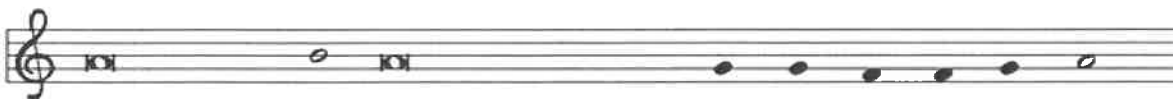
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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*



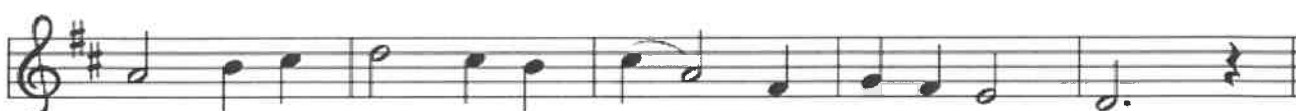
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **A WELCOME TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Richard Neal

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.



<sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE ANTHEM (8:30)**

*A New Commandment*

John 13: 34

William Mundy

(1529-1591)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:  
that ye love together as I have loved you,  
that even so ye love one another.

### **THE ANTHEM (10:30)**

*And I Saw A New Heaven*

Text: Revelations 21

Edgar L. Bainton

(1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

## THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

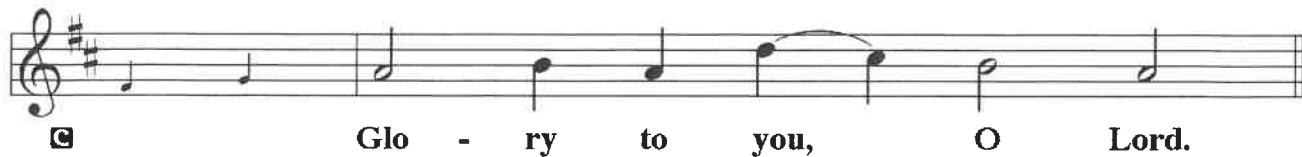
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SERMON HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail* “Twenty-Fourth”

ELW 359

## **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 new life, in the resurrection of Jesus you make all things new, you call your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences, and you give us the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may embody such love. Renew in us that same spirit of openness, that we might discern new directions for the reconciling and healing of all creation. Now in the spirit of your love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.**

*A brief silence.*

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Watch over all our children, especially Killian and Jacob, whom we honor through today's flower dedications. We also want to honor Alberta Matesick, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Friday. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Awaken in us joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest microbe to the farthest galaxy. Move us to act with respect for all wild creatures and places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Move all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely, fully, and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Be known to all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Move us to eliminate all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love, especially Charles Crissey, whom we remember through today's flower dedication. May their example guide us, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding presence; 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**



## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

### *Spring Carol*

Text: *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

Robert W. Lehman

(b. 1960)

Now the spring has come again, joy and warmth will follow;  
Cold and wet are quite forgot, northward flies the swallow;  
Over sea and land and air spring's soft touch is everywhere  
And the world looks cleaner;  
All our sinews feel new strung,  
hearts are light that once were wrung,  
Youthful zests are keener.

All the woods are new in leaf, all the fruit is budding,  
Bees are humming round the hive, done with winter's brooding;  
Seas are calm and blue again, clouds no more foretell the rain,  
Winds are soft and tender;  
High above, the kingly sun laughs once more his course to run,  
Shines in all his splendour.

God is in the midst of her, God commands her duty;  
Earth does but reflect his light, mirrors back his beauty;  
God's the fount whence all things flow, great and small, above, below,  
God's their only maker:  
We but poorest patterns are of that Mind beyond compare,  
God our great Creator.

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

### *All Shall be Amen and Alleluia*

Text: St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

James Whitbourn

(1963-2024)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Avery Best, *percussion*

Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ* Justin Pomietlarz, *piano*

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.  
We shall rest and we shall see.  
We shall see and we shall know.  
We shall know and we shall love.  
We shall love and we shall praise.  
Behold our end which is no end.  
All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

*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.**

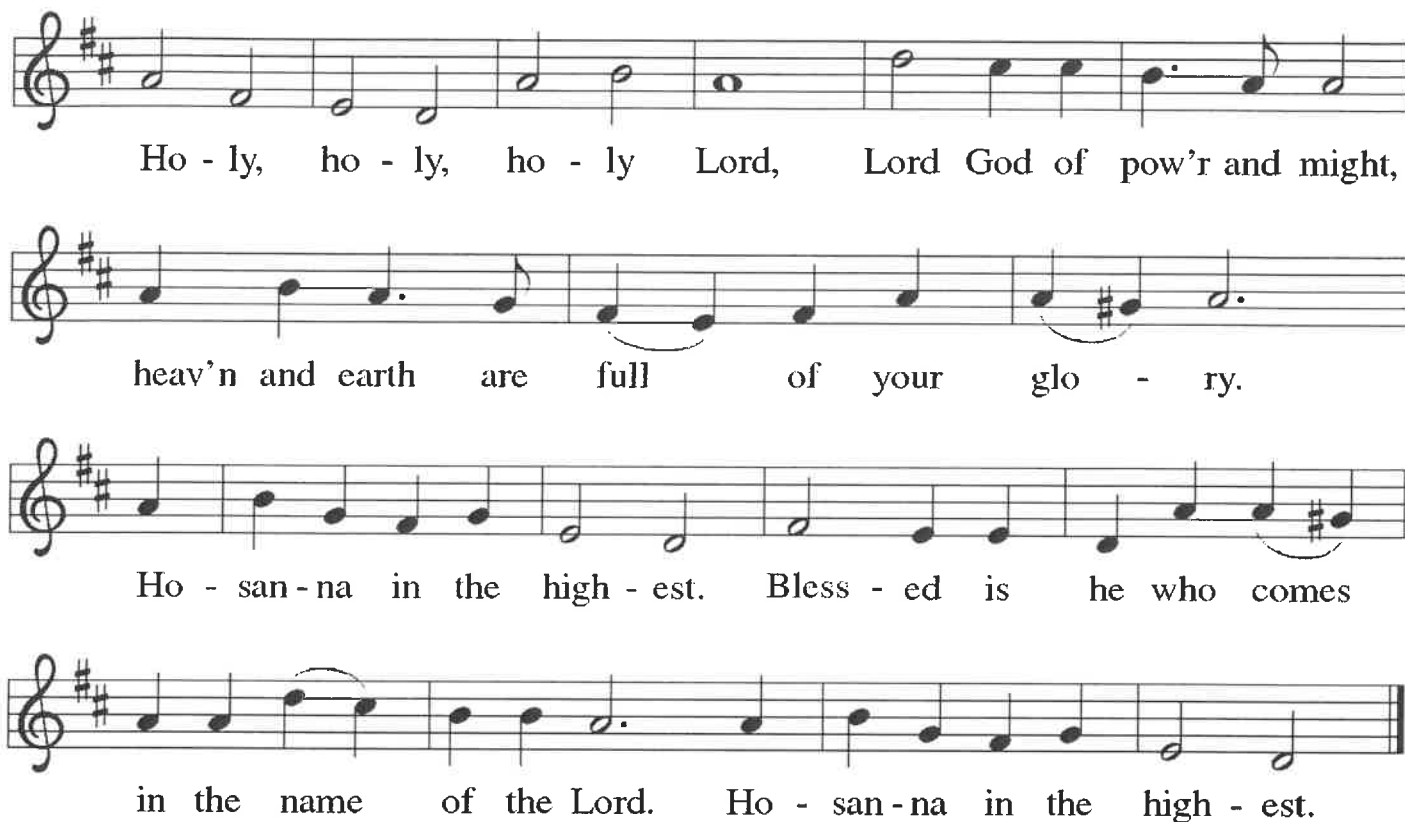
## **PREFACE**

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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

## 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



*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

(10:30)

***Candidates for First Communion  
will receive the Eucharist with their immediate families.  
Communion then continues with the congregation.***

### *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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC (10:30)

### *A New Commandment*

John 13: 34

William Mundy  
(1529-1591)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord:  
that ye love together as I have loved you,  
that even so ye love one another.

### *Agnus Dei* from *Requiem*

Text: Latin, Moosburger Gradualia, 1360

Roland E. Martin  
(b. 1955)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*  
Ryan Lockwood, *baritone* Jamie Gangemi, *mezzo-soprano*  
Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ* Justin Pomietlarz, *piano*

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb, lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace,  
Give to us, give peace.

*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**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* “Gelobt sei Gott”

ELW 385

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. To love as you have been loved. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

*At Eastertide* Op. 182, No. 3  
from *Six Occasional Preludes*

Charles Villers Stanford  
(1852-1924)



*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.*



*Congratulations to*

*Killian Joseph Brown  
Jacob Schleifer Schoen*

*participating in today's First Communion Celebration.*

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

### **SUNDAY, May 18, 2025 – Fifth 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 w/First Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 pm New Member Class (CR)
- 4:00 pm Vocalis Concert (MC)

### **MONDAY, May 19, 2025**

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

### **TUESDAY, May 20, 2025**

- 6:00 pm HT Abides (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025**

- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
- 7:00 pm Meditation Class (FR)

### **THURSDAY, May 22, 2025**

- 9:00 am Lutheran Charities Grantee meeting (FR)
- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SATURDAY, May 24, 2025**

*Happy Birthday Andrew Kraus*

### **SUNDAY, May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion w/Baptism (MC)
- 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 Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Morgan Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Karen Maricle. Reader is Linda Horton. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Communion Assistant is Doug Alderdice. Chancel Care member is Martha Kutas. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

Collection Counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb.

The flowers on the altar are given  
In Loving Memory of our father, Charles Crissey, from his daughters;  
and  
Blessings to our children, Jacon and Killian, who are receiving their  
First Communion today from the congregation of Holy Trinity.

Council Treasurer Karen Maricle will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.



### **Stewardship – Far**

Thanks to the Haller grant we were able to  
donate money to help buy an ambulance  
in our sister synod in Zimbabwe.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONCERT: Vocalis Chamber Choir with New York Polyphony Choral Connections: TODAY! 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](http://www.vocalischamberchoir.org)

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Dave Ulrich will conclude the series "History's Hundred Dis-orienting Days" tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. This week's topic is "Deja Vu? A Century Ago." All are welcome.

**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.

**Sharing Your Summer with Your HT Family** - Let's have a little fun together this summer! People engage in all sorts of activities through the summer ... some are close and some may be in far-off places. This summer, you are invited to take a little bit of Holy Trinity with you in the form of paper (or "flat") versions of Jesus, Pastor Jeff, and Pastor Rich. To participate, either pick up paper Flatties at church (found in Redeemer Hall or the Fellowship Room) or go to [www.holytrinitybuffalo.org/summer](http://www.holytrinitybuffalo.org/summer) to download and print a PDF. Then, cut them out, decorate them, and take them with you. Take a selfie and send the picture with the location and the names of the people in the picture to [summer@holytrinitybuffalo.org](mailto:summer@holytrinitybuffalo.org). These pictures will be shared on a TV screen that will be set up in the narthex outside the chapel beginning on June 22. They will *not* be posted on social media or the website for your privacy. Have fun! And we look forward to seeing all the places you will go.

**YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Come and learn about the HT Youth survey results, the direction of the Youth Ministry, and summer youth plans after the 10:30 service on June 1st in the Fellowship Room. This short meeting is geared towards parents and guardians, but anyone interested in learning more about the Youth Ministry is welcome to attend.

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

**BLESSING BAGS** are now available for you to take and keep in your car and share with someone in need. They will be in baskets located near the chapel, at the Main St. doors of the sanctuary and near the elevator until gone. Thank you to all who helped assemble these bags.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* "Promised Land"

ELW 437



- 1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
- 2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day;
- 3 No chill - ing winds or poi - s' nous breath can reach that health - ful shore;
- 4 When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.  
sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

# SERMON HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail* “Twenty-Fourth”

ELW 359



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* “Gelobt sei Gott”

ELW 385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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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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