



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 25, 2025  
Sixth 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 creature  
welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification,  
gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.  
We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space  
through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions,  
interpersonally and structurally.  
We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith  
through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*Connection Card*

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



*Please see back page for AED Instructions*

## INTRODUCTION

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

## PRELUDE

*Call to Prayer*

Robert J. Powell

*War Is a Blemish On Any Nation's Character*

(b. 1932)

*from An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs*

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* “St. Denio”

ELW 834

## 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.

[illegible]

**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.

**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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)

**HOLY BAPTISM**

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**THE HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father* “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781

## THE FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

<sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.  
<sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SOLO

*i carry your heart*

Text: e.e. cummings (1894-1962)

John Woods Duke  
(1899-1984)

Amie Adams, *soprano*

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in  
my heart) i am never without it (anywhere  
i go you go, my dear ;and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing, my darling)  
i fear

no fate (for you are my fate,my sweet) i want  
no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you  
here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart  
i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

## THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapters.

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.



<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.<sup>22:</sup>

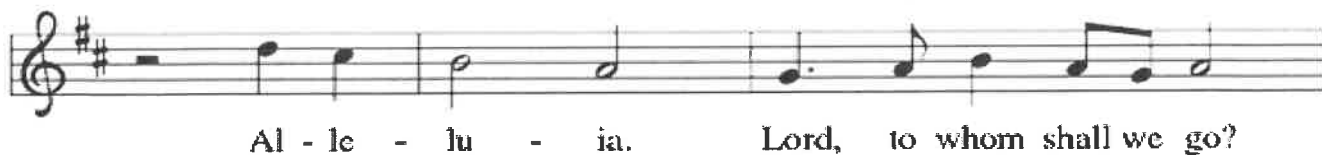
<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

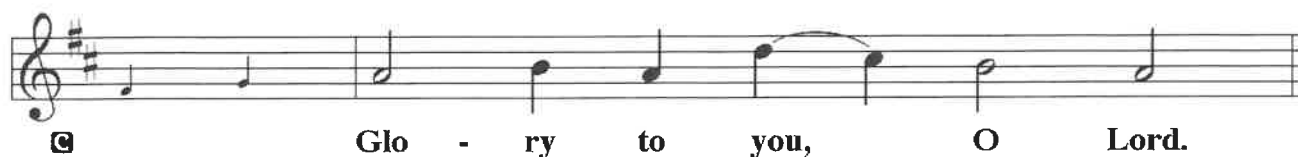
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **SERMON HYMN**

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home* “Land of Rest”

ELW 628

## **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.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Watch over all your children, especially Dawson Michael. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... .

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ, especially Dan Schlosser, Josh Sweers, Daniel Shedd, John Camilleri, Jr. and James Casson, whom we remember through today's flower dedications. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give.

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**



# SOLO AT THE OFFERING

## *The Holy City*

Text: Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929)

Stephen Adams

(1844–1913)

Arr. Donald Hunt (1930- 2018)

Amie Adams, *soprano*

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair; I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, and everywhere as they sang, me thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang: Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your king!

Then me thought my dream was changed the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Hark! how the angels sing. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your king.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass a way. Jerusalem, Jerusalem sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forever more.

*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



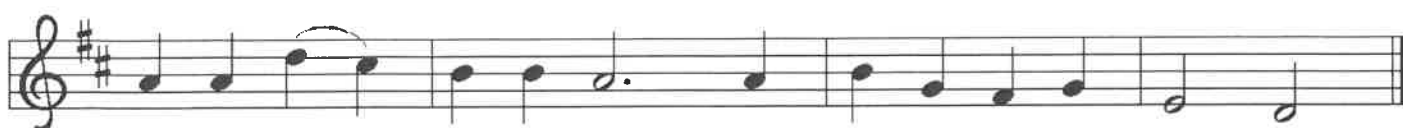
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Land of Rest from Sacred Sounds*

George Shearing  
(1919-2011)

*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**

*God Bless Our Native Land* "National Anthem"

ELW 891

## **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

*National Glory is Restored, but Trumped by the Promise of an  
"International" Resurrection*

Robert J. Powell

from *An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs*

(b. 1932)



*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.*



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and into our fellowship in the gospel: Dawson Michael, son of Michael and Emily Ruggeri.

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

### **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)

### **MONDAY, May 26, 2025 Memorial Day**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, May 27, 2025**

- 10:00 am HT Cares Meeting (FR)
- 6:30 pm Council Dinner and Meeting (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 28, 2025**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 pm Meditation Class (FR)

### **THURSDAY, May 29, 2025**

- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, May 30, 2025**

- 4:00 pm Wedding rehearsal (MC)

### **SATURDAY, May 31, 2025**

- 9:00 am Synod Assembly via Zoom
- 3:00 pm Maurer/Schiele Wedding (MC)

### **SUNDAY, June 1, 2025 – Ascension 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 Youth Meeting (FR)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study


SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

RH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Sarah Rider. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Adrianna Wareham.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Kathy Crissey-Biesinger. Reader is Jen Yap. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Acolytes are Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist and Maia Leiser.


Collection Counters are Linda Horton, Neil Kattermann and Karen Kolb.

The flowers on the altar are given

In Loving Memory of Dan Schlosser, Josh Sweers, Daniel Shedd and John Camilleri, Jr. from John and Gail Camilleri; and

In Loving Memory of my husband, James Casson, on the 47th anniversary of our wedding day by Noreen Casson.

Council Vice-President Kathy Crissey-Biesinger will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.



### **Stewardship – Environment**

Three members of Holy Trinity participated in the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's 2025 Spring Sweep and helped remove an estimated 10,975 pounds of trash from our local watershed!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

**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.

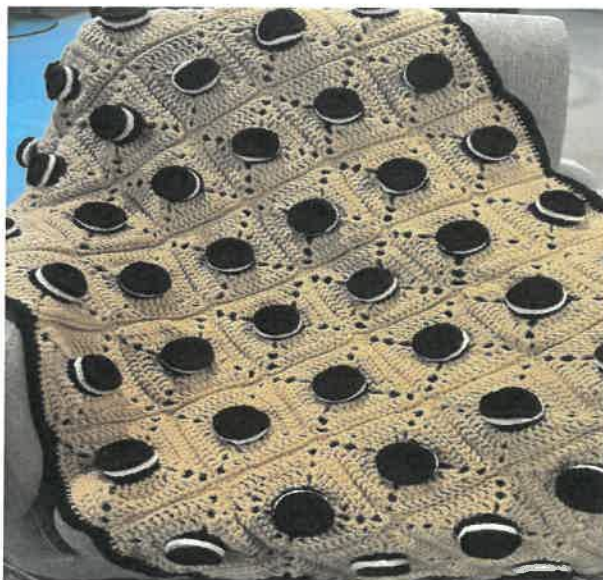
**HT SAFETY TEAM:** One of the many important things we do at Holy Trinity is to provide for the safety of everyone who worships and gathers here. We held an active shooter training session on Sunday, April 27, with about 40 people in attendance. Our next step is to develop a plan for what we can do 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following date is available - Sunday June 22. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

**MEDITATION CLASS:** The final meditation class will be Wednesday May 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.





### ***Donations being accepted to receive the “Oreo Afghan”***

This lovely creation was begun by Doris Ratcliffe and completed by HeideMarie Kunz after Doris’ death. To honor Doris’ memory, donations are being accepted (Suggested minimum is \$5.00.) for a drawing for one lucky person to receive the afghan. Donations will be given to Early Childhood Center (PS) 17 to use for purchasing books for their library.

Using the form below and including a check, money order (payable to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church) or cash, please deposit in the offering basket in an envelope by June 1, 2025.

You can also mail the envelope to the church office.

Drawing will take place at Needlers meeting on Tuesday, June 3.

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Questions can be directed to Ruth Schmidt or Barb Wozniak

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# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* “St. Denio”

ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

# SERMON HYMN

## *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* "Land of Rest"

ELW 628



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*God Bless Our Native Land* “National Anthem”

ELW 891



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,



through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch-ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893  
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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