



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Ascension of Our Lord  
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.  
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## INTRODUCTION

*In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Major* BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637–1707)

## RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

## INTROIT

*Ascendit Deus*

Text: Psalm 47:5, 103:19a

Peter Philips  
(c. 1560-1628)

God has ascended with jubilation,  
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

LBW 208

“Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ”



- 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for my sal -
- 2 Though in - to heav - en you have gone, as - cend - ing far a -
- 3 I eat this bread, I drink thus cup, your prom - ise firm be -
- 4 Un - aid - ed rea - son can - not see what ea - ger faith em -
- 5 I should have died e - ter - nal - ly, but here, re - pen - tant



va - tion, your ver - y bod - y and your blood; thus, at your  
bove me, yet here in earth - ly food I see how much in -  
liev - ing; in truth your bod - y and your blood my lips are  
brac - es, but this con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, each rest - less  
kneel - ing, new - born I rise to live the love found in your



in - vi - ta - tion, with wea - ry heart, by sin op - pressed,  
deed you love me. You are not bound to an - y place;  
here re - ceiv - ing. Your word re - mains for - ev - er true;  
doubt dis - plac - es. Your won - drous ways are not con - fined  
strength, your heal - ing. Lord, in this sac - ra - ment im - part



I come to you for need - ed rest; I need your peace, your par - don.  
no con - trite heart es - capes your grace; your love un - sought sur - rounds me.  
all things are pos - si - ble for you; your search - ing love has found me.  
with - in the lim - its of my mind; your prom - ise whol - ly tri - umphs.  
your joy and cour - age to my heart; dead and a - live I praise you!

Text: Samuel Kinner. 1603–1668; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Music: DU LEBENSBRÖT, HERR JESU CHRIST. Peter Sohren, c. 1630–1692

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## 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.**

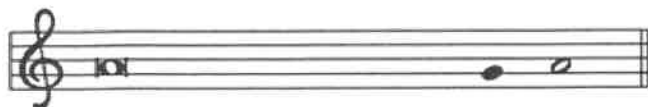
(10:30)

*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.**

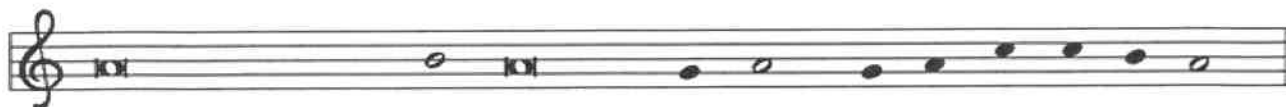
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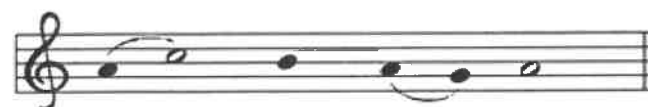
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



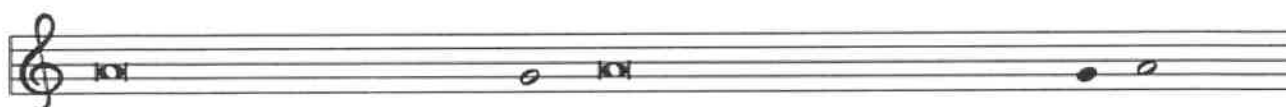
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



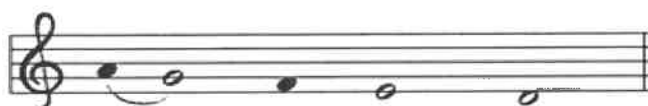
Lord, have mer - cy.



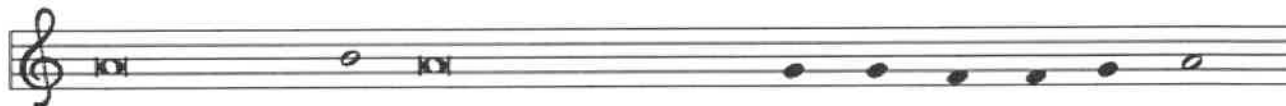
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

**Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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. Richard Neal

### **THE FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

The first reading for the Ascension of Our Lord is recorded in Acts, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>16</sup>One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

## **THE SOLO**

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes* from *Biblical Songs*

Text: Psalm 121

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from God who hath made the earth and the heavens.  
He will not suffer thy feet to be moved nor thy steps to stumble.  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold the keeper of Israel is He who slumbers not nor sleeps.

(10:30)

## THE CANTATA

*Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ* BuxWV 22

Text: Johann Rist (1607-1677)

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637–1707)

Orchestra: *Sonata*

Mvmt I: *Chorus*

Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ,  
der du bist aufgenommen  
gen Himmel, da dein Vater ist  
und die Gemein der Frommen.  
Wie soll ich deinen grossen Sieg,  
den du uns durch den schweren Krieg  
erworben hast, recht preisen,  
un dir g'nug Ehr erweisen?

You prince of life, Lord Jesus Christ,  
who you are admitted  
to heaven where your father is  
and the community of the pious.  
How am I supposed to see your great victory  
you brought us through the heavy war  
have acquired, praise rightly,  
and show you enough honor?

## THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

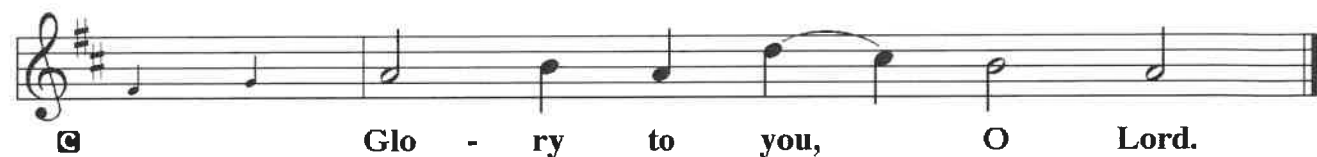
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SERMON HYMN

*Drawn to the Light* "La Crosse"

ELW 593

## 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, and of such amazing grace, your prophet Isaiah has told us that in returning and rest we shall be saved. Help us see life's inevitable interruptions as both invitations and opportunities to return to our center in you, there to find the life we seek, the life you promise. In returning, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of empowerment, you have blessed the church with art, poetry, and music. Inspire leaders and congregations to seek new ways to be your creative hands and feet on earth. Watch over all your children, especially Madison, Harper and Liam.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, your love can be seen in each plant, each creature, and every landscape. Help us nurture crops as they develop, protect new animal life, and restore habitats destroyed by natural disaster or human neglect.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you are enthroned above all. Help us bring an end to divisions that break down the human family. Inspire cooperation between governments and international organizations to pursue peace and equity.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you console all who are hurting. Help us recognize the deep hurts of grief, loneliness, broken relationships, and trauma in our midst. Guide us in caring for one another and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of change, you promised to be with your disciples as they faced an unknown future. In the unknown future that comes with graduations and other transitions, help us welcome your presence and love, and help us make your love known in our offer of birthday blessings to Chris Huber, as part of today's flower dedications.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give you thanks for the lives and examples of our beloved siblings in Christ, especially Walter and Doris Stroman and Karl and Frieda Schaper, whom we also remember through today's flower dedications. Nourish and deepen our shared faith in your promises.

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)

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

*Organ Meditation*

(10:30)

### CANTATA AT THE OFFERING

*Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ* BuxWV 22

Text: Johann Rist (1607-1677)

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637–1707)

Mvmt II: *Duet*

Du hast die Höll un Sündennot  
ganz ritterlich bezwungen;  
du hast den Teufel, Welt und Tod  
durch deinen Tod verdrungen;  
du hast gesieget weit und breit;  
wie soll ich solche Herrlichkeit,  
o Herr, in diesem Leben  
g'nug würdiglich erheben?

You have hell and sin distress  
quite gallantly conquered;  
you have the devil, world and death  
displaced by your death;  
you have conquered far and wide;  
how should I such glory,  
oh Lord, in this life  
dignified enough?

Amie Adams, *soprano*  
Nicole Brendel, *soprano*



Orchestra: *Ritornello*

Mvmt III: *Arioso*

Du starker Herrscher fährest auf  
mit Jauchzen und Lobsagen,  
und gleich mit dir in vollem Lauf  
auch mehr denn tausend Wagen;  
du fährest auf mit Lobgesang,  
es schallet der Posaunen Klang;  
mein Gott, für allen Dingen  
will ich dir auch lobsingen.

You strong ruler start up  
with shouts and praises,  
and right away with you in full swing  
also more than a thousand wagons;  
you start up with a song of praise,  
the trumpet sounds;  
my god, for all things  
I want to sing praises to you too.

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Mvmt IV: *Trio*

Zieh uns dir nach, so laufen wir;  
gib uns des Glaubens Flügel,  
helf dass wir fliehen weit von hier  
auf Israelis Hügel.  
Mein Gott, wann fahr ich doch dahin,  
wo ich ohn Ende fröhlich bin;  
wann werd ich für dir stehen,  
dein Angesicht zu sehen?

Follow us, so we run;  
give us wings of faith  
help us to flee far from here  
on Israel's hill.  
My God, when am I going there?  
where I am joyful without end;  
when will i stand for you  
to see your face?

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Mvmt V: *Chorus*

Wann soll ich hin ins Paradies  
zu dir, Herr Jesu, kommen;  
wann kost ich doch das Engelsüss,  
wann werd ich aufgenommen?  
Mein Heiland, komm und nimm mich an,  
auf dass ich fröhlich jauchzen kann  
und klopfen in die Hände:  
Alleluja ohn Ende.

When should I go to paradise  
come to you, Lord Jesus;  
when do I taste the angel sweet,  
when will i be admitted?  
My Savior, come and accept me,  
so that I can cheer happily  
and clapping hands:  
Alleluia without end.

*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*  
“Old Hundredth”

ELW 885

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.

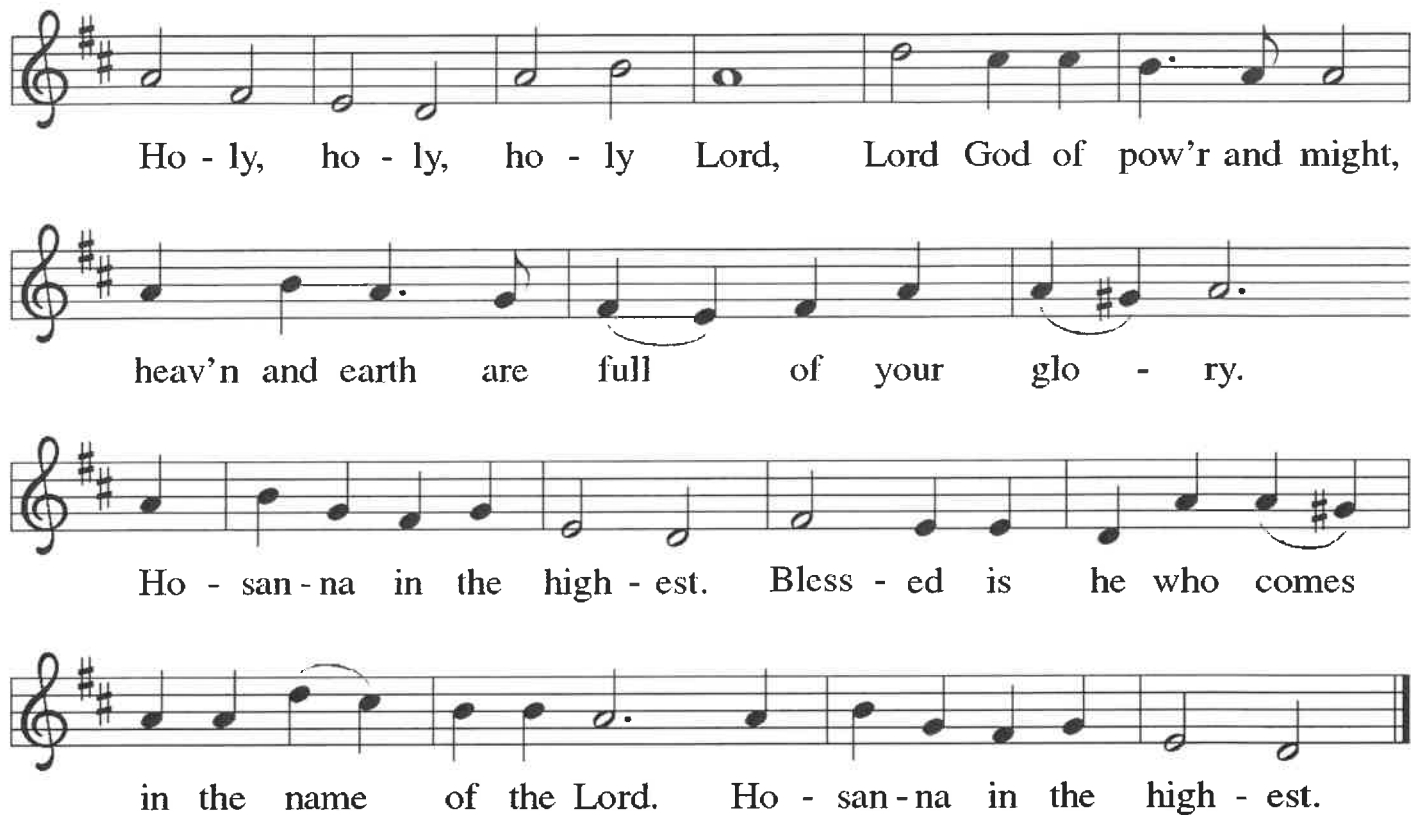
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.*

(8:30)

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### *Organ Meditation*

(10:30)

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes* from *Biblical Songs*

Text: Psalm 121

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Please find the text printed on page 10 of this worship bulletin.

## *The Lake Isle*

Text: William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*

Ola Gjeilo  
(b. 1978)

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

*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

*You Servants of God* “Lyons”

ELW 825

## 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

*Heut’ triumphieret Gottes Sohn* BWV 630

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)



*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.*

*Thank you to our guest instrumentalists!*

Gretchen Fischer, *violin*

James Ieda, *violin*

Bobby Donowick, *viola*

Joshua Corwin, *viola*

Katie Weissman, *cello*

Edmond Gnekow, *bass*

Carson Belle-Isle, *guitar*

The Schober Harpsichord in the church is a gift to the glory of God given by the late Jeanette and Roy Kuck and by Mary Kaufmann.



Dietrich Buxtehude (1637/39 – 1707) was a Danish-German organist and composer. For the last forty years of his life he worked in Lübeck, where he was organist at the large Mariakirche. Buxtehude was the greatest composer of the northern European Baroque in the period between Heinrich Schütz and J.S. Bach. His fame as an organist was very considerable. Johann Sebastian Bach walked all the way from Arnstadt to Lübeck to study with Buxtehude, and was crucially influenced by his meeting with the older composer, as was Händel.

The Ascension Cantata "Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ", BuxWV 22 is based on five verses of the hymn of thanksgiving of the same name by Johann Rist (1641), and in formal terms, is in the genre of a *Concerto cum aria*. An introductory sonata is followed by verse and ritornello in alternation. A special feature of the scoring is the use of the violetta as a string instrument in the middle of the five-part string texture. This can be played by a modern viola.

The cantata is based on the first, second, fifth, thirteenth, and fourteenth verses of the hymn of thanksgiving "Du Lebensfürst, Herr Jesu Christ" (O prince of life, Lord Jesus Christ) by Johann Rist. It was first published in 1641 in Lüneburg, as part of the first of five volumes of *Himmlische Lieder* (heavenly songs) with texts by Johann Rist and music by Johann Schop.

According to the subtitle, the song is about the "fröhliche Himmelfahrt [...] Jesu Christi" (joyful Ascension of Jesus Christ) and is thus associated, liturgically speaking, with this Ascension Sunday. Rist's text drew from the twenty-third prayer of the *Paradiesgärtlein II* (little garden of paradise) by Johann Arndt (1555–1621), which served as the source of many Ascension songs during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Johann Rist was born in 1607 in Ottensen, Germany; following his studies at Rostock and Rinteln universities, he was appointed Lutheran pastor in Wedel (near Hamburg) in 1635, where he lived until his death in 1667. He is regarded as one of the most important poets of the seventeenth century.

In his cantata, Buxtehude draws from the concerto cum aria form. The introductory Sonata, which mirrors the text's emotional content, is followed by verse 1, a section in concertante style. The subsequent verses 2 to 4 are set as arias. A ritornello links verses 2 and 3 as well as verses 4 and 5 with one another. Verse 5 resumes the concertante style from verse 1 and concludes with an "Alleluja." The different time signatures – 3/2 time in verses 1 and 5 and common time in the aria sections and ritornello – illustrate the work's symmetry and enhance its cantata-like character.

Notes Adapted from the score's FORWARD by Violetta Brehm, and other sources.

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

### **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)

### **MONDAY, June 2, 2025**

- 9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

### **TUESDAY, June 3, 2025**

- 12:00 pm Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 pm Burrito Project at HT

### **THURSDAY, June 5, 2025**

- 9:00 am Property Meeting (FR)
- 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)

### **SATURDAY, June 7, 2025**

- 10:00 am HT Abides Meeting (RH)

### **SUNDAY, June 8, 2025 – Day of Pentecost**


- 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 HT Abides 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 Heidemarie Kunz. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Maia Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Sally Pellnat. Reader is Sarah Rider. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Communion Assistant is Sue Cosentino. Chancel Care member is Donna Leiser. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Morgan Leiser, Erys Yap, Rowan Leiser and Killian Brown.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Claire Carmer and Tom Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

Birthday blessings to my son Christopher Huber from Guy Huber; and In Loving Memory of Walter G and Doris T. Stroman from the Battaglia Family; and

In Honor of my grandparents, Karl and Frieda Schaper from Heidemarie Kunz.

Council Member Sally Pellnat will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Madison, Harper and Liam Day.



### **Stewardship – Here**

This month's meditation classes were enjoyed by ten people. Thank you to Uli MacDonald for leading the successful course.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PASTOR JEFF is out of town through Wednesday as he celebrates with his friend, Pastor Joe Summerville, who accepted a call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Plainview, NY. Pastor Joe will be installed as pastor there on Sunday afternoon. If you need assistance, contact the Church Office, and if you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Rich.

**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 TODAY 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.

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** will hold the final class of the season tomorrow. During the class, the group will make plans for restarting the autumn season with a series of discussions on the moral teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to join us at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room.

**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.

**FRONT PORCH SITTING:** Summer is right around the corner and our Front Porch Sittin' team is hard at work planning another fun filled and informative set of programs. The first event will be Sunday, June 22 from 9:30 - 10:15 am. During this time, there will also be Children's Time, an opportunity for youth to socialize and learn through fun and age-appropriate programming. Stay tuned!

**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.

**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.

# SERMON HYMN

*Drawn to the Light* "La Crosse"

ELW 593



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one  
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -  
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.  
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker

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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*You Servants of God* "Lyons"

ELW 825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

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

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