

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness

J. S. Bach

from *The Eighteen Great Chorales*

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

INTROIT

Terribilis Est Locus Iste

George Malcolm

How awesome is this place? This is the house of God, and the gate of heaven, and it will be called the palace of God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blessing and Honor “American Hymn”

ELW 854

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
we are gathered in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life.

Let us come with repentant hearts
to the God who makes all things new.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
we confess to you all the ways
in which we dismiss the resurrection news.
We are slow of heart to believe.
We turn from others and retreat in fear.
Come into our locked rooms
and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit.
Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope,
that we may be witnesses to your saving power.
Amen.

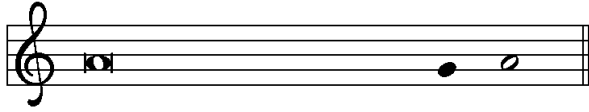
Peace be with you, sisters and brothers.
In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption;
you are God's beloved children.
In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift.
Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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



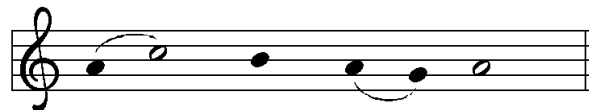
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



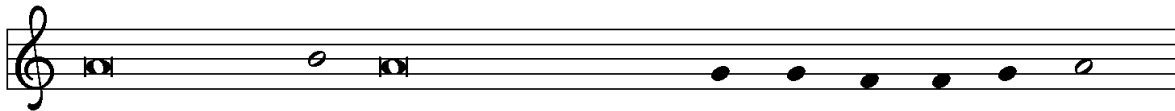
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



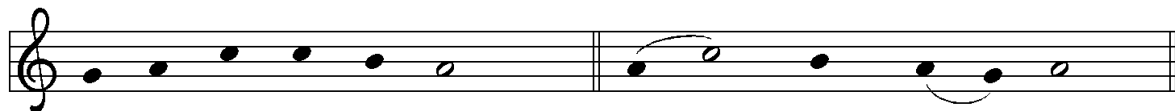
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

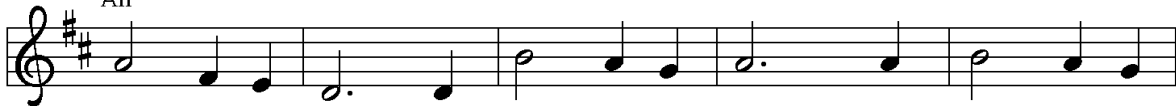
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

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.**

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

HOLY BAPTISM

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THE HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father “Tryggare kan ingen vara” ELW 781

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I 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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the

beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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."

MOTET (10:30)

See What Love Hath the Father
from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness, yea, in His goodness; that we should be called God's own children.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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; ⁴he 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." ⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



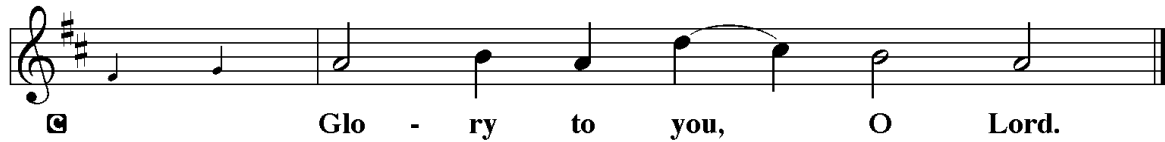
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

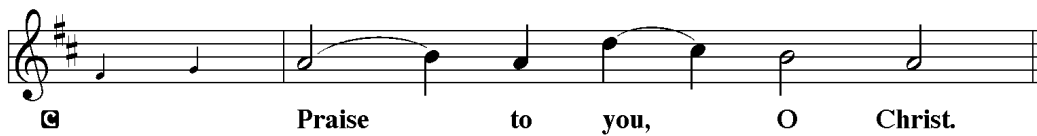
GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Saint John



³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON (8:30)

The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

SERMON (10:30)

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us "Hyfrydol"

ELW 707

CREED (8:30)

**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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

You make all things new, O God. Bring unity to your divided body across the world. Breathe new life into churchwide leaders, synod staff, and our companion synod. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have given us the repentance that leads to life, O God. Help us care tenderly for the planet we have damaged. Mend the scarred places of the earth, our home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make your dwelling among mortals, O God. Bring peace to cities in turmoil; visit struggling villages with good weather and resources; make your loving presence known to all nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You promise to wipe away every tear from our eyes, O God. Comfort those overcome with grief, crying, and pain. Heal those who are ill (*especially*), and bring refugees to safety. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You command us to love one another, even as you have first loved us, O God. Teach us how to love all our neighbors, especially those we find hardest to love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer us a vision of the holy city, O God. We thank you for the vision of the saints who have gone before us (*especially Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, whom we commemorate today*) and all who now rest from their labors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

If Thou Be Near

J.S. Bach

If thou be near, go I with gladness to Death and to eternal Peace. Ah, how content were thus my ending, if thy dear hands were laid upon me, and gently closed my faithful eyes.

Christina Lynch, soprano

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

I Give You A New Commandment

John Shepherd

I give you a new commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. By this all men shall know that ye are My disciples, if ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

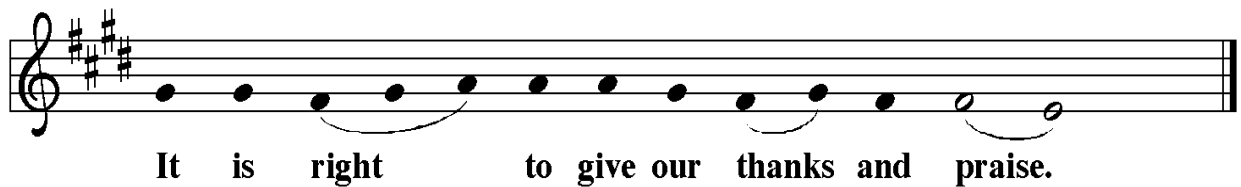
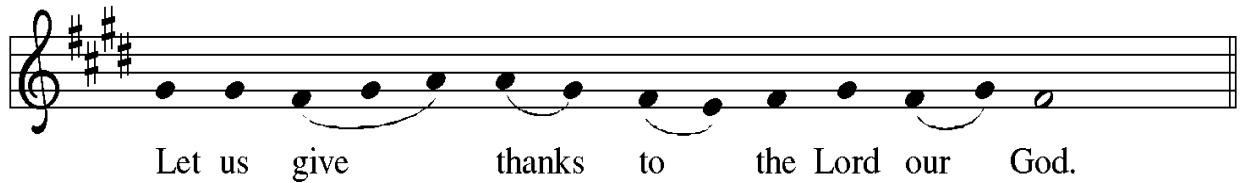
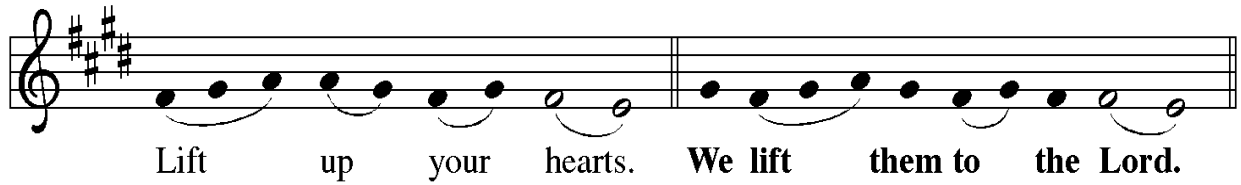
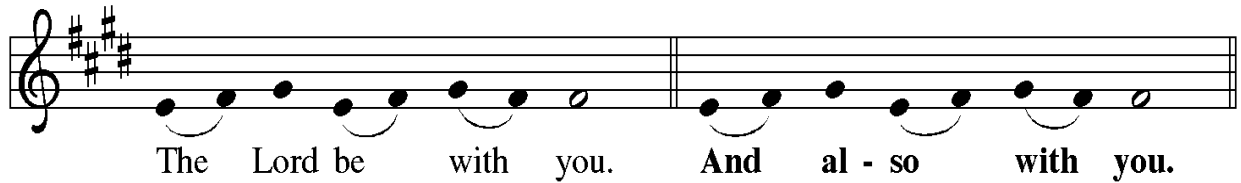
OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

THE COMMUNION

SOLO AT COMMUNION (8:30)

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

George F. Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Christina Lynch, soprano

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Colleen Flynn, soprano

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**BLESSING**

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN*O Savior, Precious Savior* “Angel’s Story”

ELW 820

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**VOLUNTARY***Jesus Christ, Our Savior* from *the Catechism Hymns*

J.S. Bach

The voluntaries this morning are all appropriate to the
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Communion Statement

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Non-communing adults and children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. For those who are allergic to wheat, you may receive gluten-free wafers from the Pastor.

**THE FIRST AID KIT AND THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) ARE LOCATED IN THE SACRISTY
– OPPOSITE THE OFFICE DOORS**

**PLEASE, TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS
DURING WORSHIP. THANK YOU.**

<i>HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP</i>

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 The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i>

SUNDAY, May 2, 2010 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism(MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:00 Noon Youth Choir (SS)

MONDAY, May 3, 2010

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 8:00 p.m. Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra Concert (MC)

TUESDAY, May 4, 2010

- 4:30 p.m. BNYC rehearsal (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. VCJC (CR)
- 7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH)
- 7:30 p.m. Yoga (FR)

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 12:00 Noon Trinity Tower Lunch Bunch
- 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (CR)
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC rehearsal (MC)
- 6:00 p.m. New Member Dinner (FR)
- 7:30 p.m. New Member Reception (FR)

THURSDAY, May 6, 2010

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA (RH)

SUNDAY, May 9, 2010 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – *Mother's Day*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion/New members received
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:30 p.m. Estonian Service (CH)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will continue tomorrow, May 3 at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION: Today - Dr. Robert Lebel from Syracuse on "Genetics and Faith" the ELCA social statement; May 9 – Mother's Day – No Adult Ed; May 16 – Buffalo News columnist Donn Esmonde.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: A class of new members will be received on Sunday, May 9, 2010. We will host a dinner with the Pastors at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, then following at 7:30 p.m. we will get together for a dessert/coffee hour. Those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity and the Lutheran Church are welcome to attend the gatherings. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

HEALING TOGETHER will not be meeting this month, but will meet for four consecutive Tuesdays beginning June 1.

YOGA will continue this Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. Please see Uli MacDonald for further information.

The L.Y.O. will be collecting money for Hunger-thon 2010 being held right here at Holy Trinity May 14 to the 15th. Proceeds will go to Loaves and Fishes and the Trinity Tower lunch bunch. Youth will be at both the front and back of the church following the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services today.

Altar Flowers are available for May 23, which is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. Please call Helen Wright at 634-9689 if you are interested in dedicating altar flowers that day or any other Sunday.

Women of ELCA bible study and meeting: please note the following changes for our May 5, 2010 meeting. We will begin in the conference room at 5:30pm for Bible study. At 7:00pm HT Needlers will join us for a brief meeting in the conference room. Following the meeting we are invited to join the Pastors at 7:30 in the Fellowship Room to welcome new members and have dessert. Please see Barb Wozniak if you have any questions.

The Men's Group will be sponsoring a work day at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 22, beginning at 9:00 am. There is plenty to do around the church, inside and outside. Lunch will be served for all those who volunteer. All are welcome. This is also the same day the LYO plants will be delivered, so feel free to stop by early and lend a hand before taking home your beautiful plants; or stay later once you've picked up your plants.

Love to read? We are starting a monthly book/film club at Parkside led by Roman Shchurovsky, Professor of English at Trocaire College. Meetings will be on the fourth Thursday of the month at Parkside. First meeting is May 27th at 7:00pm. Reading selection for May is *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. Please join us and bring a friend! Dessert and coffee will be served.

The Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra will be performing at Holy Trinity on Monday, May 3rd at 8pm. This talented group of young musicians will be a delight to all. There is no charge for this concert.

The Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus will enjoy the privilege of performing their Spring Concert at Holy Trinity on Sunday, May 23, beginning at 4:00 pm.



At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Sarah Battaglia. Lay reader is Scott Erdley. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Janet Archer. Greeters are Ruth Kinmartin, Melissa Haller and Sue Spindler. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusco, Michael Day, Alan Heiss, Patrick Mann, Edward Rockhill and Marty and Helen Wright. Communion Assistants are Janet Archer, Jim Dunnigan, Anthony Carden and Amanda Monday. Worship assistants are Anthony Carden, Amanda Monday, Kelsi Hopkins, Yves Dushime and Jonathan Hopkins. The cantor is Timothy Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ralph and Maxine Loew by Michael and Jan Day; in loving memory of Michael G. Bloos by Earl and Heidemarie Kunz and family; in loving memory of Frank and Harriet Kellner by Kenneth and Grace Kellner.

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 in our fellowship in the gospel Constantino Juan Perez, infant son of Juan and Sheila Perez.



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