

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 19th, 2022

Second Sunday after Pentecost



This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
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*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

L: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

ALL: Amen.

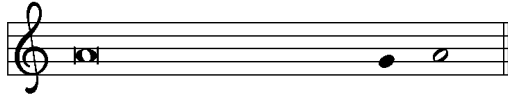
***OPENING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Green book #559**

***GREETING**

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



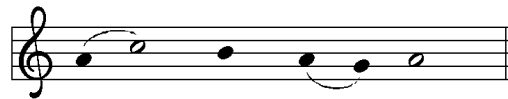
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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,



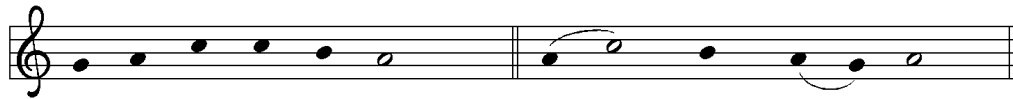
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

*HYMN 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

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

L: ¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

L: ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**ALL:²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

L: ²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**ALL:²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

L: ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**ALL:²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the
LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

L: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**ALL:²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

L: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

ALL:²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

L: ²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed...

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: God of Grace,
All: Hear our prayer.

L: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
All: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.
ALL: And also with you.

**Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ's peace from where you are seated.*

*OFFERING PRAYER

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

L: God of abundance:

ALL: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

**As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.**

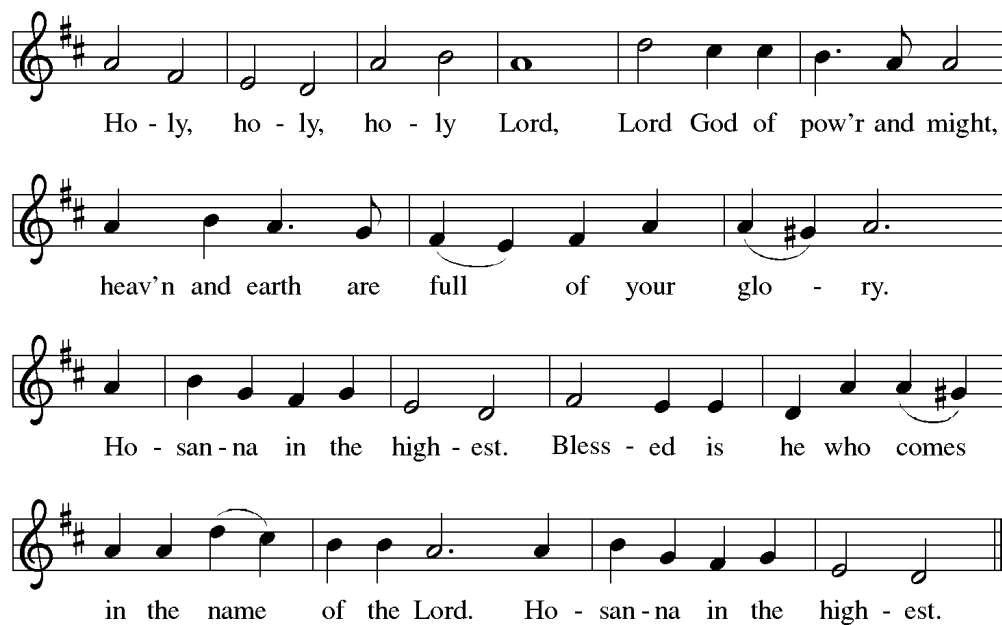
Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: 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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

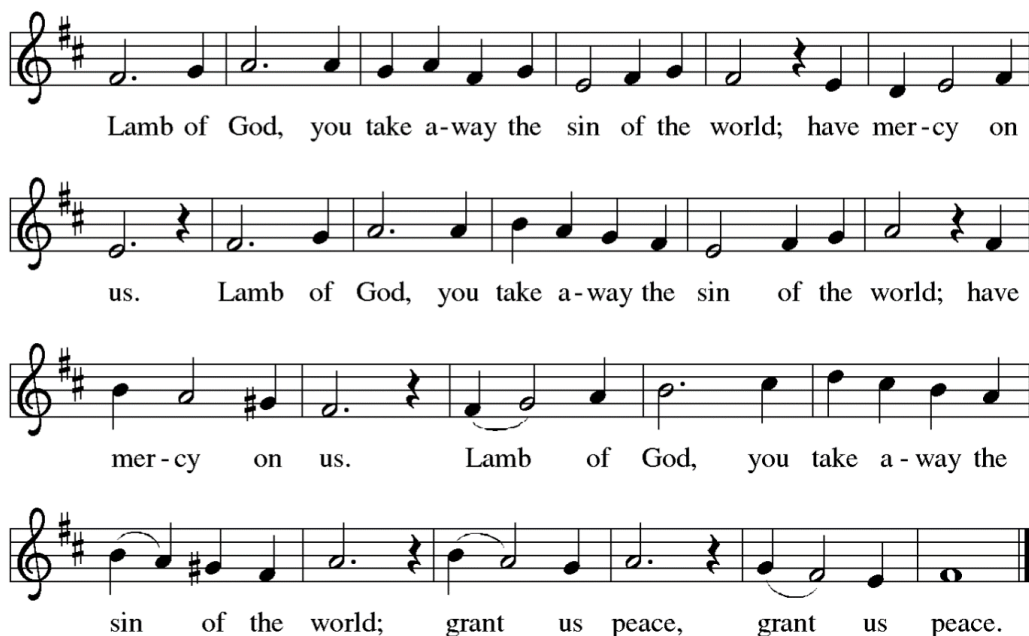
L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Eat This Bread

Blue Book: 709

To be sung on repeat during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray together:

ALL: Life-giving God,

**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.**

Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

L: The God of peace,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

ALL: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
Blue Book: #673**

***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for:



Strength and healing for:

- *Tammy Cummings – severe influenza A*
- *Jack – final stages of cancer*
- *David Sescil – chemo*
- *David Finger – pacemaker/defibrillator*
- *Helmut Bauder - healing*
- *Jim Kidder - healing*
- *Eileen Kittel - chemo*

Counters: June: Mary Lou July: Donna August: Jennifer



Happy Father's Day
to all the dads, grandpas, and caregivers!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School: VBS is coming up fast! It will run June 26th – June 30th, from 5:30-8pm, with dinner at 5:30. We are joining with our siblings and holding VBS at Town Line Lutheran Church in Alden again this year. Miss Donna, Tyler Johnson and Pastor Rick will be on staff as well! There is a waiver that will need to be filled out prior, so please see Pastor Rick or any of the Sunday school staff to get your child(ren) registered. Forms are also available in this month's Beacon and in the narthex.

Trinity's Summer Book Challenge

As a part of our commitment to love and care for our neighbors, especially our neighbors on the East Side of Buffalo, we're going to take some time to learn the causes behind the events of May 14th with the mass shooting at Tops. Why was racism a leading cause? Why is racism still an evil force so present in our world? What role can we play to help stamp out this form of hate? That's what our Summer Book Challenge will help us begin to understand.

We are going to read **together** *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo. You can buy this book on Amazon or Barnes & Noble as a paperback or e-book, and it can be found in both formats through the Erie County Public Library and the Nioga Library System.

We'll check in during the summer from time to time to see how your reading is going, and for our September Adult Forum after worship on September 18th, we'll take a look at the whole book and have a conversation around it.

There are many more books to read about white supremacy, racism and evils like it, and how we have a role to play in denouncing them in word and action. In our summer Beacon next month, we'll include a reading list if you want to read further.

Adopt-a-flowerbed

Thank you to Trinity's flowerbed volunteers who have been very busy planting and maintaining their sections of the flowerbeds! *Becky Fix, MaryLou Groff, Tammy Johannes, Jennifer Kleparek, Lois Kruschke, Ronda Lauridsen and Laura Pingitore* have all done a wonderful job beautifying the exterior! Special thanks to Frank Powell for donating the mulch!

Akron Fourth of July Parade

Trinity is planning a float in Akron's Fourth of July Parade! You can help make it happen. We are in need of the following to make our presence known in the parade:

- We want to feature **everyone's hand tracings** as a part of our parade float. Help out by making your own tracing at the table in the narthex.
- **If you'd like to be in the parade**, please see Christine Kumpf or David Hofmeier, all are welcome!
- We could also use some creative talents and hands to create our float. If you want to help with this, please contact David Hofmeier or Christine Johnson.

Summer Campfires Are Back!

We'll gather on select **Wednesday evenings** from **7-8:30 pm** for great conversation, devotions, snacks and more around the campfire outdoors at church.

Dress for the weather, bring your own lawn chair, bug spray and a snack or drink to share. In case of inclement weather, campfire nights turn into indoor movie nights!

2022 Campfire dates:

July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th;

August 17th, 24th & 31st

Sidewalk Sale

Thank you to all of you who helped by donating, wrapping and volunteering for the Buck-a-Box on Saturday!

Worship in the Park 2022

Join us this summer as we worship together at Russell Park with Akron First Methodist Church! Please bring a food or refreshment to share for fellowship time after worship. *Remember, there will be no worship here at Trinity next Sunday!

Dates: **June 26th**, July 31st and August 28th all at **9:30 am**

Class of 2022 Graduate Recognition

During worship at Russell Park on Sunday June 26th, we will take time to recognize and bless the graduating seniors!

150th Anniversary Picnic: Sunday, July 17th

Save the date for our 150th celebration picnic on July 17th! We will start with outdoor worship at **10:30- at the same pavilion in Akron Falls Park** – and the picnic will follow. We'll be playing games and enjoying food and fellowship! (*Take note – this outdoor worship is different – it's not at Russel Park on Main St.*)

Pies in the Park: Friday, July 8th

The Akron Community Band invites you to come every Friday evening at 7:30 pm to hear them entertain you with music in Russel Park. Please bring your own chairs. Area churches and organizations invite you to enjoy some tasty desserts, with a cup of coffee or

water each week as you listen to the band. Trinity extends an invitation especially on **Friday, July 8th**.

You are asked to consider donating a pie (or two), cookies (6 to a package), popcorn balls, etc. These items will be sold in the refreshment stand prior to, during and following the concert.

If you plan on making a donation, please have your items to Trinity's kitchen *by 6:00pm on Friday, July 8th*, otherwise you are asked to bring your donation(s) down to Russel Park on the corner of Main & Clinton Streets. There is also a need for volunteers to serve customers, cut pies, plate them and bag the cookies.

If you have any questions or can help by volunteering, please contact Donna Kumpf or Jane Dorr.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Historical Boat Trip

As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration year of Trinity, we are planning a day trip to Buffalo's constantly changing waterfront!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

TIME: 10:00 am – Approximately 5:00 pm

This day trip will include a boat ride, historical information about the wonderful City, Canalside and Riverworks, transportation to and from downtown, and most importantly, FELLOWSHIP with the friends and members of Trinity! The cost will be \$50 per person, payable to Sue Kidder. All are welcome! Bring your friends and other family members. Please let Sue know if you will be attending as soon as you know for sure. Thank You!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SUNDAY, JULY 10TH!