



Holy Trinity
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Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 19, 2018
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 138th Anniversary

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

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 people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet, found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.

Using a smartphone? While we ask you to please silence your ringer, feel free to check-in, post, tweet or instagram your experience today using the hashtag #PowerofTrinity. Friend us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo

INTRODUCTION

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 3

George Frideric Händel
(1685 – 1759)

Adagio, Allegro
Rebecca Torres, violin

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Voices Raised to You “Song of Praise”

ELW 845

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

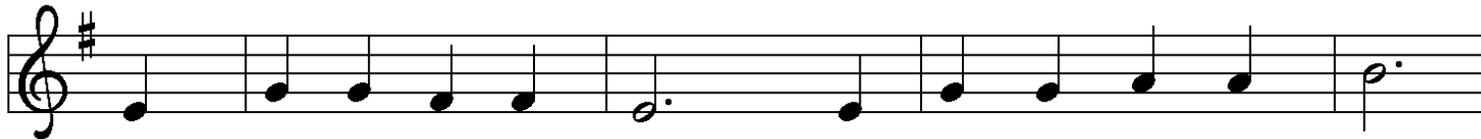
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

The first reading for the Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Proverbs, the 9th Chapter.

¹Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 5th Chapter.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



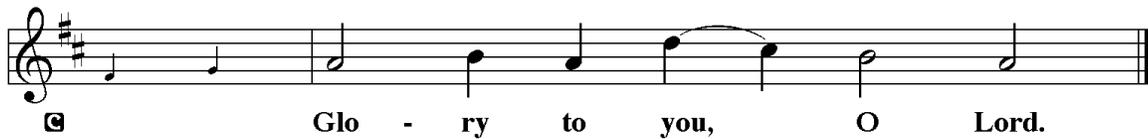
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to Saint John



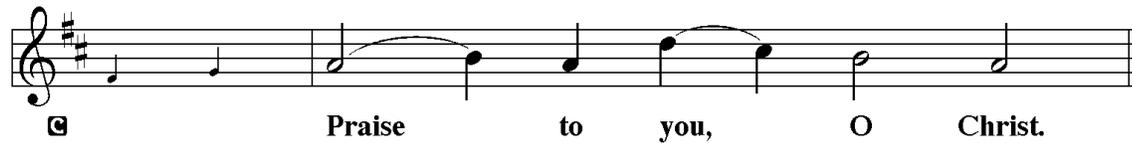
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died.

But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am the Bread of Life “I Am the Bread”

ELW 485

(10:30)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – CONFIRMATION

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(8:30)

CREED

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

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Bless all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence especially Theresa Pomietlarz and all others we name out loud and those we remember in our hearts.... . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord God, watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Nathaniel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata No. 3

George Frideric Händel
(1685 – 1759)

Largo
Rebecca Torres, violin

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Summer

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated to the right of the chancel, and following the lead of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. Receiving the bread wafer (host) in your hand, we invite you to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice of your choice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available simply by asking the pastor as you are served. Those choosing not to receive communion may still come forward for a blessing. Please notify an usher if you are physically unable to come to the altar to receive communion, and the pastor will come to you. All are always welcome at The Lord’s Table.

COMMUNION

Traumerei

Robert Schumann
(1810 - 1856)

Rebecca Torres, violin

Andante

Christoph Willibald Gluck
(1714 – 1787)

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

You Are the Way “Dundee”

ELW 758

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 3

George Frideric Händel

(1685 – 1759)

Allegro

Rebecca Torres, violin



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

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/confirmation

MONDAY, August 20, 2018

Happy Birthday Pastor Miller

- 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, August 21, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)

THURSDAY, August 23, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, August 24, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
1:00 p.m. David Higgs Recording (MC)

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
11:30 a.m. Church Picnic/Rally Day

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins tomorrow at 8:30 am. It's not too late to sign up, registration forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC with Rally Day will be held August 26, after the 10:30 service. We will serve hot dogs and beverages and ask that you please bring a dish to pass. **Donations for the basket raffle to offset the cost of VBS are much needed and gratefully accepted.** Please bring them to the church office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being collected for P.S. 17 Early Childhood Center (pre-K to 4th grade) again this year. No specific items were requested by the school. They are grateful for all the donations we provide for the children. A box for the donations is in the entrance way of the chapel area.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate a vase during September through December of 2018, please contact Linda Schmidt with your request. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

FINAL SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Monday 8/27 from 12:00-1:00pm in the Church library. Bring a bag lunch and discuss the book *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis (available at the library or can be found used on Amazon for under \$10 plus shipping). Sponsored by the Racial Justice Taskforce. Please see Pastor Miller for details.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of year to begin to think about our students going off to college. Holy Trinity sends an annual care package to our college students typically in late September. **If you have a student going off to college for the first time or a student returning to college and would like them to receive a Holy Trinity care package, please notify the church office with the name and address of your student.** Care packages will be assembled during the 9/16 "God's Work, Our Hands" event at church. If you have any questions or would like to donate snacks toward the care packages, please feel free to reach out to Beth Pellnat, Martha Kryszczuk or Kathy Crissey.

THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE is sponsoring "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 16. As part of the "Blessing Bags" we would like to include \$5 gift cards to local "fast food" restaurants. If you are able to make this donation, please include with your offering when it is collected during the service.



*Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings
August 2018*

August 6 In Honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary by Daniel and Doreen Griebel, and In Loving Memory of our Parents

August 9 In Loving Memory of my best friend Roy Kuck, married on August 9, 1958, sadly missed by wife Jeanette on what would have been 60 years



At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Matthew Kinkade. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Marcia Haas. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Barb Wozniak. Lay reader is Janet Archer. Altar guild is Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Communion Assistant is Barb Wozniak. Worship Assistant is Aidan Vitka. Collection Counters are Janice Bauchle, Uli MacDonald and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my husband Horace Cromer and In Honor of the Marshall Family by Barbara Cromer; and Thank you, God, for all blessings received by Guy Huber.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Nathaniel Edward Wareham.

Council Member Barb Wozniak will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

Weekly attendance from August 12 was 113. The gospel reading for Sunday, August 26 is John 6:56-69.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs,
leaving the rest to those in want,
there would be no rich and no poor.*

St. Basil

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