



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Celebrating our 138<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo)*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme  
BWV 645 from Schübler Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685 - 1750)

## **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES**

## THE ANTIPHON (10:30)

*O Sapientia*

from *The Great "O" Antiphons* (1986)

Peter Hallock

(1924 – 2014)

O Sapientia, O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Come and teach us the way of prudence.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* “Wachet Auf”

ELW 436

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

*You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able (10:30)*

To you, O God,

**we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

**Amen.**

*Please stand 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.**

## **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*While we light the Advent Wreath we sing together O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: ELW 257 vs. 1*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The first reading for the First Sunday of Advent is recorded in Jeremiah, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

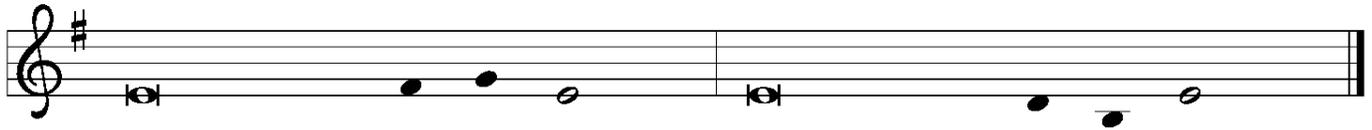
<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 25:1-10**

The congregation will respond with the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O Lord,  
and teach | me your paths. R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the  
day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting. R**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of  
your good- | ness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

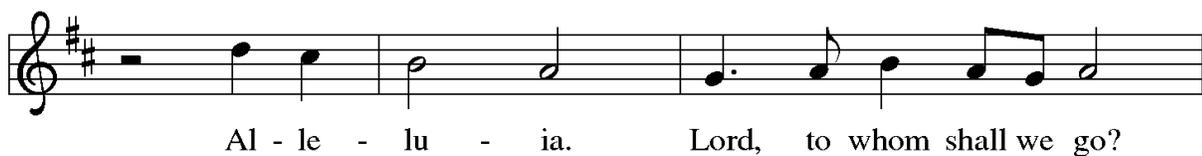
<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

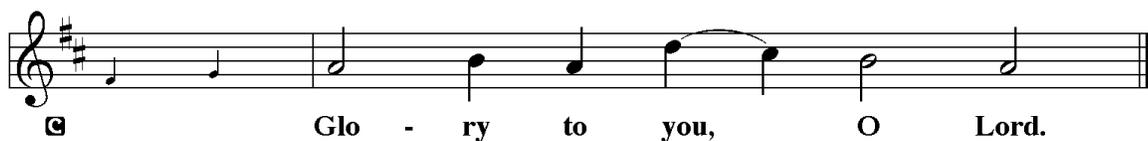
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke

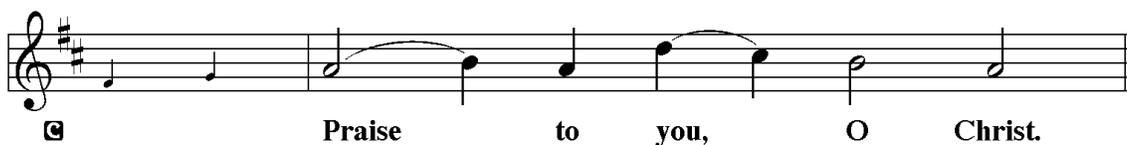


Jesus said: <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord:



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand, if able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* “Merton”

ELW 246

### **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**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Restore depleted fields. Send farmers, forest rangers, and gardeners to care for fig trees and wheat fields, gardens and arboretums. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Move us to nurture those who are bereaved and lonely. Empower those living with HIV/AIDS and all who are sick. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Increase our joy, wondrous God. Plant thanksgiving in our hearts and multiply the good fruit of our outreach ministries and creation care programs. Guide us in our service to local and global neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Ella and Jacob. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory. Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light, and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of 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

### SOLO AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

*Bereite dich, Zion*

Johann Sebastian Bach

BWV 248 I, No. 4 (Christmas Oratorio)

(1685 - 1750)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Prepare yourself, Zion, with tender efforts,  
to behold your lovely one, your beloved, near you soon!  
Your cheeks must now glow much more radiantly,  
hurry to love the Bridegroom with passion!

### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

*Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Arr. Gustav Holst

French Carol, from *Liturgy of St. James*, translated

(1874 - 1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads ins vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears a way. At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most High!" Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

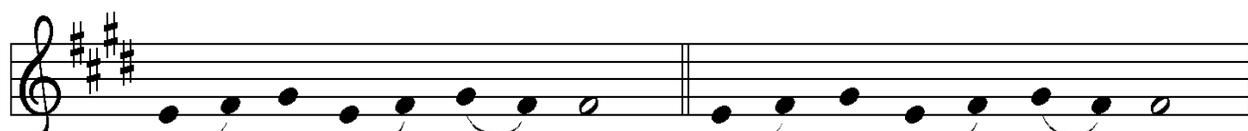
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

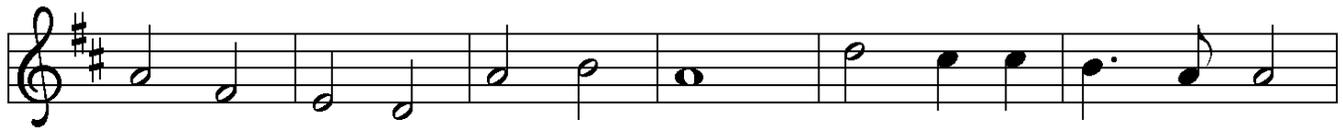


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



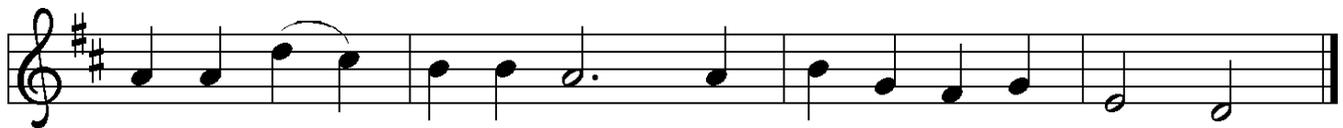
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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



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 COMMUNION

## *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward to the communion rail (or to the presiding minister if the communion rails are not in place) and kneel or stand at the next available place at the rail. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may 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. All are welcome to the table of our Lord.

## **SOLO AT COMMUNION (8:30)**

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

Arr. Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

## **COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)**

*Lo, In the Time Appointed*

Healey Willan  
(1880 – 1968)

Text: Sarum Antiphon

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon the throne of David shall he reign for ever. Alleluya.

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Text: chant, Veni emmanuel

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

(b.1925)

(1916-1999)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou key of David, come, and open our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*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.

**Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* “Jefferson”

ELW 254

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on ‘Veni Emmanuel’ (1995)

Andrew Carter  
(b. 1939)



*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall  
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.  
All are welcome.*



### ***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings December 2018***

*December 22*

*Happy Heavenly 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to my husband,  
Nicholas Campana, on December 22. Lovingly  
miss my “St. Nick”. Forever in my heart, Cris*

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

### **SUNDAY, December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Greening of the Church
12:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant rehearsal (MC)
12:00 p.m.	Chirstkindlmarkt Meeting (FI)
6:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols with UB Choir

### **MONDAY, December 3, 2018**

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Carol Rehearsal

### **TUESDAY, December 4, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	Pastor boundary training (FR)
3:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Music Program (FR)
6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (FR)
7:00 p.m.	Community Music Chorus Rehearsal (CH)

### **WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018**

6:00 p.m.	BNYC Rehearsal (CH)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Service (RH)
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Carol Dress Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, December 6, 2018**

6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir (CH)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (MR)
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, December 7, 2018**

7:30 p.m.	A Christmas Carol Production (MC)
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### **SATURDAY, December 8, 2018**

9:00 a.m.	Christkindlmarkt Set Up (RH)
2:00 p.m.	A Christmas Carol Production (MC)

### **SUNDAY, December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m.	Christkindlmarkt (RH)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
12:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant rehearsal (MC)
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (FR)

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

**SUNDAY FORUM:** Today our Treasurer, Emily Notari will be presenting the proposed 2019 Holy Trinity budget. There will be no program next week. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH** will take place today following the 10:30 service. We will have a light lunch for those who stay to help. All are welcome to help.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS:** Join us today at 6:00pm as Holy Trinity features the UB Choir and Chamber Singers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Evening of Nine Lessons and Carols under the direction of Claudia Brown. The ensembles will be featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and other holiday masterpieces by Stanford, Rutter, Weelkes, and Britten, interspersed with Christmas hymns and readings chronicling the birth of Jesus. We hope that you can attend this moving and peaceful evening of choral music and scripture.

**FAITH TO GO BOXES** will be ready for distribution today. This new devotion will be introduced first with our Sunday School families but are available to anyone who would like one for themselves or their families. Please see Pastor Brenda for more information or to request your own Faith to Go Boxes.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** Worn out by the middle of the week? Join us to top off your cup of blessing. We invite you to our new weekly Wednesday evening service at 6:30pm in Redeemer Hall for an interactive, informal worship experience.

THE ANGEL AND MITTEN TREE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION begins today. Each year we gather Christmas presents and warm accessories for students of PS #17, our community school partners. Visit the Angel Tree to select a student to shop for. Visit the Mitten Tree to drop off cold weather accessories. All gifts and items are due by December 16<sup>th</sup>. For additional questions please see Heather Miller or email [convmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:convmiller@yahoo.com). Thank you for your generosity.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Holy Trinity and the HT Players present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. There will be two performances; Friday December 7 at 7:30pm and Saturday, December 8 at 2:00pm. The production is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will benefit HT's summer day camp and Lutheran Disaster Response.

CHRISTKINDLMARKET will take place next Sunday from 9:30am – 3:00pm. Join us and shop for wonderful, handcrafted treasures and gifts for the Advent and Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$10 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms are available in the entrance ways.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. The following dates are available through the end of February 2019: December 23 and 30; January 13; February 3 and 10. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [mmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:mmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT will be held on Friday, December 14. Dinner is in Redeemer Hall at 6:00 p.m. The pageant immediately follows. Cost is \$10 adults/\$5 children/\$30 family price. Reservation forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways or by calling the church office and must be made by December 10.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will once again be collecting food (**with a particular emphasis on canned goods and pasta sauces**) and cash donations for our holiday baskets through December 12. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates and other holiday items can be sent to the church office and designated "holiday baskets". The Committee will be preparing the baskets on December 12 at 5:30pm in Redeemer Hall. All are welcome to help.

## 2018 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir

### CHRISTMAS EVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 p.m. Family Service  
9:45 p.m. Preservice music  
10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion

### CHRISTMAS DAY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas service (Chapel)



At 8:30 a.m. altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Todd Kroening. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Martha Kutas. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Martha Kutas. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Noreen Casson and Roy and Jean Clare. Communion Assistants are Jim Dunnigan, Ron Leiser, Gabriel Behrens and Christian Johnson. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Christian Johnson, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection Counters are Darlene Carden, Jim Dunnigan and Herb Hough.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Kathy's dad, Ernest, and her Tante Uschi on their birthdays by Kathy and Gary Szakmary; and In Loving Memory of husband Donald and his son Scott by Judy Ronald.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Ella and Jacob Smith.

The gospel reading for Sunday, December 9 is Luke 3:1-6.

Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,  
I would still plant my apple tree.*

*Martin Luther*

*Christkindlmarket flyer*

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