



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Celebrating our 140<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.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Méditation from 24 Pièces en style libre*

**Louis Vierne**  
(1870 - 1937)

## **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* “ChristPraise Ray”

ELW 651 vs. 1-5

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

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

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

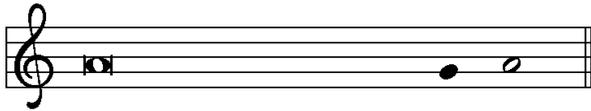
*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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.**

# 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.



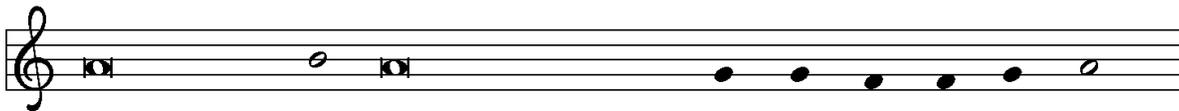
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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**

Let us pray together.

**O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, 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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Genesis, the 45<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

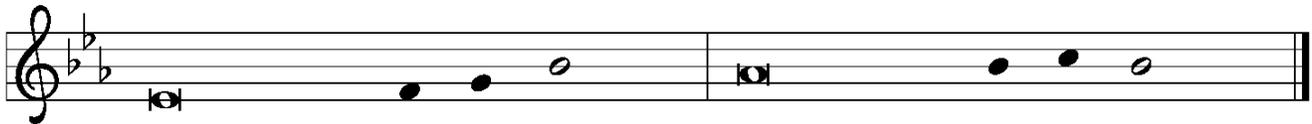
<sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by | evildoers;

do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**  
**and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight | in the LORD,**  
**who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what | God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light**  
**and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who  
succeeds in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;**  
**do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall | be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

<sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;**

**even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

<sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;

they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

<sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you,  
O LORD;**

**you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because  
in you | they seek refuge.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

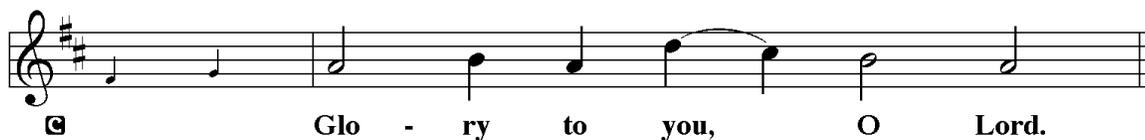
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



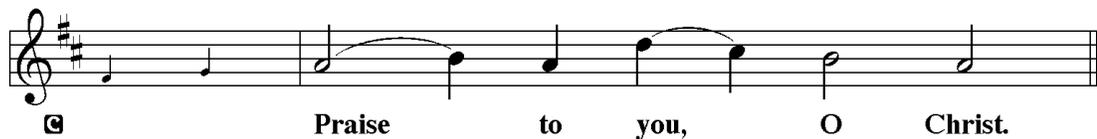
Jesus said: <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

<sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord:



*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand, if able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* “Merton”

ELW 603

## 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**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Show us new ways to be helpful to others. Protect all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth. Grant seasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations. For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; for those unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick, and comfort the grieving. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Parker, Cole and Brennan. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our 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**

*Nun beut die Flur* from *Die Schöpfung*

Franz Joseph Haydn  
(1732 – 1809)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

And God spoke: Let the earth bring forth grass, herbs, which yield seeds, and fruit trees, whose harvests yield according to their species, which have their seeds inside themselves on the earth, and it was so.

Now, the fresh green meadow which delights the eye; the charming appearance is enhanced by flower's tender ornament. Here the balsam herbs are fragrant; here sprouts the healing plant. The branch bends with golden fruit's weight; here arches the grove in cool protective cover; the steep mountain is crowned in a thick forest.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

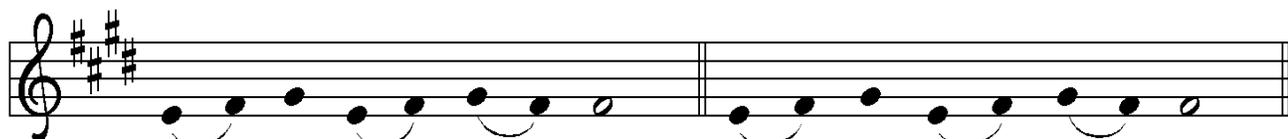
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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



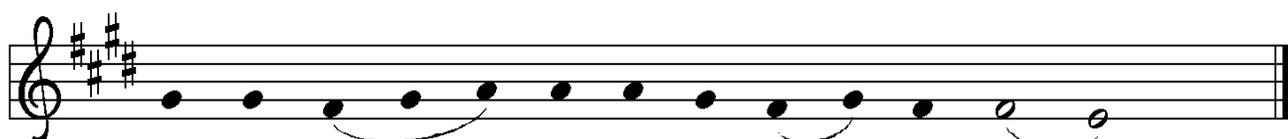
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

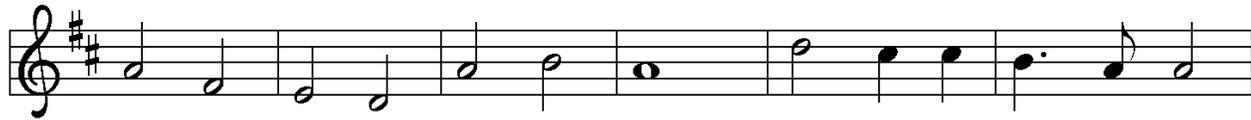


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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



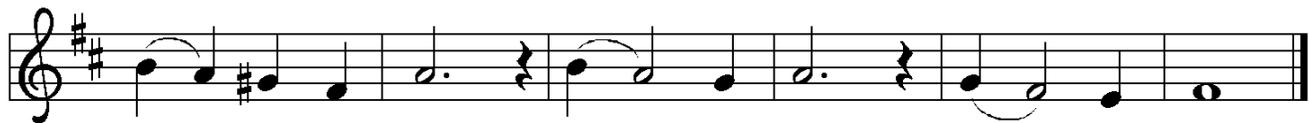
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

## COMMUNION

*My Hope is Everlasting* from *The Daughter of Jarius*

John Stainer

(1840 - 1901)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

My hope is in the Everlasting, that He will save you; and joy is come unto me from the Holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting, our Savior. I sent you out with mourning and weeping. But God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever. My hope is in the Everlasting, that He will save you; and joy is come unto me from the Holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting, our Savior; joy is come to me, because of the mercy which shall soon come to you from our Savior.

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Peter Tchaikovsky

(1840 – 1893)

Holly Holdaway, *soprano*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, besides the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Tho' I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me, Thou preparest a table, before me, in the presence of mine enemies: my cup runneth over, Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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.

**We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* “Hyfrydol”

ELW 631

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in a minor BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685 - 1750)



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

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

### **SUNDAY, February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

- 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)  
3:00 p.m. GBYSO Rehearsal (MC)

### **MONDAY, February 25, 2019**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

### **TUESDAY, February 26, 2019**

- 3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise After School Program (FR)  
6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)  
4:00 p.m. ABC Bel Canto and GBYSO rehearsal (MC)  
5:30 p.m. Sue's Supper (RH)  
6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (CH)  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service (RH)

### **THURSDAY, February 28, 2019**

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)  
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SUNDAY, March 3, 2019 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

- 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. Faith in Action Meeting (FI)  
3:00 p.m. GBYSO and ABC Bel Canto Choir Concert (MC)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel  
FR = Fellowship Room  
MR = Music Room  
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room  
FI = Fireside Room/Library  
PS = Pastor's Study  
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room  
MC = Main Church  
RH = Redeemer Hall  
YR = Youth Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM – Today Vicki Ross will speak about her recent trip to Afghanistan. Next week Pastor Brenda discusses “What does Lent look like for you?” Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

SUE’S SUPPER: Our community meal ministry/"Sue's Supper," will be serving a community dinner this Wednesday at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening worship following dinner. We need volunteers to help prep and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on February 27 at 3pm. Please contact Rebecca Torres with questions.

JOIN US: On March 3, Transfiguration Sunday, the Chancel Choir will present Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 23 Du Wahrer Gott und Davids Sohn (You true God and Son of David.) He composed this piece for Transfiguration Sunday in Leipzig in 1723. The cantata will be performed during the 10:30 service just as it would have been presented in Bach's time. The Chancel Choir will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble of strings and oboes and features solos from Aurora Deeds, Maria Parker, Timothy Flynn and Christopher Wietig. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special musical event.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, newly minted Women's Bible and Books will now begin to meet on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm in the fellowship room. Our next meeting will be March 12. We will be exploring a new book beginning in March, *The Apostle: The Life of Paul* by John Pollock. We will be discussing Part One: The Pursuer Pursued, which includes the first six chapters. Please see Pastor Brenda with any questions.

HAITI UPDATE – Our Haiti mission team was unable to travel to Haiti this past week due to civil unrest in the country. We hope to reschedule in the coming months. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as they strive for peace in their homeland. Thank you for your support for our global mission partnership.

“BY HEART” ADULT CATECHISM COURSE – Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning March 13, at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room for a five-week series on Luther’s small catechism. Our course uses videos with topics led by current Lutheran teachers, preachers, and bishops, and introduces us to the themes in the catechism. This is a great series for those who are new to the Lutheran understanding of Christianity, or for those who would like to think a little deeper about what it means to be Lutheran. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome.

ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH OPPORTUNITY! *The 2019 Understanding Islam Series* will take place this year at Westminster Presbyterian on Tuesday nights March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 from 6-8 PM, beginning with a \$7 supper followed by two brief presentations by a Christian and Muslim on the topic of the evening, with an opportunity for small-group discussion at the dinner tables and discussion in the large group. The Theme on March 12<sup>th</sup> is Two Faiths: A Common Destination? With The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson and Dr. Sawsan Tabbaa presenting. Holy Trinity is proud to be a co-sponsor of the series. All are welcome!



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures.  
He who sent forth his apostles without gold had not need of gold to form his  
Church. The Church possesses gold not to hoard but to scatter abroad and  
come to the aid of the unfortunate.*

*St. Ambrose*



## Lenten and Easter Worship

### **Ash Wednesday, March 6**

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run  
12:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Chapel  
12:30 p.m. \$6 Lenten Lunch – Meatless Lasagna  
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Church

### **Wednesday Evening Worship at Holy Trinity**

6:30 Mid-week Worship in Mansperger Chapel

### **Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity**

12:10 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel  
12:30 p.m. \$6 Lenten Lunch (includes sides, dessert and coffee and tea)  
3/14 Corned Beef and Cabbage  
3/21 Pork Loin  
3/28 Ham  
4/4 Crispy Chicken Bake  
4/11 Meatloaf

### **Palm Sunday, April 14**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with full choir

### **Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19**

7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

### **Monday, April 15**

6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

### **Maundy Thursday, April 18**

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion/stripping of the altar/full choir

### **Good Friday, April 19**

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with full choir

### **Easter Sunday, April 21**

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship Group  
9:45 a.m. Pre-service music  
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Delayne Pace. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Mary Linda Schmidt. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Barb Wozniak. Lay reader is Vicki Ross. Altar guilds are Martha Kryszczuk and Donna and Ron Leiser. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Helen Wright and Robert and Nadine Sweitzer. Communion Assistants are Barb Wozniak, Helen Wright, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Emma Crissey, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection counters are Darlene Carden and Beth Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Arthur O. Pellnat. Happy Birthday from Ron Pellnat; and In Loving Memory of our parents Robert and Mira Thomson and Etta and Franklin Kroll by Paul and Judy Kroll.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Parker, Cole and Brennan Parisi.

Council Secretary Uli MacDonald will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Honor of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.

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