



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

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.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

We nur den lieben Gott lässt walten  
from the Schübler Chorales

J.S. Bach  
(1685 – 1750)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## INTROIT (10:30)

Psalms 130 and 51

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses.

*(Refrain)* Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

O let your ears consider well the voice of my complaint. Have mercy on me, O God, for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Cleanse me from all my sin and wash me pure as the snow, make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the body which you have broken may rejoice. *(Refrain)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Return to the Lord with all your heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and one another.

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

Merciful God,

**you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* “Rathbun”

ELW 324

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

The first reading for the Second Sunday in Lent is recorded in Genesis, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

<sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **MOTET (10:30)**

Psalm 130, *De Profundis*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756 – 1791)

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord God; hear Thou my voice. Oh, let Thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. Lord, if Thou should'st markest all iniquities, O my Lord, who then shall stand? There is mercy with Thee; and, therefore, shalt Thou be feared, Lord our God. I look for the Lord, and my soul waiteth for Him, for in the Word of the Lord put I all my trust. From the early dawn until evening, let Israel hope in God. Trust in the Lord our God and His abundant grace, for with Him there is plenteous redemption. He shall redeem Israel; yes, Israel shall be redeemed from all sin. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever, shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



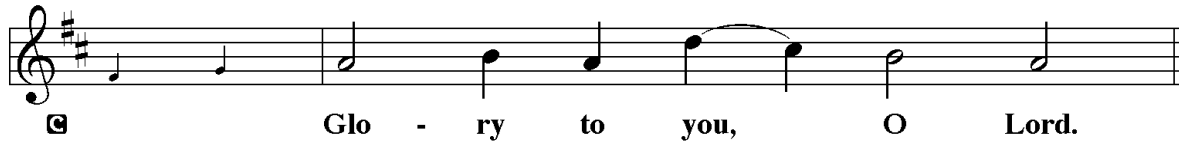
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

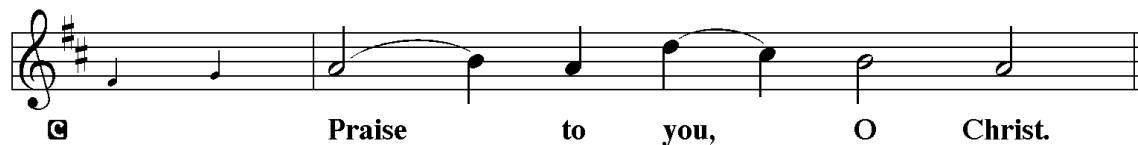
The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord:



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

*Please stand, if able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Faith of Our Father's* "St. Catherine"

ELW 813

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,  
bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross  
until the world is made anew.  
Faith born of God, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

## **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**

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Strengthen pastors, bishops, deacons, and all who minister in your name. Bless communities of faith, including the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For flowing streams and still waters. For urban parks and wilderness reserves. For pastures and forests. Instill within us a reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship. For ministries of fellowship and hospitality. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for all who provide care and support to those who are homebound. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of us, those young and young at heart, your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Mary and Barbara. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (8:30)**

*God So Loved the World*

Text: John 3:16-17

John Stainer

(1840 – 1901)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

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

*Witness*

Jack Halloran

(1916 – 1997)

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not, man; if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord; soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth, he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times, he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a wand'rin about. Samson's strength was never found out, 'til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk so fair. Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will 'come like a natural man."

Samson was a witness, for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord, There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

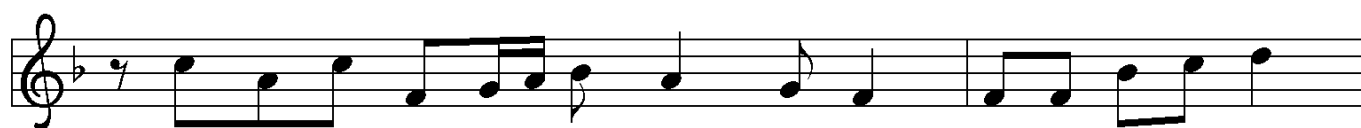
**Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

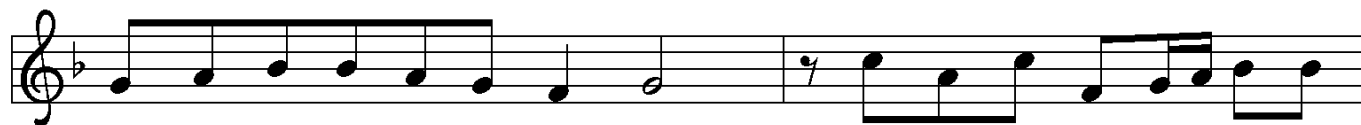
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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take




not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of




your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.


## 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## 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.

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

*Lamb of God*

Text: John 1:29

Lee H. Bristol, Jr.

(1866 – 1949)

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

*Canticles of Light*

Bob Chilcott

Mvmt. 2: Christe, qui, splendor et dies

(b. 1955)

Text: Hymn at Compline, from *Liturgia Horarum*

Christ, brightness of the light of day, you who roll away the shadows of the night, who bestowed the light of light, telling of the light to come for the blessed.

We pray, Holy Lord, that you watch over us this night; let us find rest in you, and grant us peaceful hours. Though our eyes be given over to sleep, Let our hearts be filled with you through the night;

and with your right hand protect the faithful who cherish you. Look upon us, our protector, check those who beset us, and guide your servants whom you have redeemed with your blood.

Glory be to you Christ, holiest of kings, and to the Father, and to the Holy Ghost forever and ever. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that who so believeth should not perish but have everlasting life.

*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.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be a longing for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. 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 who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace. **Amen.**




## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* “Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott” ELW 769

## DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



*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***

*February 2018      In thanks and praise to God on the occasion of the  
70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of my wonderful and beloved wife,  
Kathy, on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday of  
our beautiful granddaughter, Annalie, on  
February 25<sup>th</sup> by Gary Szakmary*

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!  
Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to  
Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.  
Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the  
Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.

***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

**SUNDAY, February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed (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 (CR)
- 12:00 p.m. Yeshurun Service (CH)

**MONDAY, February 26, 2018**

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

**TUESDAY, February 27, 2018**

- 9:00 a.m. Community Meal Prep (RH)
- 3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

**WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2018**

- 5:30 p.m. Community Meal (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
- 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Service (CH)
- 7:15 p.m. Grief Group Meeting (CR)

**THURSDAY, March 1, 2018**

- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (CH)
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

**FRIDAY, March 2, 2018**

- 9:00 a.m. Concert Rehearsal (MC)
- 7:30 p.m. Community Sing with Bob Chilcott (MC)

**SATURDAY, March 3, 2018**

- 11:30 a.m. Concert set up and rehearsal (MC)

**SUNDAY, March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive/Health Fair (RH)
- 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. Communion Education Class (SS)
- 12:00 p.m. Yeshurun Service (CH)
- 4:00 p.m. Vocalis Sings with Chilcott 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**

**ADULT ED:** Today at adult ed we welcome George Miller who will be speaking on worldwide human trafficking. There will be no adult ed next week, but please join us for the Health Fair/Blood Drive. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE** will meet today after the 10:30 service in the Conference Room.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES** continues this week and every Wednesday during the Lenten Season. Holden Prayer Around the Cross is a more intimate liturgy style. It is a blend of Taize and Holden Evening Prayer. Services begin at 6:30pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Members and friends of Holy Trinity are invited to join together for "Understanding Your Grief," a small grief support group, during Lent. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm in the Conference Room. See Pastor Miller for more details.

**BLOOD DRIVE and HEALTH FAIR** will take place on March 4 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The Red Cross will be here for our blood drive. Our parish nurse, Judy Reifsteck will be downstairs after the services to sign up people to donate blood. We will also be holding a small health fair that morning in Redeemer Hall. Please plan on joining us.

**LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP** will be held each Thursday at 12:10 in the chapel. Followed by our Lenten Lunches. The cost of lunch is \$6 and includes lunch, dessert, coffee or tea.

CONCERT: Holy Trinity will be hosting internationally acclaimed English composer Bob Chilcott (founding member of the King's Singers) and the Vocális Chamber Choir for an entire weekend of incredible events. On **Friday, March 2** we will have a morning rehearsal with High School Choirs from Amherst (Justin Pomietlarz), Lancaster (Gary Lee), and Starpoint (Roger VanDette). At 7:30pm there will be a Community Sing. \$5 at the door includes a score of Mr. Chilcott's brand new *Gloria* conducted by the composer. On **Saturday, March 3** there will be a closed rehearsal with Bob Chilcott and the Vocális Chamber Choir. **Sunday, March 4** will be "Bob Chilcott Sunday" at the 10:30 service. The Chancel and Youth Choirs will present Bob Chilcott's *Canticles of Light* for organ, choirs and chimes, among other works. At 4:00 Vocális Chamber Choir presents its concert *The Music of Bob Chilcott*, featuring choirs from Amherst, Lancaster, and Starpoint High Schools \$15. For more information, visit [www.vocalischamberchoir.org](http://www.vocalischamberchoir.org)

SUPPORT OUR HAITI MISSION TEAM. SAVE THIS DATE! Sunday, April 29 from 1:00–4:00pm at Resurgence Brewery, 1250 Niagara Street. The Haiti Mission Team is holding a fundraiser to enable purchasing pews for the church on the Island of Ile a Vache. The goal is to raise enough for 20 pews at \$200.00/pew. The team will build these during the October 2018 mission trip. Event tickets are \$25.00 (includes food and a drink.) A Basket raffle and 50/50 split will also be held. If you would like to make a donation toward the raffle, ex. a basket filled with goodies, gift certificates, a painting, etc. see Kathy Crissey (807-9494) or Donna Leiser (868-3862). Ticket information to follow. Don't miss this fun event!

LYO OUTING: The LYO will meet on Saturday, March 3 from Noon until 8:30 for an off campus outing. We will come back to Holy Trinity for evening activities. Please see Pastor Brenda for further details.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, please fill out the form located in the church and chapel entrance ways and mail to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

**OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY, "Community Table,"** will be serving a community dinner on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Afterwards, all are invited to join us for our mid-week Wednesday evening service in the chapel starting at 6:30. We need volunteers to prep, cook, and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on Tuesday, February 27 from 9am-2pm and prep and serving will take place beginning on Wednesday at 2pm. Feel free to come to one or all, stay for as long as you are able (times can be split if unable to commit to the whole time period). Please see Pastor Brenda to sign-up or if you have any questions.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE CSA 2018 Sign-Up** is upon us! Have you wondered how far your vegetables have traveled or how fresh they are once they make their way to your table? Well wonder no more! Consider becoming a 'shareholder' and purchasing your very own 'share' of weekly produce from Porter Farms located in Batavia NY. It's picked fresh on Fridays and in your hands on Saturday morning. How's that for fresh!! If you're still on the proverbial fence, the Porter Family is now offering, for the first time in their farm's history, a Small Share in addition to their traditional Full Share. This smaller share is intended to make CSA membership more manageable for individual vegetarians, couples, families with young children, and the like. Please contact Sheila Richards-Perez for more information at [ada.srperez@gmail.com](mailto:ada.srperez@gmail.com)

Lenten Worship at Holy Trinity



**Wednesday Evening Worship at Holy Trinity**

**February 21 – March 21**  
 6:30 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
 Mid-week Worship in Mansperger Chapel

7:05 Grief Support Group – meeting in the Conference Room

**Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity**

12:10 p.m. spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a way from your pres - ence, and take  
 Worship in Mansperger Chapel

12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch

3/1 Chicken Pot Pie  
 3/8 Meatloaf

not your Ho 3/15 Corned Beef and Cabbage Re-store to me the joy of

3/22 Crispy Chicken Bake

**Palm Sunday, March 25**

8:30 a.m. your sal - va - tion, and up - hold - me with your true Spir - it.  
 Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

**Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30**

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

**Monday, March 26**

6:00 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Johnny Knipler. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Richard Lee. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Daniel Griebel. Altar guilds are Uli MacDonald and Linda Schmidt. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Ruth Schmidt and Gary and Kathy Szakmary. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Helen Wright, Alex Rojek and Adam Hakansson. Worship Assistants are Madison Pellnat, Christian Johnson, Alex Rojek, Adam Hakansson, Justin Rojek and Natalia Bavaro. Collection Counters are Paul Bauchle, Darlene Carden and Jeanette Kuck.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Arthur O. Pellnat; Happy Birthday from Ron Pellnat; and In thanks and praise to God our Father and to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of my devoted wife, Kathy, and the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday of our granddaughter, Annalie Simpson, by Gary Szakmary.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Mary Houghtaling and Barbara Hopkins.

Council Treasurer Emily Notari will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The regular offering from our members on February 18, 2018 was \$10,373; weekly attendance was 175. The gospel reading for Sunday, March 4 is John 2:13-22.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*You can see that a city is prosperous by the wealth of goods for sale in the market. Land too we call prosperous if it bears rich fruit. And so also the soul may be counted prosperous if it is full of good works of every kind. — St. Basil*

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