



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Baptism of Our Lord

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**

*The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Von Himmel Hoch* (2 Settings)

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653 - 1706)

## **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## INTROIT (10:30)

*Asperges me*

Text: Psalm 51

Anton Bruckner

(1824-1896)

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed  
Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow.  
Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.  
Glory be 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OPENING HYMN

*From Heaven Above* “Von Himmel Hoch”

ELW 268  
(vs. 1-3, 12-14)

## 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.**

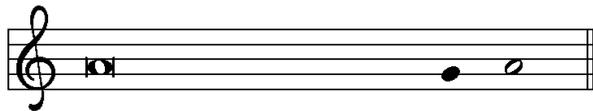
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## **GREETING**

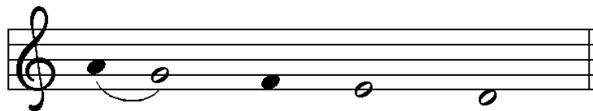
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

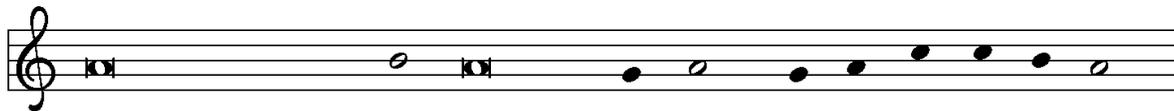
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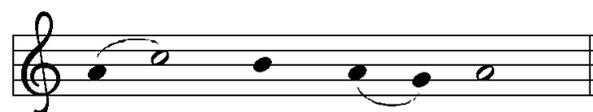
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



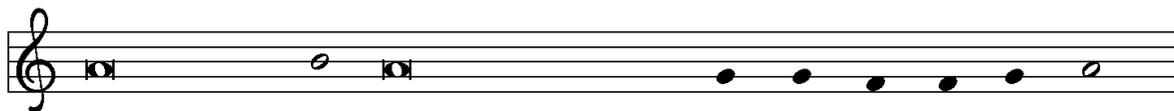
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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)**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

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**THE HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father* “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

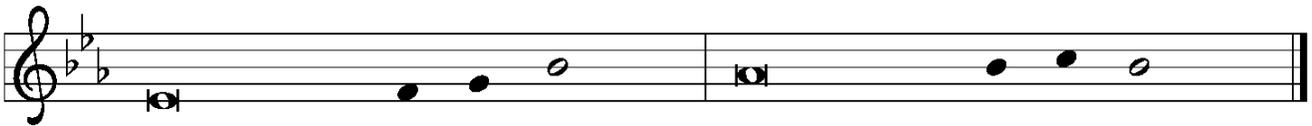
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 29**

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory  
thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

**<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

**<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips  
the | forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

## **SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

The second reading for today is recorded in Acts, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

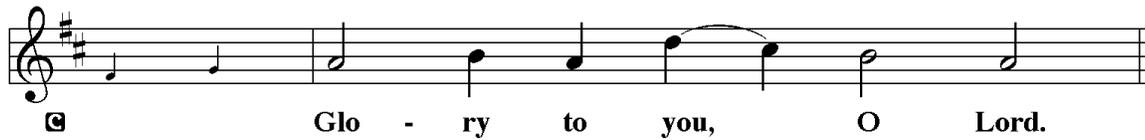
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

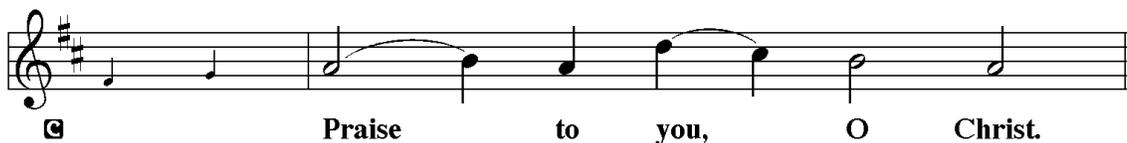
The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord:



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

*Please stand, if able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*You Are Mine* “You Are Mine”

ELW 581

**(8:30)**

### **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. 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.**

For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. 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. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the 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.**

For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized, especially Lauren. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal. 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 (8:30)

*A Carol*

Norman Dello Joio  
(1913 – 2008)

Maria Parker, *alto*

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light.  
O weary, weary were the world, but here, here is all aright.  
The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, His hair was like a star,  
O stern and cunning are the kings, but here the true hearts are.  
The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire,  
Weary, weary is the world, but here the world's desire.  
The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown  
And all the flowers looked up at Him, and all the stars looked down.  
O weary, weary were the world, but here the world is aright.

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

*Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional Spiritual, origin unknown

Arr. Sheldon Curry

Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano*

Maria Parker, *mezzo*

Thane Schulz, *tenor*

Jacob Badding, *bass*

Shannon Levine, *cello*

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O fathers, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, don't cha wanna go down?  
Come on, mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!

*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**

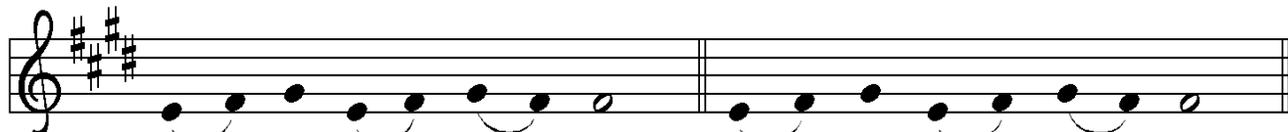
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

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

*Wexford Carol*

Arranged by Richard Walters

Traditional Irish Carol

Maria Parker, *alto*

Good people all, this Christmas-time, consider well and bear in mind,  
What God has done, in sending his beloved Son.  
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.  
The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide  
were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.  
But mark how all things came to pass; from every door repelled, alas!  
As long foretold, their refuge all was but a humble oxen stall.  
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid:  
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."  
With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,  
and as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.  
With in a manger he was laid, and by his side the virgin maid,  
Attending on the Lord of life, who came on earth to end all strife.

## COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Vidi Aquam: *I Saw Water*

Text: Ezekiel 47:1

David Hurd

(b. 1950)

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia.  
And it brought to people ev'rywhere God's life and His salvation,  
and the people sang in joyful praise: alleluia, alleluia.

*Wade in the Water*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Moses Hogan

(1957-2003)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

God's a gonna trouble the water.  
*refrain:* Wade in the water, wade in the water children.  
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.  
See that host all dressed in white. The leader looks like an Isra'lite. (*refrain*)  
See that band all dressed in red, Well it looked like the band that Moses led. (*refrain*)

*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**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars* “Morning Star”

ELW 303

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Von Himmel Hoch*

Anton Wilhelm Leupold

(1867 - 1940)



## **THE ANNUAL MEETING**

***PLEASE SEE MEETING AGENDA  
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## The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 13, 2019

*Guests are welcome to attend our congregational meeting but do not have a voice or vote on the floor.*

*Members of Holy Trinity please be sure to sign the participation sheet which will be passed around the sanctuary.*

### Agenda

#### Opening Litany

- I. Election of Church Council Members
- II. President's Report
- III. Vision 20/20 – A Close Up – Pastor Miller and Pastor Maynor
- IV. 2019 Mission Plan – Budget
- V. 2018 Year in Pictures
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Report of Ballots

#### Closing Prayer

Please join us in Redeemer Hall immediately following the 11:30 meeting for a “bring your best dish” luncheon. All are Welcome!

## BIOS

Emily Notari graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA in May 2014 and moved to Buffalo shortly thereafter. She completed the Management Development Program at M&T Bank last year and currently works a Financial Analyst there. Emily joined Holy Trinity in 2014 and serves as Treasurer and is on the Investment Committee. Outside of church, Emily also serves as a member of the Planning Committee for the Relay For Life of Buffalo and volunteers with the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Emily married Eric in September 2017 and currently serves on council as Treasurer.

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Juan Perez was born and raised in Bronx, New York and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Architecture at SUNY at Buffalo. He and his wife have two young children, and have been members of Holy Trinity since 2000. Juan currently serves as Chair of the Property Committee.

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Elizabeth Vihnanek is a life-long Lutheran and a member at HTLC since 2016. She is a retired librarian who moved to Buffalo to be close to her grandchildren. Her goal is to "make a difference" in the community. She happily volunteers for several committees (ushers, greeters, WELCA and altar guild) and activities (Christmas Carol) at Holy Trinity. She is also a docent at the Buffalo Zoo.

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Jen Yap has been a member of Holy Trinity for 20 years. Currently, she sings in the choir and serves on the Personnel Committee. Jen previously served on Council about ten years ago. She lives in Amherst with her husband Jeff, son Timmy and daughter Ellie.



## MUSIC NOTES

Sheldon Curry is a composer, educator, and church musician in Tucson, Arizona. His arrangement of Down to the River to Pray is featured in the 2000 film *O Brother, Where Art Thou* starring George Clooney. The film is set in 1937 in rural Mississippi during the Great Depression. Its story is a modern satire based loosely on Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* and also incorporates mythology from the American South. Down in the River to Pray is a traditional American song variously described as a Christian folk hymn, an African-American spiritual, an Appalachian song, and a gospel song. The exact origin of the song is unknown, but research suggests that it was composed by an African-American slave. The earliest known version of the song, titled "The Good Old Way," was published in *Slave Songs of the United States* in 1867. In some versions, "to the river" was replaced by "in the river" depicting the outdoor baptisms such as the full immersion baptism in *O Brother, Where Art Thou*. Sheldon Curry's arrangement of this song is the highest grossing Christian song for the major music distribution company JWPepper.

Vidi aquam is the name of an [antiphon](#), which may be sung during the Latin Rite Catholic [Mass](#). It accompanies the Asperges, the ritual at the beginning of Mass where the celebrant sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water. It is sung from the Easter Vigil throughout the liturgical season of [Eastertide](#) until the feast of Pentecost. The text translates to:

African-American composer David Hurd set this text beautifully using organ, hand bells, and choir. Born in 1950, he is an organist, choral director, educator, and Director of Music at The Church of St Mary the Virgin in Times Square, New York City. He is educated at Juilliard, Oberlin, and Yale. In 1977, he received the first prizes in both Organ Performance and Improvisation from the International Congress of Organists, being the only person to ever win both prizes in the same year.

Moses George Hogan (1957 –2003) was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of African-American Spirituals. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs today.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Lauren Axelson.

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***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings  
January 2019***

*January 28                      Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Ethan MacDonald! Love,  
Mama and Ian*

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.



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**



Altar flower dedications are available for \$40 per vase.  
Checks are payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.  
Please contact Mary Linda Schmidt  
835-3325 or [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) to secure a date.

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

### **SUNDAY, January 13, 2019 – Baptism of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)  
9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (CH)  
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (MC)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)  
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (MC)  
12:00 p.m. Potluck Luncheon (RH)  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)  
2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

### **MONDAY, January 14, 2019**

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

### **TUESDAY, January 15, 2019**

- 3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise after School Program (FR)  
6:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (CR)  
6:45 p.m. Community Music Chorus Rehearsal (MC)

### **WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019**

- 8:00 a.m. Property Meeting (CR)  
6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service (CH)

### **THURSDAY, January 17, 2019**

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

### **SATURDAY, January 19, 2019**

- 7:00 p.m. Community Music Chorus Concert (MC)  
LYO Overnight

### **SUNDAY, January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)  
9:30 a.m. Adult 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)  
11:45 a.m. Haiti Meeting (FI)  
2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

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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**

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** The annual congregational reports are available. They can be found on the tables in the entrance ways.

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON:** Immediately following the 10:30 service annual meeting, we will be holding a potluck luncheon. Join us for fun and fellowship.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Monday Morning Bible Study begins tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room.

**SUNDAY FORUM** – there will be no program today. Next week Pastor Miller will be holding a presentation on Martin Luther King.

**HAITI UPDATE** –the Haiti travel team had to reschedule the October trip to this coming February. We will be traveling from 2/23 through 2/28/19. Our partner in mission in Haiti, Nora, has let us know that there are at least 5 couples wishing to be married and they will be doing a wedding ceremony in March. Nora is asking if we have donations of small size wedding dresses, white gloves, small size men's suits, wedding veils and wedding bands that the team bring them along. In addition, we have been asked to bring cake mix and frosting to make wedding cakes. For any of you thrift shoppers in the congregation who may come across any of these items the team will be happy to pack them up and take them. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this please contact Kathy Crissey at 807-9494 or [kc1008@aol.com](mailto:kc1008@aol.com) and arrangements will be made to pick up the items. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry!

**A BIG THANK YOU** for the generous donations of Christmas gifts, hats, scarves, mittens, coats and other items for Early Childhood Center PS 17. Look for the special bulletin board displaying thank you notes from the recipients!

**JOIN THE HT NEEDLERS** gathering in the Fellowship Room on Tuesday, February 5 for a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30pm. Feel free to come whenever you are able, but not before 5:30pm since the room is being used for Joyful Noise. We will also have a presentation on Christian meditation from Elizabeth Vihnanek.

**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 the Chapel** for an interactive, informal worship experience.

**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: 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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Robert Mann. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Todd Kroening. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Kurt Kaufmann. Lay reader is Daniel Culross. Altar guilds are Uli MacDonald and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Gary Herrnreiter and Craig Johnson. Greeters are Sue Biesinger and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Communion Assistants are Jim Dunnigan, Helen Wright, Gabriel Behrens and Emma Crissey. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Emma Crissey, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection counters are Noreen Casson, Herb Hough and Sue Spindler.

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

The gospel reading for Sunday, January 20 is John 2:1-11.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.*

*St. Augustine*

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