



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 6, 2019
Epiphany of Our Lord
Celebrating our 138th Anniversary

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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

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

INTRODUCTION

Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

VOLUNTARY

I Wonder As I Wander

David Evan Thomas
(b. 1958)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

We Have Seen His Star

Everett Titcomb

(1885 – 1968)

We have seen His star, His star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

“Wie Schön Leuchtet”

ELW 308

(vs. 1-4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

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

God, wonderful counselor,

we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us.

Amen.

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

Amen.

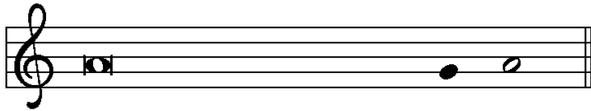
Please stand as you are able.

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.



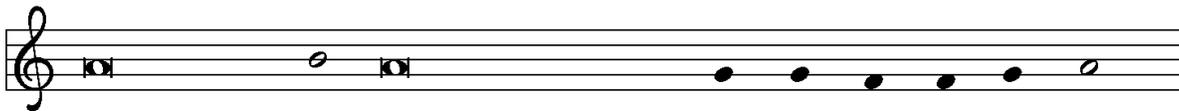
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



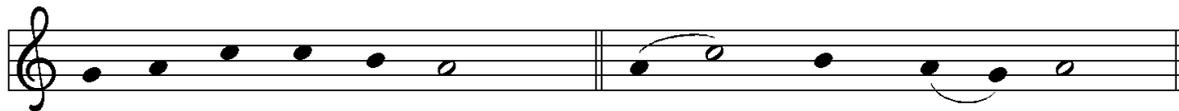
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The first reading for the Epiphany of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 60th Chapter.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no
more.
¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.
¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.

**¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

**¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.**

**¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 3rd Chapter.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOspel ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOspel: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



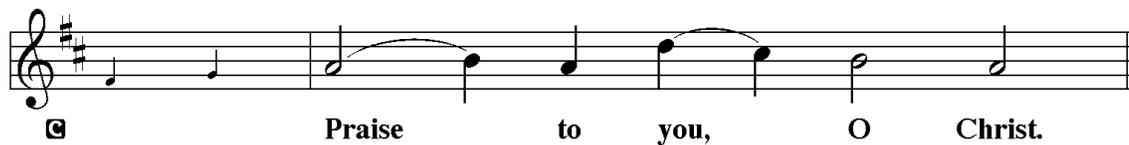
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

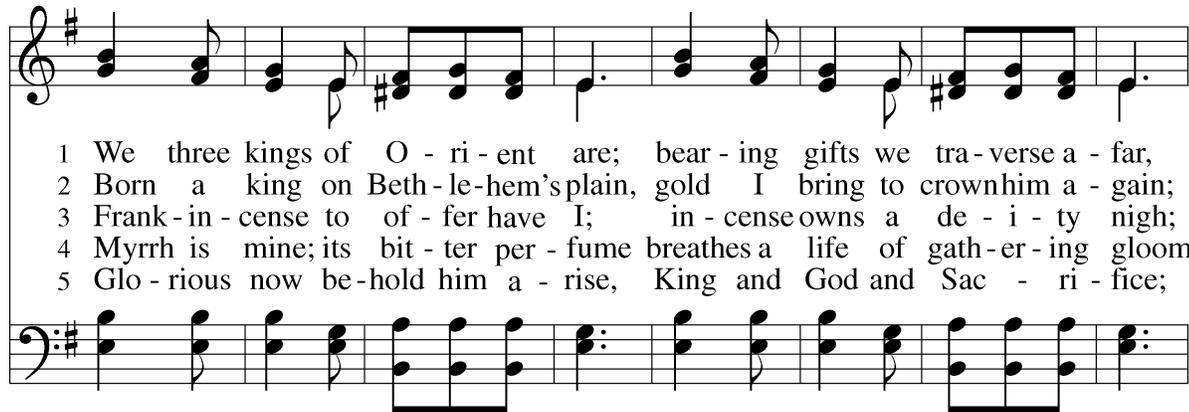
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Three Kings of Orient Are "Three Kings of Orient"

WOV 646



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

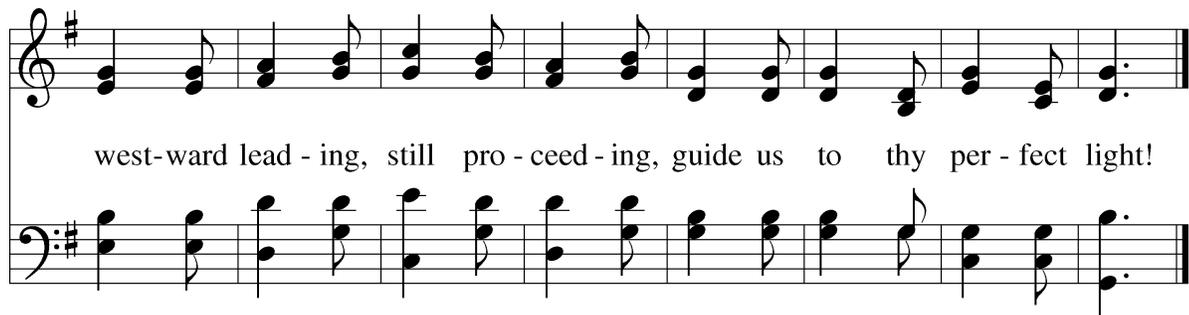


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering especially Janet Archer. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the light of grace, we pray for all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Mackenzie, Emily and Connor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of 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

SOLO AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles
(1892 – 1980)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and
shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the
promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all
of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the
King.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

Arise, O God, And Shine

Gordon Young
(1919 – 1998)

Arise, O God, and shine, in all thy saving might, and prosper each design to spread
Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth Thy truth may know.
Bring distant nations near, to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways!
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern Thy righteous laws!
To God the only wise, the one immortal King, let hallelujahs rise from every living
thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

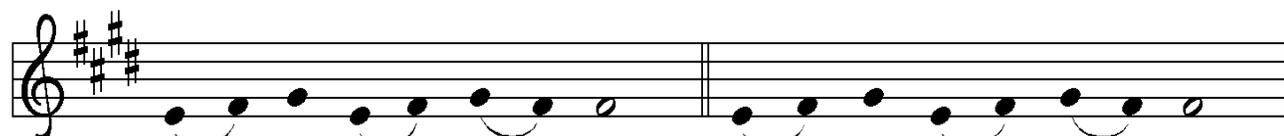
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

The Holy Boy

John Ireland
(1879 – 1962)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Lowly, laid in a manger, With oxen brooding nigh, The Heav'nly Babe is lying His Maiden Mother by.

Lo! The way-faring sages, Who journey'd far through the wild, Now worship, silent adoring, The Boy, The Heav'nly Child - The Heav'nly Child.

Leave your work and your playtime, And kneel in homage and prayer, The Prince of Love is smiling Asleep in his cradle there!

Bend your hearts to the wonder, The Birth, the Mystery mild, And worship, silent adoring, The Boy, the Heav'nly Child -- The Heav'nly Child!

Dim the light of the lantern, And bare the mean abode, Yet gold and myrrh and incense Proclaim the Son of God.

Lowly laid in a manger By Virgin undefiled, Come worship, silent, adoring, The Boy, The Heav'nly Child. The Heav'nly Child!

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Creator of the Stars of Night

Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servants when they call.

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide, proceeding from a virgin shine, the Son of Man, yet all divine.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone.

God the Father, God the Son, and Spirit, Three in One, Laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles
(1892 – 1980)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

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.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. 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

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✚ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old “Dix”

ELW 302

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Les Anges, from *Le Nativite Du Siugneur*

Olivier Messiaen
(1908 - 1992)



*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
January 2019***

*January 28 Happy 16th 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 to secure a date.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019 – Epiphany of Our Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour/DeGreening of the Church

TUESDAY, January 8, 2019

- 3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise after School Program (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Music Chorus Rehearsal (CH)

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service (RH)

THURSDAY, January 10, 2019

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

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 (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (MC)
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (YR)
- 2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

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

DE-GREENING of the church will take place today following the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to stay and help. Lunch will be served to all who help.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

POINSETTIAS: There are Christmas flowers available. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a family member or a friend. They will be available following today's service.

BIBLE STUDY: Monday Morning Bible Study begins January 14 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room.

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. 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 and arrangements will be made to pick up the items. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry!

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. The following dates are available through the end of February 2019: January 13; February 3 and 10. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@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.

GIVE + APP: Introducing the Give+ App, a new way to share your offering without cash or checks. Simply go to the App Store on your phone or tablet and search and install “GivePlus Church”. Click on “Find Churches Near Me” and select Holy Trinity. You can click on Give Now for a one time gift or create your own account. Follow instructions to complete your gift. Detailed instructions can be found on the table in the entrance way. Look for the Give + Church flyer.

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

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Ryon Fleming. Lay reader is Martha Kutas. Altar guilds are Kathy Szakmary and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Greeters are Beth Pellnat and Penny Bruso. Communion Assistants are Paul Bauchle, Ron Leiser, Matthew Kinkade and Jennifer Carden. Worship Assistants are Matthew Kinkade, Jennifer Carden, Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Alex Cialone, Adam Hakansson, Eliana Perez and Oscar Guzzino.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of our grandparents, Kermit and Blanche, Ruth and David, Martin and Eileen, and Marion and Joe from the Fleming Family; and In Loving Memory of our grandmother Elizabeth LeViness by Alex and Leah Houghtaling.

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

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Mackenzie, Emily and Connor Quider.

The gospel reading for Sunday, January 13 is Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.



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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