



Holy Trinity
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Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 15, 2018
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
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

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

VOLUNTARY

Aria

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal! “Lancashire”

ELW 805

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

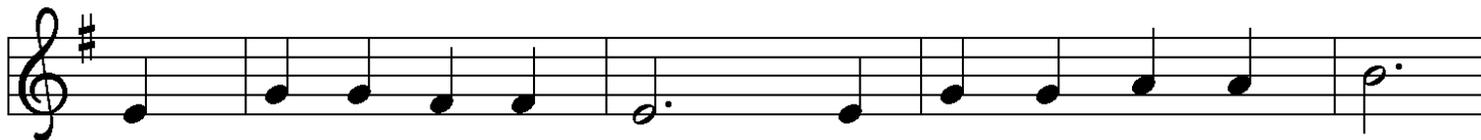
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

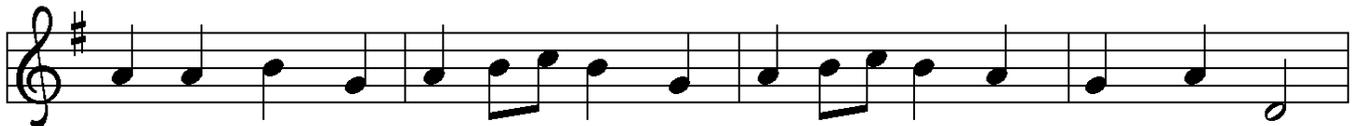
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

The first reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Amos, the 7th Chapter.

⁷This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

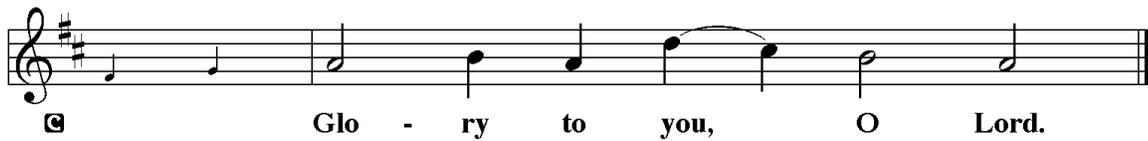
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 1st Chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark

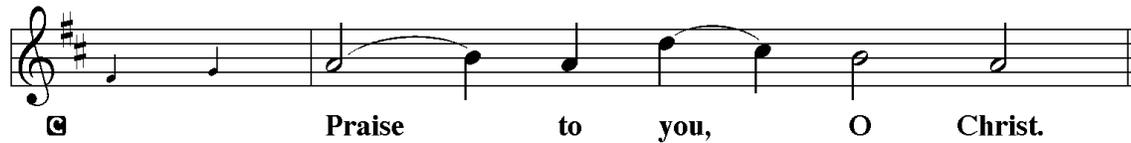


¹⁴King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head.

He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow like Streams “St. Thomas”

ELW 717

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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of truth, put your word of justice on our lips. Bless your church in the task of holy resistance. Make us a living and persistent sign of your righteousness and your lovingkindness. Bless all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of heaven and earth, pour your healing power upon our fragile earth for us and for all who will inherit it. Inspire the work of engineers and environmentalists who seek sustainable sources of energy, food, and clean water. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of justice, hold your plumb line to the nations. Speak convicting words of holy judgment to those in positions of authority. Redeem all harms caused by corruption and the hunger for power. Restore peace to our world. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of salvation, bring wholeness to all your beloved children. Anoint the hands of all caregivers, nurses, doctors, therapists, hospice workers, and chaplains. Bring abundance of life to all who long for healing. We lift up to you our prayers for those we name out loud and those we remember in our hearts.... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of tenderness, you adopt us as your own. Help us to provide nourishing care for your daughters and sons, including all children of our community and especially David and Gabriel. Inspire us with their creativity and energy. Heal and protect children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or scorn. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the saints, you have claimed the faithful departed as your own and given them an inheritance in glory. Sustain us in faith until the fullness of time, when you gather up all things in heaven and on earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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

Laudate Dominum, from the *Solemn Vespers*

W. A. Mozart
(1756 – 1791)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye peoples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Summer

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated to the right of the chancel, and following the lead of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. Receiving the bread wafer (host) in your hand, we invite you to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice of your choice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available simply by asking the pastor as you are served. Those choosing not to receive communion may still come forward for a blessing. Please notify an usher if you are physically unable to come to the altar to receive communion, and the pastor will come to you. All are always welcome at The Lord’s Table.

SOLOS AT COMMUNION

Thou Art God

Lionel Bourne

(b. 1960)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Thou art the peace of all things calm,
Thou art the place to hide from harm,
Thou art the light that shines in dark,
Thou art the heart's eternal spark,
Thou art the door that's open wide,
Thou art the guest who waits inside,
Thou art the stranger at the door,
Thou art the calling of the poor.
Thou art peace, Thou art calm, Thou art my love,
Thou art my Lord and with me still,
Thou art my love, keep my from ill,
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.
Thou art the Saviour this day.
Thou art the Saviour this very day.

Colleen Flynn, soprano

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill: for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be.

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.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. 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, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing “Nettleton”

ELW 807

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praebulum in F Major

Vincent Lübeck
(1684 - 1755)

Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings

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.

*July 3 In Loving Memory of my soulmate, Nick Campana.
Married at Zion Lutheran in Clarence on July 3 and
renewed our wedding vows for our 25th Anniversary
at Holy Trinity during regular summer service with
Rev. Charles Bang officiating. Missed dearly by Cris
Campana on what would've been 47 years.*

*July 15 Happy 12th Anniversary to Justin and Kristen
Pomietlarz from Mom and Dad Kattermann*



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, July 15, 2018 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
11:30 a.m. Hot Dog Roast
3:00 p.m. Miss Buffalo Cruise

THURSDAY, July 19, 2018

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

FRIDAY, July 20, 2018

- 6:00 p.m. Lutheran Night at Bisons/LYO Overnight

SUNDAY, July 22, 2018 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

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

PASTOR MILLER is away serving as the Chaplain at Silver Bay for the week. He will be back with us next Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Mondays 7/30 and 8/27 from 12:00-1:00pm in the Church library. Bring a bag lunch and discuss the book *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis (available at the library or can be found used on Amazon for under \$10 plus shipping). Sponsored by the Racial Justice Taskforce. Please see Pastor Miller for further details.

MISS BUFFALO BOAT CRUISE IS TODAY: Boarding will begin at 2:45 pm with an immediate 3 pm departure. We will begin with a hot dog roast at the church following today's 10:30 service. **Tickets for pre-paid reservations will be distributed at dock-side prior to boarding.** Subject to availability, tickets may be purchased at dock-side. Participants are encouraged to car-pool to the Erie-Basin Marina. This event is open to all members, their relatives, and friends.

GOLF OUTING: The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee are sponsoring the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Monday, July 23 at Tan Tara Golf Club. Cost for the day is \$55 and includes a continental breakfast, nine hole scramble and BBQ lunch. The cost for lunch only is \$12. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Prize donations gratefully accepted. Tan Tara is located at 4391 Tonawanda Creek Road North, North Tonawanda 14120. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

BISONS TICKETS: Free Bisons tickets for the Sunday, July 22 game at 1:05pm will be available from Clyde Terry after today's service or on the Miss Buffalo Cruise this afternoon. Two tickets per person are available on a **first come, first served basis**.

IMPACT DAY CAMP: Holy Trinity will be hosting Impact Day Camp from July 23-27. Impact Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministry, congregational ministry, and community outreach for youth entering grades 1-5 in the fall. The cost is \$75 and scholarships are available. Brochures can be found on the tables in the entrance way. You can register via the brochure or by visiting wnyimpactfoundation.com. Please see Pastor Miller or Pastor Maynor with any questions.

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED: We are collecting some items to help with this year's Vacation Bible School program. **Full-size personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, lotion, powder, razors, comb/brush, hand sanitizer, toothpaste). Lego and lego type blocks, non-perishable individual snack items.** If you have any of these items to donate, please place them in the VBS box in the entrance ways. Thank you!

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 Alex Cialone. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Steve Ames. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Usher is Steve Ames.

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Uli MacDonald. Lay reader is Janet Archer. Altar guild is Claire Carmer. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Communion Assistant is Helen Wright. Worship Assistant is Gabriel Behrens.

The flowers on the altar are given In Memory of Ray and Jeannette Heiss by Al Heiss and Family.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include David and Gabriel Behrens.

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

Weekly attendance from July 8 was 152. The gospel reading for Sunday, July 22 is Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*If you begin to guard wealth, it will not be yours.
But if you begin to distribute it, you will not lose it.*

St. Basil

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