



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday
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.*

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INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

VOLUNTARY

Arabesque, Op. 31, No. 15

Louis Vierne
(1870 - 1937)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

Surgens Jesus

Orlando di Lasso
(1532 – 1594)

Rising (from the dead), Jesus, our Lord, standing in the midst of his disciples, said: "Peace be unto you." Alleluia. Rejoice did the disciples at the sight of the Lord. Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation "Westminster Abbey"

ELW 645

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

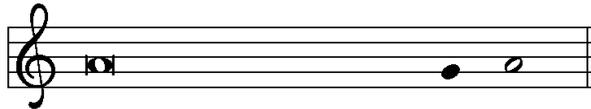
We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water,
for pouring out your Spirit upon Cornelius and people of every nation.
We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.
We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

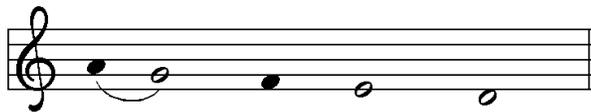
GREETING

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.

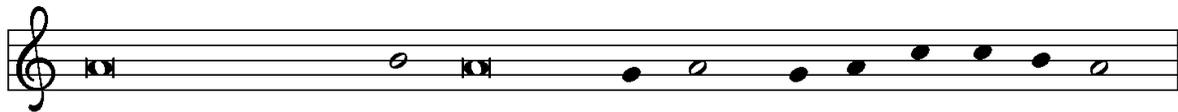
KYRIE



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.



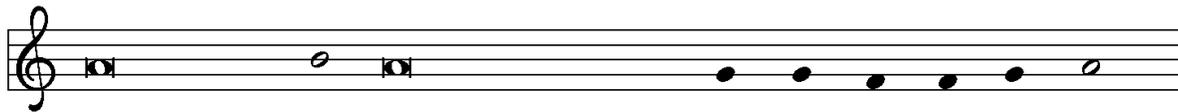
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



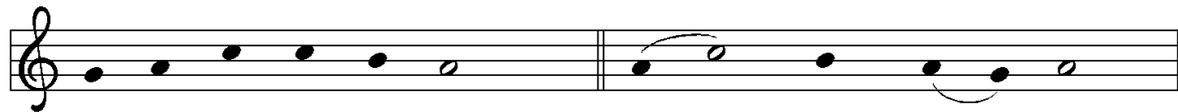
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

My Mother's Love

Tom Shelton

Text: Maribeth Yoder-White and Tom Shelton

(b. 1966)

Children's Choir:

You gave me life, and all your love. You gave me wings to be what I dream of.
You held me close, calmed all my fears. You're always there to wipe away my tears.
A child's heart, a mother's love, a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout my life, you will be there, to catch me when I fall and nurture me with care,
I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My mother's love.

Adult Choir:

I watch you grow, I see you change, my love for you will always be the same.
Where'er you go, whate'er you do, my love for you will always be there too.
A mother's heart, (*children*) A child's love, (*combined*) a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout your life, I will be there, to catch you when you fall
(*children*) and nurture me with care, (*combined*) I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My child's love.

Children / Adults:

Your love's a lamp / My love's a lamp, to light my way / to light your way,
(*Children*) Reflecting God's deep love for me each day.
A special gift / a special gift, God gave to me / God gave to me.
(*Adults*) And courage to know when to set you free.
A mother's heart / a child's love, (*combined*) a special bond designed by God above.
Throughout my life / I will be there, to catch me when I fall / and nurture you with care,
(*combined*) I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My mother's love / I pray that God will keep me thankful of...
My mother's love.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

10:30 Service read by Timothy Yap

The first reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 1st Chapter.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

MOTET

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis
(1505 – 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

10:30 Service read by Eliana Perez

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st John, the 5th Chapter.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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: John 17:6-19

Read by Hannah Cialone

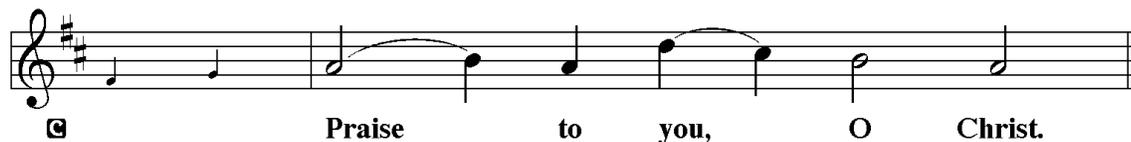
The holy gospel according to Saint John



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

Ms. Hannah Cialone

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come With Joy “Dove of Peace”

ELW 482

(Youth Choir will sing first verse)

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Angelo Bavaro)

On this day when we remember our mothers, let us offer our prayers to Jesus, the son of Mary.

(Saniyah Gilchrist)

Because in this earth, we are all sons and daughters of Eve, let us pray for the whole world and the church universal, that we might behold each other as brothers and sisters. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Constinto Perez)

As Rebecca gave birth to Jacob, and in so doing she gave birth to a whole nation, let us pray for our own nation, those in the armed forces and for all in authority. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Sofia Atlas)

As Rachel's son Joseph was mistreated, beaten and wrongly jailed, we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned and the victims of war and all who live in terror's wake. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Ellie Yap)

As Hannah, the mother of Samuel, went to the house of the Lord to pray with earnest integrity, we earnestly pray for all the children in this community, and today we especially remember Benjamin and Zachary. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Zachary Flynn)

As Naomi took Ruth into her home, we pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers. We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Brandan Howard)

As Elizabeth gave birth in old age, and as she saw her son John the Baptist carried off to persecution, we pray for all those who are sick, those who are suffering, and whose with any need. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Maddie Becker)

And as Mary stood by the cross and watched her son die, we pray for the dead and the dying. Today we remember Jim Casson and his family in our prayers. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

(Andrew Scinta)

Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers her brood, we offer to you our prayers. Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who nurture and give them your comfort and strength. And help all of us, brothers and sisters, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in heaven.

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 Send My Heart Up to Thee

Amy Beach

(1867 – 1944)

Heidi Schneider, *soprano*

I send my heart up to Thee, all my heart In this my singing, For the stars help me,
and the sea, and the sea bears part; The very night is clinging Closer to Venice'
streets to leave one space Above me, whence thy face May light my joyous heart to
Thee, to Thee its dwelling place.

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

Hosanna to the Son of David

Orlando Gibbons

(1583 - 1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King of Israel, blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the
Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest
heavens.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were
made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering
of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.**

Amen.

OFFERTORY

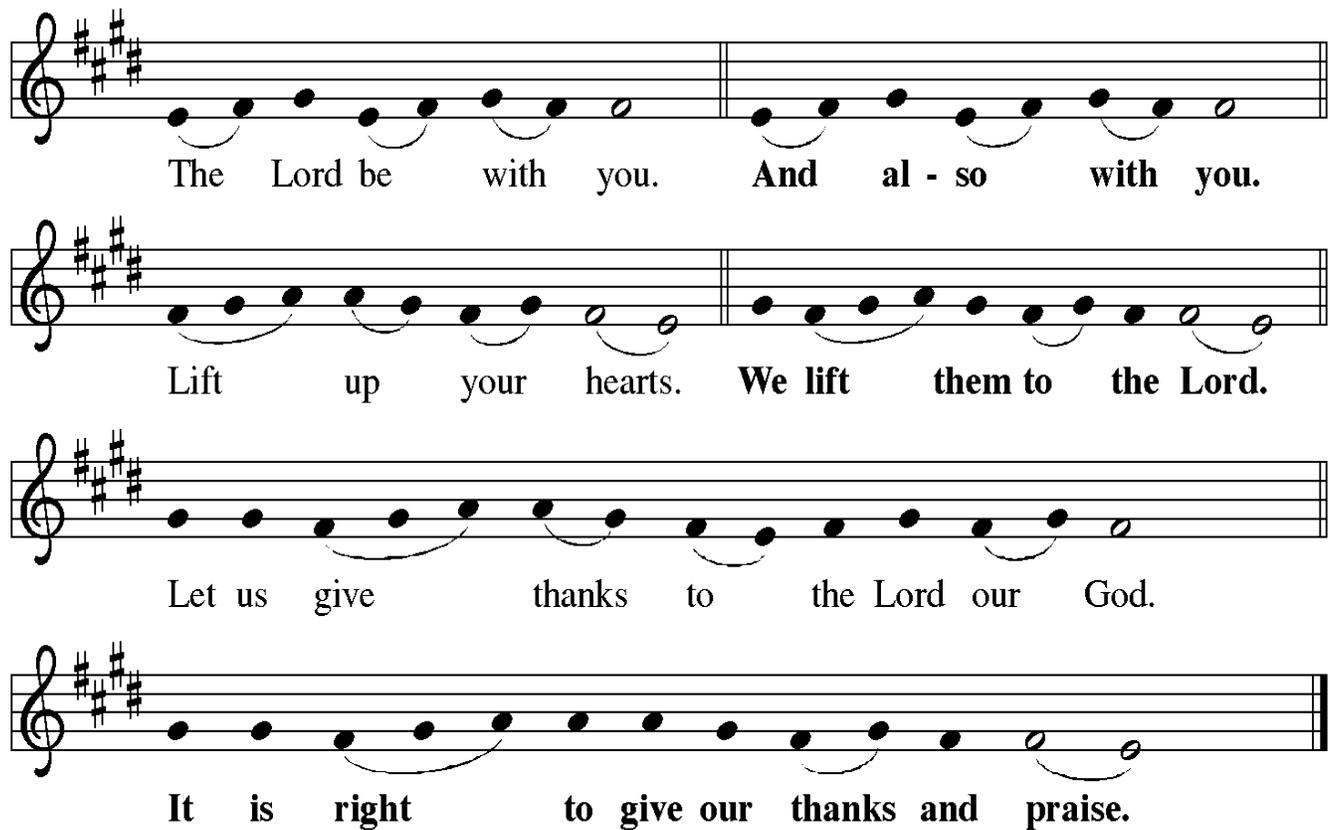
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

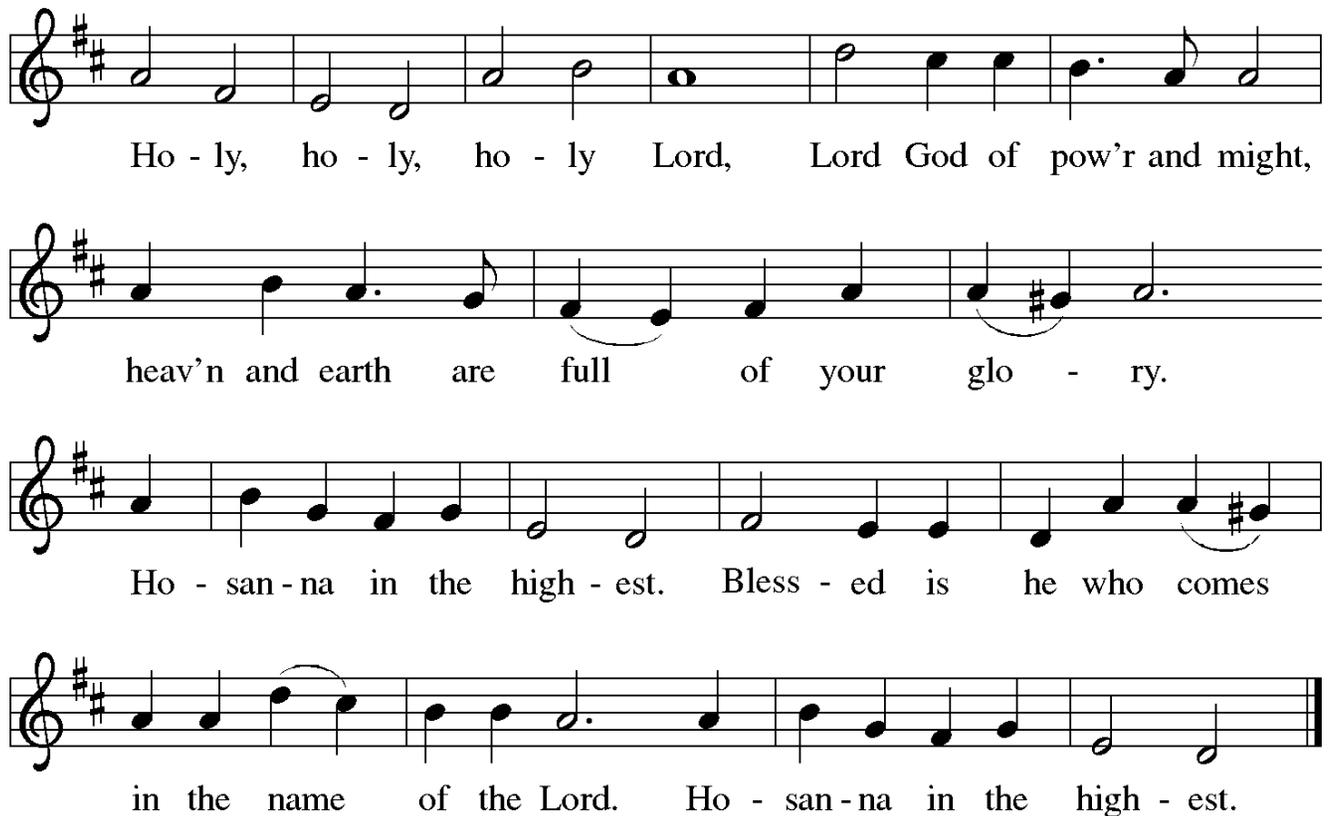


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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



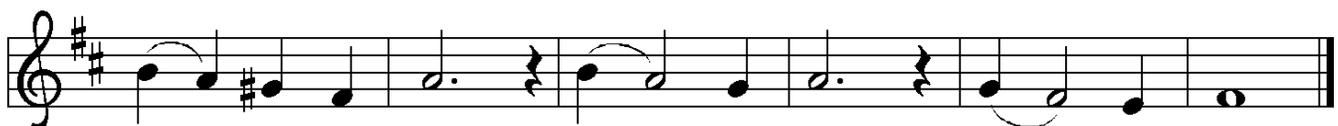
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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)

How Firm A Foundation

Arr. Richard Walters

Heidi Schneider, *soprano*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent
word! What more can He say than to you
He hath said—To you who for refuge to
Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give
thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My
gracious, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not
overflow; For I will be with thee
thy trouble to bless, And sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.

“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never
forsake.”

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

The Eyes of all Hope in Thee, O Lord

Richard Felciano

(b. 1930)

The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord, and thou givest them meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and thou fillest ev'ry living creature with thy blessing. Alleluia. My heart is ready, I will sing and give praise to thee, my glory. The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord.

Wondrous Love

Southern Folk Tune

arr. by Paul Christiansen

(1914 – 1997)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*
Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

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.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God who brings us from death to life fills us with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior “In Babilone”

ELW 655

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé

(1834 - 1896)



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

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, May 13, 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day

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 (FI)

2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, May 14, 2018

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

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting at the Day's

TUESDAY, May 15, 2018

12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise (FR)

6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018

6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)

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

SATURDAY, May 19, 2018

Happy Birthday Nurse Judy

9:00 a.m. Fellowship & Hospitality Planting Day

10:00 a.m. BNYC Concert Rehearsal (MC)

10:30 a.m. Plant Sale Pick Up

6:00 p.m. Fine Art Reception (RH)

SUNDAY, May 20, 2018 – Day of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/ Confirmation (MC)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)

2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

4:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus Concert (MC)

CH = Mansperger Chapel

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study

SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room

MC = Main Church

RH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM (ADULT ED): There will be no Adult Forum today. Next Sunday we welcome Ashley Smith who is the Executive Director of the Elmwood Village Association. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

FINE ART EXHIBIT: Holy Trinity will be holding a fine art exhibition from May 19 – June 9 with an opening reception on May 19 from 6-9pm. This is open to members, friends and family. More information can be found on the entry forms which are located on the tables in the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

LYO PLANTS: The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 19 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

LANDSCAPING OF CHURCH GROUNDS: The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is asking for volunteers on Saturday, May 19 for a day of planting at the church beginning at 9:00am. Please bring gardening tools, gloves and kneeling pads. Lunch will be served for all who volunteer. All are welcome.

HOLY TRINITY IS NOW ON AMAZON SMILE! When you shop at Amazon via Amazon Smile, 0.5% of each qualifying purchase will be donated to Holy Trinity. Please use the link provided to shop Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0746856>

MEMORIAL BRICK Dedications are still available. Our new garden veranda will provide a gathering space for the community all around us. This is your opportunity to play a special role in the building of our Garden Veranda. Memorial Bricks may now be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be found on the tables at the entrance ways.

HAITI FUNDRAISER UPDATE: The Haiti Mission Team would like to send a great big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased tickets, donated basket items, came to the event and/or made a donation toward the building of pews on our upcoming trip in October. The event was a huge success, lots of fun and we cannot express our gratitude enough! God's blessings flow and as we prepare for this next mission trip; we are blessed to have everyone's support!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: There will be meetings of the cast and the stage crew of Holy Trinity's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Saturday June 2. The cast will meet at 10:30am and the stage crew will meet at 11:30am. If you are interested in acting, there are still some speaking and non-speaking roles available. If you are interested in working backstage, we can always use your help! For more information about our upcoming production, contact Marty Bauer or Pastor Lee. And of course, come to one of our meetings on June 2.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE! Join us as we take on the JP Morgan Buffalo Corporate Challenge Thursday, June 14 at 6:45pm. Join us at Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz's house located at 1418 Amherst St. before the race to get ready, and afterward to share our stories of victory. Walk or run, we are sure to have fun! Sign up today: https://www.jpmorganchasecc.com/companies.php?team_id=457973. Registration deadline is May 15.

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 tables in the entrance ways. Look for the Give + Church flyer.

BACH CANTATA BWV 59, *Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten* (*Whoever loves me will keep my word*). The Holy Trinity Chancel Choir will perform Bach's Cantata 59 with chamber orchestra on May 20 at the 10:30 worship service. Soprano, Heidi Schneider and bass, Tim Flynn will be featured soloists in the cantata. Bach composed this work for the Day of Pentecost and probably first performed it in Leipzig on May 28, 1724. It uses Martin Luther's well known hymn for Pentecost, "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" (Come Holy Ghost, Lord and King.) Please join us for this exciting music to celebrate the Day of Pentecost.

CONCERT, June 15, 7:30; David Baskeyfield, Concert Organist.

We are thrilled that David Baskeyfield will be performing on the mighty Margaret Wendt Organ. Please save the date and join us for this event. David Baskeyfield is an English concert organist and church musician living in Rochester, New York. He has earned a reputation for creative programming, showcasing an astonishing facility tempered by intelligent interpretation, authoritative command of registration and informed above all by sheer, expressive musicality. *"The youthful energy with which Baskeyfield negotiates the transitions is complemented by expressive maturity which, frankly, many musicians with considerably more years to their credit do not exhibit."*

OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY, now known as "Sue's Supper," will be serving a community dinner on May 30 at 5:30. We will hold a brief evening devotion following dinner. We need volunteers to prep, cook, and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on Wednesday, May 30 at 11am. Please see Pastor Brenda to sign-up or if you have any questions.

JOYFUL NOISE is winding down its year and we would like to extend an invitation to join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our nine students! We will be hosting an end of year recital to showcase the work the students have achieved throughout the year. The recital will highlight each class offering; piano, voice, violin, and percussion. Our students have been working hard to put on a great recital. The recital will take place at Parkside Lutheran (2 Wallace Ave.) on May 24th at 5:15 pm (this follows the scheduled class period). We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our students.

LCLC: Camp season is right around the corner and that means that LCLC camp registrations are now open! LCLC offers 6 weeks of camp throughout the summer starting in June and going through July. If you would like to attend any of the camps offered by LCLC you may register via brochure or website www.lclcenter.org. **Confirmation Camp registrations are due by June 1st**. Please see Pr. Brenda to register for Confirmation Camp or with any questions related to camp. Camperships are available.

The HT Awards Continue!! Congratulations to Judy Hardie, The Niagara Lutheran Health System's Leading Age Award "Volunteer of the Year - Greenfield Terrace" award winner. Judy we are so grateful for all the work you do through Guild, and give thanks for your care and support of all the residents of Greenfields. **Congratulations to Vicki Ross** - recipient of an honorary doctorate degree by Medaille College for her work in non-violence and community organizing in Western New York. We are grateful for your work as a peacemaker in our community and throughout New York State and beyond. **Congratulations to Gwen Howard** for being the first woman elected to serve as Chair of the City of Buffalo's Preservation Board! We are proud of you and grateful for your work on behalf of all the residents of Buffalo.

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED: We are collecting some items to help with this year's Vacation Bible School program. *(1) Lego and lego-type blocks – loose or in sets, (2) shoe boxes, (3) clean jar lids (all sizes).* If you have any of these items to donate, please place them in the VBS box in the entrance ways. Thank you!

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.



Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings

May 2018 Jim and Marcia Haas would like to say Thank You All so much for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during Jim's recent fight with throat cancer. Jim is now cancer free! God Bless You All!

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.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Randi Jones. Lay readers are Timothy Yap and Eliana Perez. Altar guilds are Sue Biesinger and Uli MacDonald. Ushers are Michael and Anna Scinta and Paul Biesinger (captain), Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Tony Glieco, Dan Griebel, Karen Kolb, Paul Nikischer and John Schleifer, Jr. Greeters are Andrew Scinta, Henry Flynn and Tony Lizauckas and Ruth Schmidt and Gary and Kathy Szakmary. Communion Assistants are Jim Dunnigan, John Knipler, Michael Jordan and Delayne Pace. Worship Assistants are Jon Vitka, Emma Crissey, Michael Jordan, Delayne Pace, Aidan Vitka and Ethan MacDonald. Collection Counters are Paul Biesinger, Jim Dunnigan and Tony Glieco.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Genevieve Kryszczuk by Joe, Martha, Jim and Kara Kryszczuk; and In Loving Memory of our father, Charles Crissey from his daughters.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Benjamin and Zachary Chase.

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

The regular offering from our members on May 6 was \$5,963; weekly attendance was 184. The gospel reading for Sunday, May 20 is John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Let us remember the poor, and not forget kindness to strangers;
above all, let us love God with all our soul, and might, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.*
Athanasius of Alexandria

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