

*In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

*A Service of Holy Communion
and Affirmation of Baptism
“The Rite of Confirmation”
For*

*Aislin Elizabeth Campbell
Alexander David Cialone
Adam Christian Hakansson
Justin Ray Rojek
Anna Inez Scinta
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*at
the 10:30 a.m. service
on The Day of Pentecost May 20, 2018*

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of the Holy Trinity
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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Day of Pentecost
Celebrating our 138th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 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

Today the spirit renews the church again as six of our young people affirm their faith in the Confirmation Rite of the Affirmation of Holy Baptism. In the Cantata at the Offering, Bach's BWV 59, written for Pentecost Sunday, celebrates the movement of the Spirit and the great love of God. Hear the word. Witness the power. Receive the presence of our Lord. Go out – filled and renewed.

VOLUNTARY

Komm, heilger Geist, Herre Gott BuxWV199

*Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637 - 1707)*

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

Haec dies

William Byrd
(1543 – 1623)

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
“Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”

ELW 395

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.

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.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The first reading for the Day of Pentecost is recorded in Acts, the 2nd Chapter.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

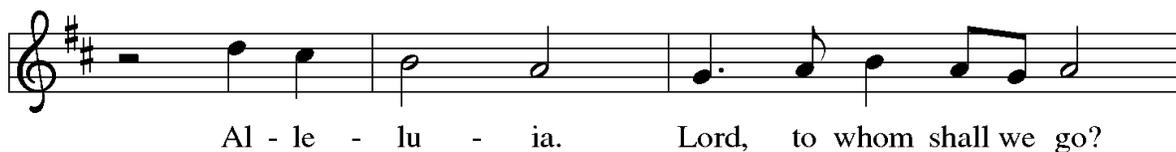
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

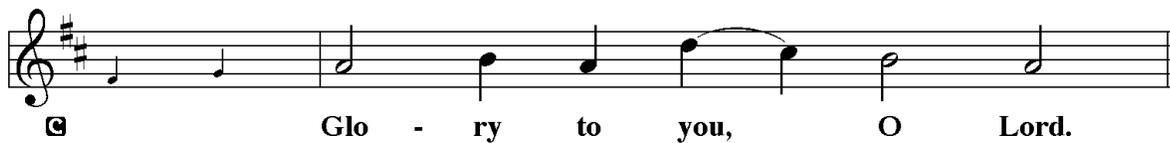
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to Saint John

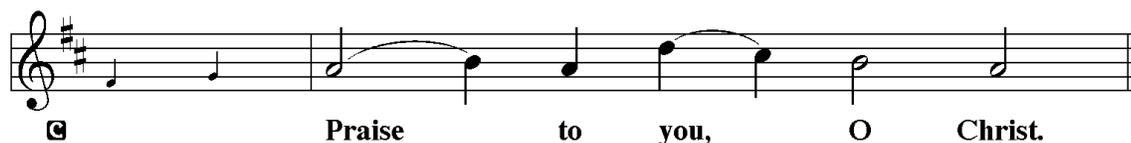


Jesus said, ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness “Spirit”

ELW 396

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Written by the Confirmands

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Holy God, you call us to lift up our hearts. We pray for our loved ones and ask for help in guiding our friends and family. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Lord, rejoice in the fruits of your creation, for rivers and streams, hills and valleys. Receive the eternal song of the life that roars throughout the world, sending their praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you hear our calls. You answer our prayers. You send us to hear you and respond. You send protection and love, watch over us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Godly One, you hear our cries and screams. Where laments and blues resound send us to hear. Send us to help. Send us to build friendships rooted in your holy hand. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Oh Holy One, comfort the ones who feel alone and estranged. All who are frightened and ill, that they will be washed of worries. Give care and comfort to those in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call on people to spread their gifts for you and your people. We thank all those who cook, teach, and clean, for all they have done. Keep us safe and happy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We mourn those who have passed away. We are thankful to those who have guided us. We wish you will watch over them as they transfer from our life to the next. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; 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

CANTATA AT THE OFFERING

Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten BWV 59

Johann Sebastian Bach

Text: Acts 2:1–13; John 14:23–31; adapted by Erdmann Neumeister

(1685 – 1750)

Cantata for the First Day of Pentecost, c. 1723/24; translation by Pamela Dellal for Emmanuel Music, Boston

Heidi Schneider, *soprano*

Timothy Flynn, *bass*

Rebecca Torres, *violin I*

Charlene Brooks, *violin II*

Diane Williams, *viola*

Shannon Levine, *cello continuo*

Mark Filsinger, *trumpet I*

Larry Deni, *trumpet II*

Matthew B. Cullen, *timpani*

I. Duet: Soprano, Bass

Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten,
und mein Vater wird ihn lieben,
und wir werden zu ihm kommen
und Wohnung bei ihm machen.

Whoever loves Me will keep My Word,
and My Father will love him,
and We will come to him,
and make Our dwelling with him.

II. Recitative: Soprano

O, was sind das vor Ehren,
worzu uns Jesus setzt?
Der uns so würdig schätzt,
daß er verheißt,
samt Vater und dem heiligen Geist
in unsern Herzen einzukehren.
O, was sind das vor Ehren?
Der Mensch ist Staub,
der Eitelkeit ihr Raub,
der Müh und Arbeit Trauerspiel
und alles Elends Zweck und Ziel.
Wie nun? Der Allerhöchste spricht,
er will in unsern Seelen
die Wohnung sich erwählen.
Ach, was tut Gottes Liebe nicht?
Ach, daß doch, wie er wollte,
ihn auch ein jeder lieben sollte.

O, what kind of honor is this,
that Jesus places before us?
He who holds us so worthy
that He promised,
together with His Father and the Holy Spirit
to enter into our hearts.
O, what kind of honor is this?
Mankind is dust,
vanity its spoil,
the tragic play of toil and labor
and all misery its purpose and goal.
How then? The Almighty speaks,
He wishes in our souls
to designate a dwelling.
Ah, what can God's love not do?
Ah, that only, as He wishes,
everyone might also love Him.

III. Chorale (German Hymn, Martin Luther, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524)

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott,
erfüll mit deiner Gnaden Gut
deiner Gläubigen Herz, Mut und Sinn.
Dein brünstig Lieb entzünd in ihn'n.
O Herr, durch deines Lichtes Glanz
zu dem Glauben versammelt hast
das Volk aus aller Welt Zungen;
das sei dir, Herr, zu Lob gesungen.
Alleluja, alleluja.

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God,
fill with the goodness of Your grace
the hearts, wills, and minds of Your faithful.
Ignite Your burning love in them.
O lord, through the radiance of Your light
You have gathered to Your faith
people from all the languages of the world;
may this be sung, Lord, to Your praise.
Alleluia, alleluia.

IV. Aria: Bass

Die Welt mit allen Königreichen,
die Welt mit aller Herrlichkeit
kann dieser Herrlichkeit nicht gleichen,
womit uns unser Gott erfreut:
saß er in unsern Herzen thronet
und wie in einem Himmel wohnet.
Ach Gott, wie selig sind wir doch,
wie selig werden wir erst noch,
wenn wir nach dieser Zeit der Erden
bei dir im Himmel wohnen werden.

The world with all its kingdoms,
the world with all its glory
cannot imitate this glory
with which our God delights us:
since He has enthroned Himself in our hearts
and lives as if in a heaven.
Ah God, how happy are we then,
how happy will we one day be,
when we, after this earthly time
will live with You in heaven.

V. Chorale (added, set to text of ELW 395 by Justin Pomietlarz)

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all your graces now outpoured on each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of your light in holy faith your church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

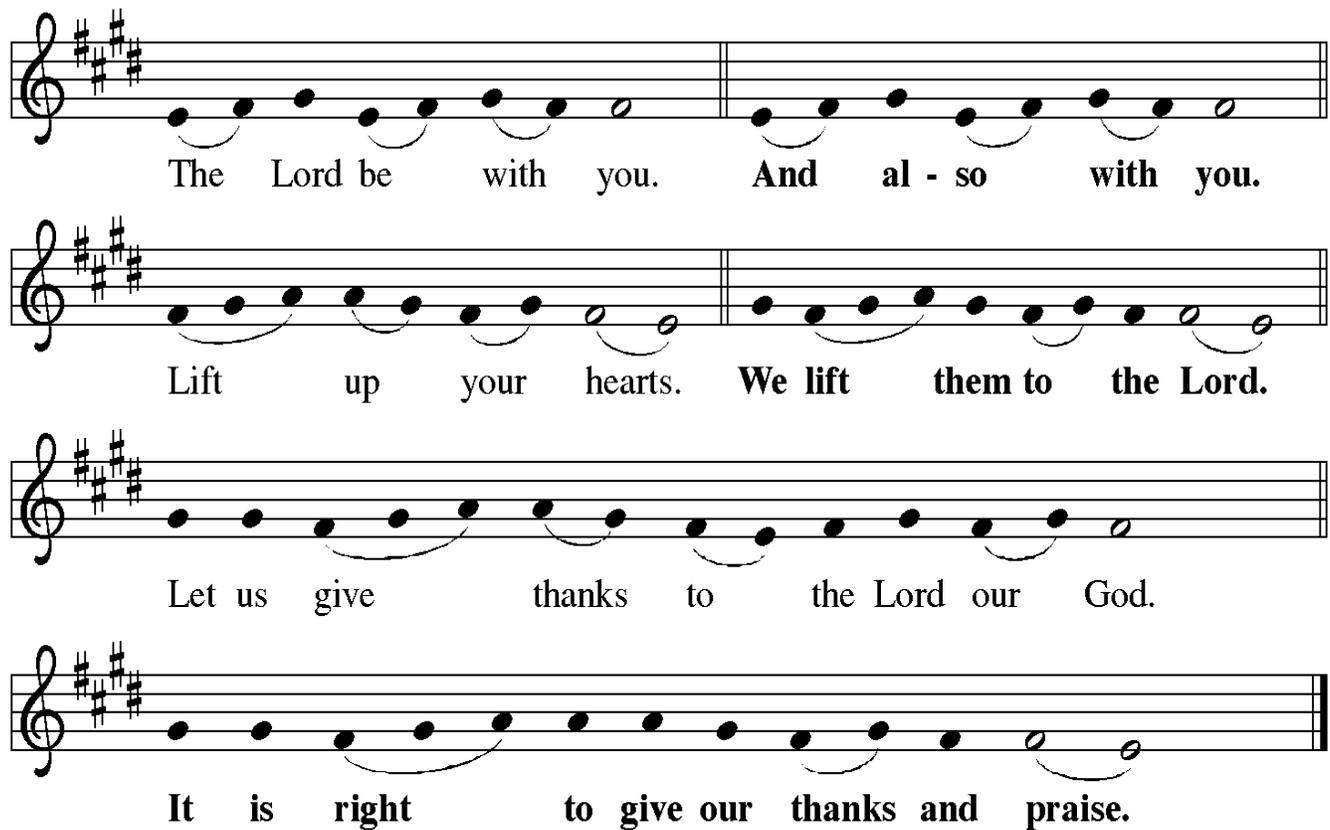
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

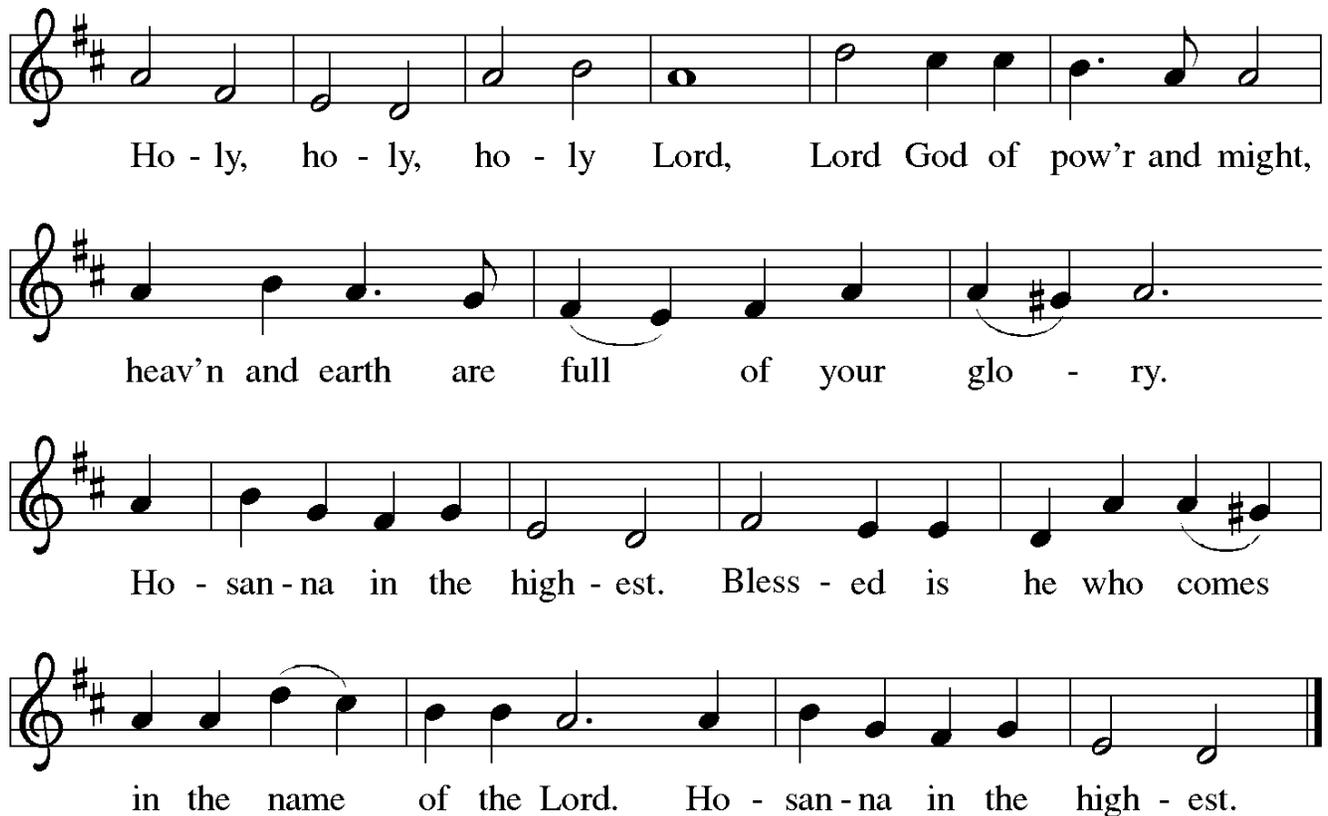


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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



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.

COMMUNION MOTET

Living Water

Text: Helen Kennedy, *Mallaig Sprinkling Song* (1993)

Tom Trenney

(b. 1977)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Kristen Pomietlarz, *piano*

Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come fill me with living water.
Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone I seek.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Lord, you are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me. Come fill me with living water.

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.

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

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind “Cwm Rhondda”

ELW 400

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

(1879 - 1932)



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

Music Notes

The Pentecost hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* (ELW 395) is the central focal point of today's Service. The words were written by Martin Luther based on *Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium*. The hymn in three stanzas was first published in 1524. Johann Sebastian Bach used it in several chorale preludes and cantatas, including Cantata 59 *Wer mich liebet, der wind mein Wort halten*.

The hymn inspired composers from the Renaissance to contemporary to write chorale preludes and vocal compositions. It has been translated, for example by Catherine Winkworth as *Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!* in 1855, and has appeared in hymnals of various denominations.

The Chorale Prelude on *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* BuxWV199, demonstrates how Dietrich Buxtehude treated the melody line by line, each embellished and separated from the others by a brief interlude. The work winds down over a dominant and then a tonic pedal, and Buxtehude closes as he began, with a rising scale.

Wer mich liebet, der wird mein Wort halten (Whoever loves me will keep my word), BWV 59, is a church cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach. He composed the cantata for Pentecost and probably first performed it in Leipzig on 28 May 1724, but an earlier performance on 16 May 1723 at the Paulinerkirche, the University Church of Leipzig, is possible. Bach wrote the cantata for Pentecost Sunday.

The prescribed readings for the feast day were from the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–13), and from the Gospel of John, Jesus announcing in his Farewell discourse the Spirit who will teach (John 14:23–31). The cantata is based on a text of Erdmann Neumeister, published in 1714. The cantata begins with the first verse of the gospel, which Bach had set already as a recitative for bass in his cantata for Pentecost *Erschallet, ihr Lieder, erklinget, ihr Saiten!* BWV 172, composed in Weimar in 1714 on a text of Salomon Franck.

The first movement is an extended duet, which repeats the text five times. In four sections, the voices imitate each other, using different intervals and various keys; in the final section they sing united in parallels of sixths. The instruments begin with a short prelude, which introduces a motif later sung on the words "*Wer mich liebet*" with a short melisma (run of notes) on "*mich*" (me). This motif begins every section.

The poet praises the great love of God in the 2nd Movement, as a soprano recitative with string accompaniment, but ends as an arioso with continuo on the final lines "*Ach, daß doch, wie er wollte ihn auch ein jeder lieben sollte*" (Ah, that only, as he wishes, everyone might also love him).

Movement 3 is the first stanza of Martin Luther's hymn for Pentecost, *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* asking for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the chorale, two violins play partly independent melodic parts. Based on stanza 1 of Luther's hymn with the same title. The text is interesting because it states that God has collected all the people in the world, irrespective of their languages, into adoration of Him. Therefore we should praise Him, as the twice repeated 'Halleluja!' at the end triumphantly sings.

The chorale is followed by an unusual closing aria where the poet deals with the expected greater bliss in heaven. Accompanied by a violin obligato, strings and continuo in a mystical aura of sound, the bass sings that God's grandeur is far above any splendor on this earth. "How blessed will we be, when we shall dwell with Him in His heavenly Kingdom after our time on earth." There is something mysterious underlying the tones of the bass voice (here not representing Christ), which could come from Bach's pietistic thinking at this moment of his composition.

Scholars have discussed if this unusual ending of the cantata was Bach's intention or if he had planned to conclude the work with Neumeister's fifth movement, another chorale. Several conductors (Thomas, Harnoncourt, Koopman, Gardiner) chose to add at the end of the cantata another strophe 'Du helige Brunst, süßer Trost' of the same chorale with the same melody and instrumentation as the chorale of Mvt. 3.

Today we have chosen to repeat the first verse of the Chorale in English, using the words as translated in our ELW hymnal.

Sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wer_mich_liebet,_der_wird_mein_Wort_halten,_BWV_59
<http://www.bach-cantatas.com/Guide/BWV59-Guide.htm>

Organist/Composer Tom Trenney (b. 1977), composer of *Living Water* shares his passion as pastoral musician, composer, and teacher in worship with his home congregation, in the college classroom, and in performances, hymn festivals, choral and organ workshops and master classes all around the country. Since 2009, he has been blessed to serve as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church (United Church of Christ) in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he shepherds three adult choirs, accompanies the congregation on the Schoenstein organ, preaches sermons, and guides the Abendmusik at First-Plymouth Concert Series. In 2015-16, three of First-Plymouth's choirs were honored to perform at conventions of the Nebraska Choral Directors Association, the Nebraska Music Educators Association, and the North Central American Choral Directors Association (ACDA). In March 2017, First-Plymouth's chamber choir, Cantorei, sang two worship services at the national ACDA convention in Minneapolis. Mr. Trenney is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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)

MONDAY, May 21, 2018

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

TUESDAY, May 22, 2018

- 3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 4:30 p.m. BNYC Auditions (MC)

THURSDAY, May 24, 2018

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

SUNDAY, May 27, 2018 – The Holy Trinity

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (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)

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): Today we welcome Ashley Smith who is the Executive Director of the Elmwood Village Association. There will be no class next week. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

ART GALLERY AT HOLY TRINITY open until June 9 in Redeemer Hall on Sundays and during the week by appointment. Take some time exploring the works of fine art by Holy Trinity members and friends. Limited pieces are for sale.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am in Redeemer Hall. Refer to the Committee's web page to review the agenda for this meeting. All members are invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Mondays 6/25, 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 used on Amazon for under \$10 plus shipping). Sponsored by the Racial Justice Taskforce. Please see Pastor Miller with any questions.

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.

BUFFALO PRIDE PARADE! Join Pastor Lee and Pastor Brenda on June 3 at noon as we step-off from the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Forest Avenue. We will join with other Lutherans behind our “BuffaLutheran” banner. See either pastor for more details or if you can be a line-place holder beginning at 10:00am.

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!

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.

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.



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.



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.

The announcer today is Uli MacDonald. Lay reader is Teddy Bradley. Altar guilds are Martha Kutas and Donna and Ron Leiser. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusco, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Elizabeth Vihnanek and Karen Kolb. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Barb Wozniak, Gabriel Behrens and Jennifer Carden. Worship Assistants are Samantha Biesinger, Matthew Kinkade, Gabriel Behrens, Jennifer Carden, Robert Mann and Sean Mann. Collection Counters are Ryon Fleming, Beth Pellnat and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Thomas Barney, Sr. by The Barney Family; and In Honor of Our Confirmands Affirming their Baptism today.

Council Member Ryon Fleming 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 13 was \$3,350; weekly attendance was 225. The gospel reading for Sunday, May 27 is John 3:1-17.



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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