



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 9, 2018
Sixteenth 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

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D Major BuxWV 184

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1627 – 1707)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

The Chorister's Prayer (2013)

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple,
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts;
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives,
to the glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Earth and All Stars! “Earth and All Stars”

ELW 731

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who
heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

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

Source of all life,
**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We
fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love
freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the
church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir
us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for
what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your
whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

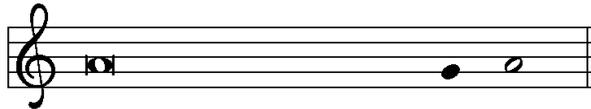
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GREETING

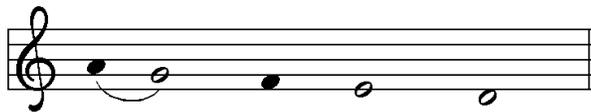
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

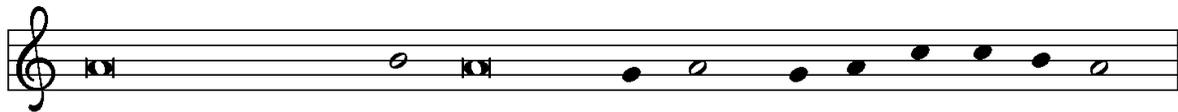
KYRIE



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.



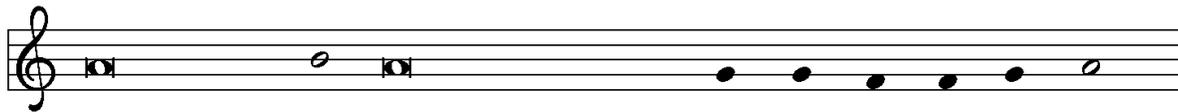
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



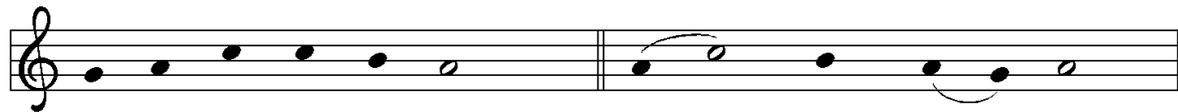
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTALLATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

The first reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 35th Chapter.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (10:30)

The Old Church

Stephen Paulus

(1949 - 2014)

The old church leans nearby a well-worn road. Upon a hill that has no grass or tree, the winds from off the prairie now unload. The dust they bring around it fitfully. The path that leads up to the open door is worn and grayed by many toiling feet of us who listen to the Bible lore and once again the old time hymns repeat. And ev'ry Sabbath morning we are still returning to the altar waiting there. A hush, a pray'r, a pause, and voices fill the Master's House with a triumphant air. The old church leans a wry and looks quite odd, but it is beautiful to us-and God.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17

The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 2nd Chapter.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

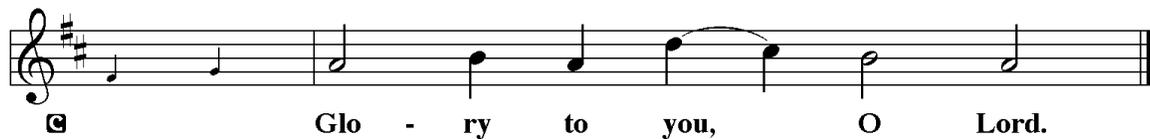
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



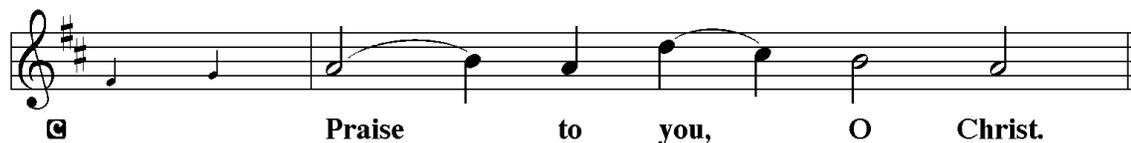
²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there.

Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we center our lives in **Worship**, Grow in faith, and Go out into the world, sent by God to love like Jesus in word and action!*

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give to Our God Immortal Praise! “Duke Street”

ELW 848

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

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

Gracious God, you call your church to worship and to proclaim the love of Christ to a needy world. Embolden us to be your risen body by welcoming strangers and serving our neighbors. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creative God, small sprouts and tall trees proclaim your majesty. Give us clear eyes to see nature's beauty and wise minds to protect our home, this earth, from misuse and harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you draw order from chaos. Watch over the nations of the world. Bless citizens and leaders who strive toward the beloved community for which you long. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, you give us all that we need. When your children suffer from hunger, poverty, loneliness, persecution, injury, or illness, send generous helpers and companions. We pray especially for Theresa Pomietlarz and all others we name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts..... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, you set a table for us. Embolden this congregation to seek new ways of inviting others to the feast of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Caring God, watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Jacob, Cameron and Zachary. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You bless us with throngs of saints who witness to your compassion. With gratitude, we recall the lives and deeds of those who proclaim lovingkindness to a needy world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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)

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Thane Schulz, *tenor*

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield, and in Thy word put I my trust.
Out of my sight, ye that do evil, for my heart is fixed, I will hold to God's
commandments.
Strengthen me, that I may keep Thy law, and that Thy statutes may be my delight.
I am afraid of Thee and of Thy greatness, trembling do I come before Thy
judgement seat.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

How Can I Keep from Singing

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826 – 1899)
Arr. Donald Busarow (1934 – 2011)

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*
Rebecca Torres, *violin*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Thro' all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music singing:
It sounds the echos in my soul; How can I keep from singing? (*refrain*)
What tho' the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the Truth it liveth.
What tho' the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. (*refrain*)
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, s fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am His; How can I keep from singing? (*refrain*)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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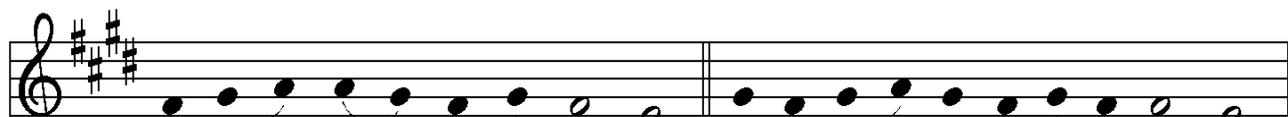
“Old Hundredth”

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.

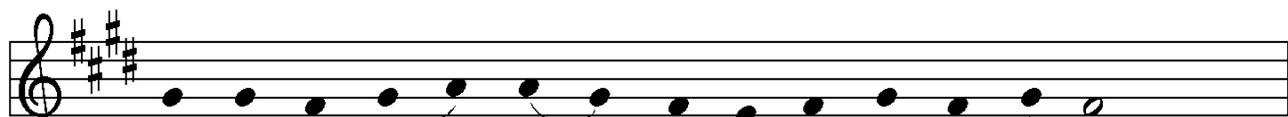
DIALOGUE



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.

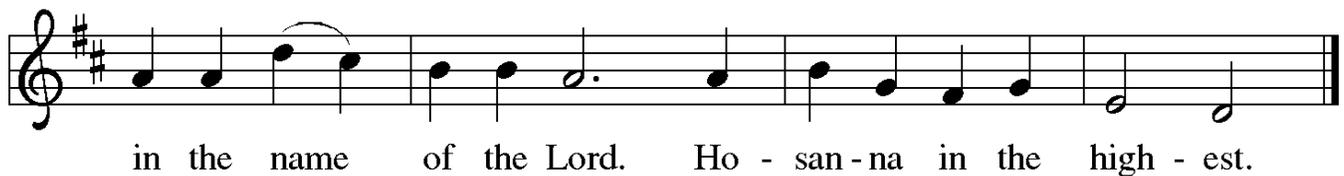
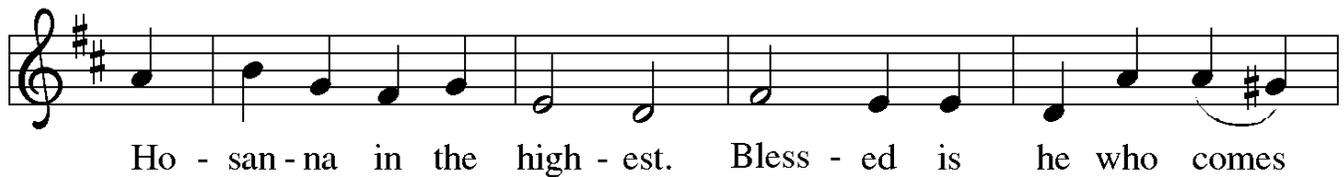
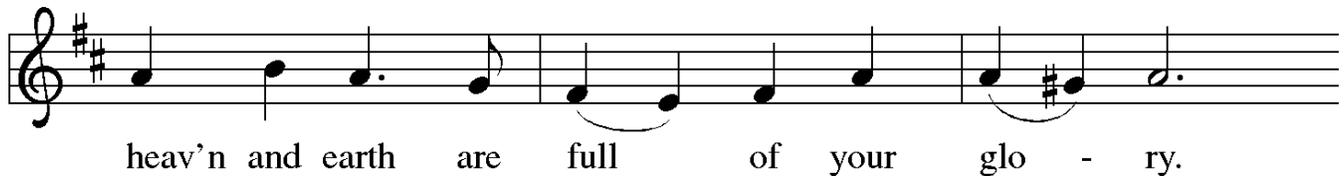
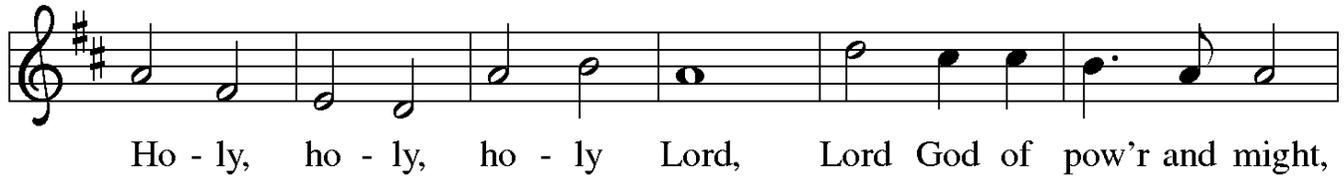


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.

SOLO AT COMMUNION (8:30)

Communion Hymn

Mary Pickens Opie
(1887-1946)

Thane Schulz, *tenor*

Hungry and thirsty, Lord, I come to Thee, Here lowly kneeling, Thy sacred feast before.

Strengthen my spirit with Thy food divine, as now Thou feeds't me with the bread and wine.

Come to me, Savior, in this holy hour, shed Thou upon me all Thy wondrous love, That I may ever dwell within Thy light, and come before Thee stainless, pure, and white.

Jesus, my Savior, look with loving eye as from my heart I make this humble cry. Give of Thyself, dear Lord, that I may be filled with Thy grace, throughout eternity. Amen.

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Sicut Cervus, Psalm 42

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525 – 1594)

Just as a hart desires to find a wellspring where from to quench his thirst, so my soul also longs for Thee, O Lord, who art our God.

I am the bread of the living, who from heaven descended. If anyone should partake of this bread, then he shall be eternal. Alleluia.

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.

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

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

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Oh, Worship the King “Hanover”

ELW 842

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

(1909 – 1952)



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



*A very warm welcome back to our chancel choir
under the gifted direction of Justin Pomietlarz,
who, along with our talented organist, Kristen Pomietlarz,
lead our dynamic sacred music program.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 9, 2018 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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)
12:00 p.m.	Concert Committee Meeting (CR)
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Luncheon (RH)
2:30 p.m.	Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, September 10, 2018

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m.	Chris Ed Meeting (FR)

TUESDAY, September 11, 2018

In Remembrance of 9/11

12:00 p.m.	Women at the Well (FR)
6:30 p.m.	Executive Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Property Meeting (CR)
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 p.m.	BNYC Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, September 13, 2018

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

SATURDAY, September 15, 2018

6:00 p.m.	LYO Dinner and Orientation (RH)
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SUNDAY, September 16, 2018 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 p.m.	Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
11:45 p.m.	God's Work, Our Hands Events (RH)
2:30 p.m.	Worship to Go at Wedgewood

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM: Our Sunday Forum season begins next week with Advocacy Sunday. We welcome Sara Vernon who will speak on the importance of voter registration and voting in upcoming elections. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

REMINDER: The Concert Committee will meet today in the conference room following the 10:30 service.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: **If you have a student going off to college for the first time or a student returning to college and would like them to receive a Holy Trinity care package, please notify the church office with the name and address of your student.** Care packages will be assembled during the 9/16 “God’s Work, Our Hands” event at church.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory or honor of loved ones. The following dates are available through the end of 2018: November 4 and 18. December 9, 23 and 30. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request. She can be reached at msmarylindaschmidt@gmail.com or 835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, October 14 at the 10:30 service. For those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity, we will be holding one class on Sunday, September 30 following the 10:30am service. We will begin the class with lunch. We ask that you please call the church office at 886-2400 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held on Sunday, October 7 from 9am to 1pm. Please bring your insurance card. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu vaccine early.

KEVIN GUEST HOUSE 5K AND FUN RUN –Join us on Saturday, September 15 as we celebrate “God’s Work, Our Hands” weekend by participating with our friends at Kevin Guest House on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and raising support for the good work they do. You may walk or run! To register go to www.kevinguesthouse.com/events/fallfest and click “register to run.” On the Basic Info. Page select “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church” from the list of teams and follow the rest of the prompts.



***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
September 2018***

September Sincerest gratitude to and loving appreciation for the faithful and kind people of Dubrovnik, Hrvatska (Croatia), the doctors and nursing staff of General Hospital Dubrovnik, the support staff of American Airlines, the nurses and doctors at Hospice Buffalo, and so many family and friends – near and far, for the care and love shown toward Theresa. Love Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz, Caroline Pomietlarz- Yamasaki, and Raymond Pomietlarz

September 16 In Honor of Clayton Best’s 5th Birthday. With Love, Kristen and Matthew (Mom and Dad)

September 23 In Honor of Avery Best’s 9th Birthday. With Love, Kristen and Matthew (Mom and Dad)



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

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Kurt Kaufmann. Lay reader is Doug Alderdice. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Marilyn and Don Miller and Jan Bauchle. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Helen Wright, Gabriel Behrens and Christian Johnson. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Christian Johnson, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection Counters are Darlene Carden, Noreen Casson and Herb Hough.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my sister and best friend, Bonny Nigol, by Carol Griesmann.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Jacob, Cameron and Zachary Agro.

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

The gospel reading for Sunday, September 16 is Mark 8:27-38.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Proverbs, Chapter 3, Verse 9: "Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine"*

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