



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 140th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 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

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott (2 settings) Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

Wash me through and through (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

Part III

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchmen in the night.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

With the Lord there is plenteous redemption, he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

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

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.

Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure “Jesu, meine Freude”

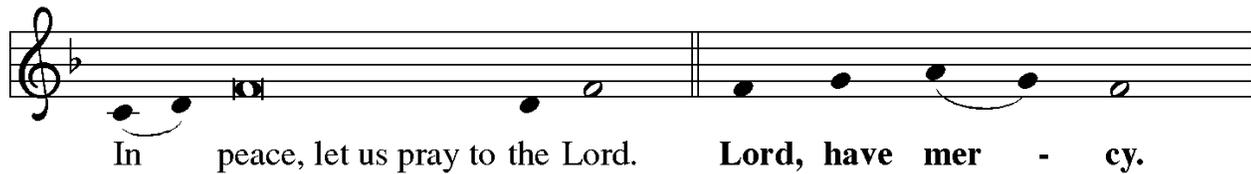
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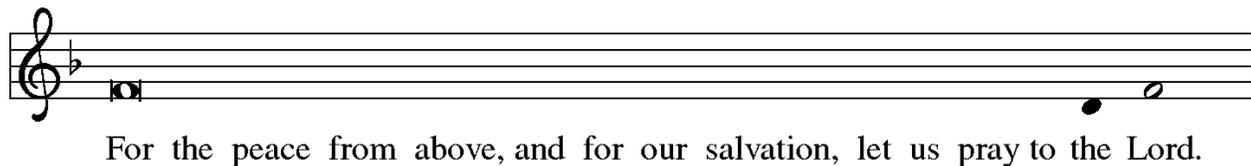
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

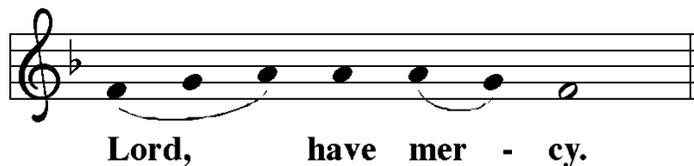
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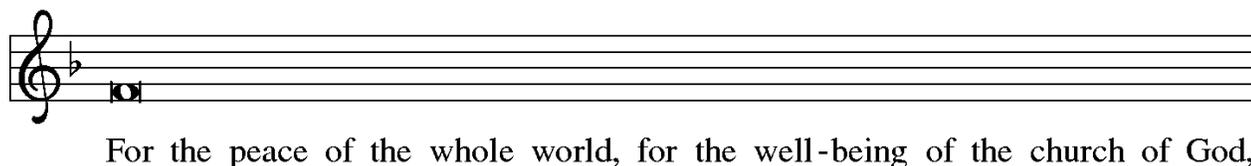
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



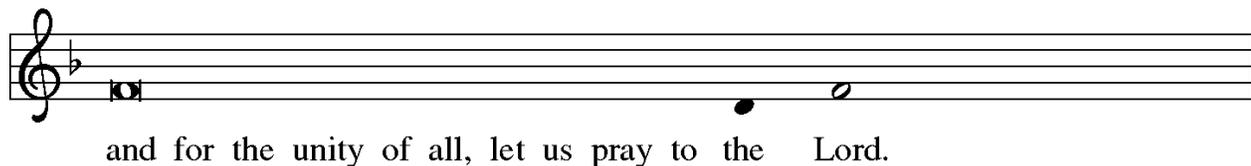
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



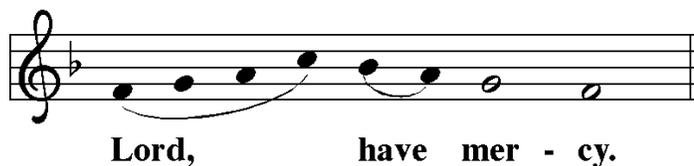
Lord, have mer - cy.



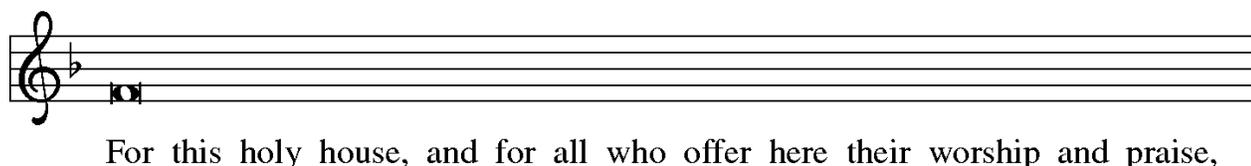
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



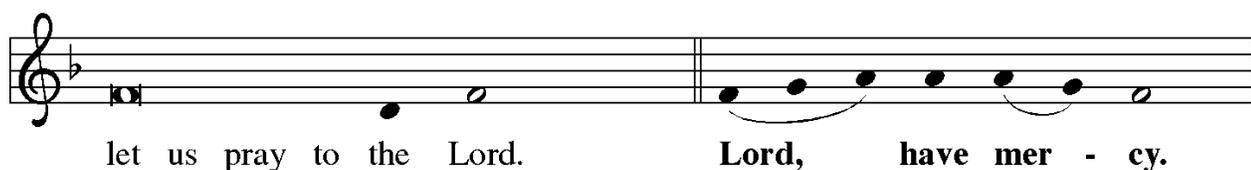
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



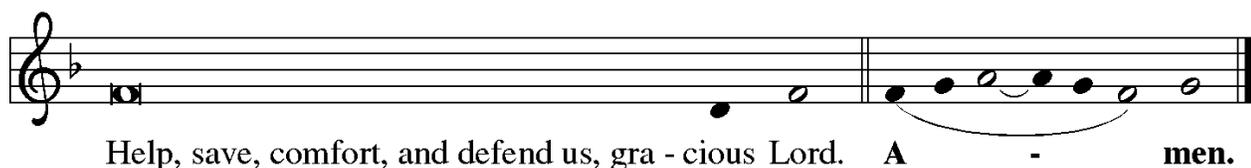
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 55th Chapter.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there | is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name.

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 10th Chapter.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

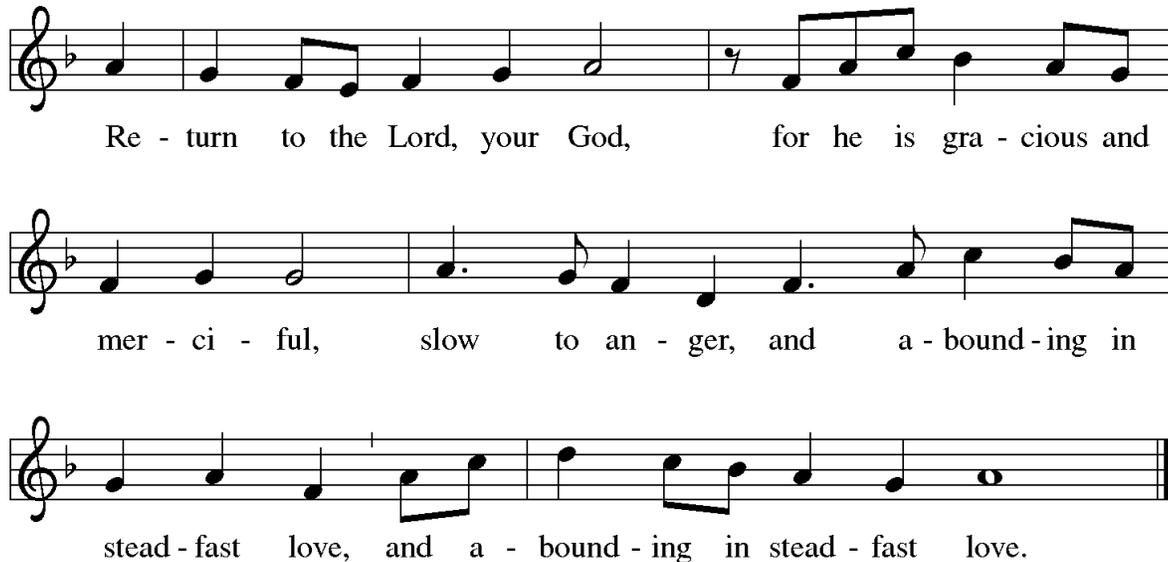
God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me “Sojourner”

ELW 325

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

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. Receive martyrs into your everlasting peace. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide relief for those suffering and in pain. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Michael, Ethan, Brandon, Erica and Evelyn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of 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

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Blute nur du liebes Herz, from *St. Matthew Passion* **Johann Sebastian Bach**
(1685-1750)

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Bleed on, dear heart. Ah, a child that thou raised,
That sucked at thy breast, Threatens to murder its guardian,
For it has become a serpent.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

(1879 – 1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

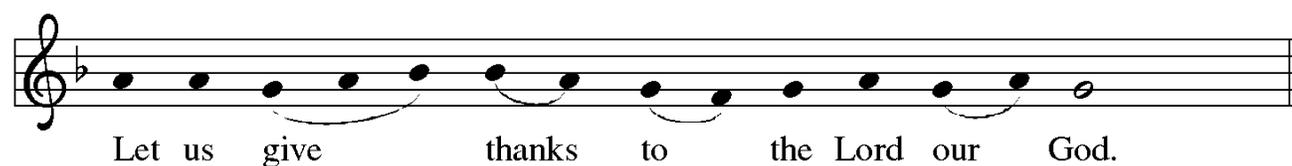
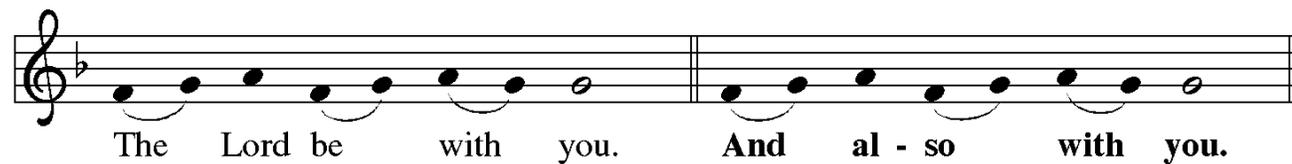


not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

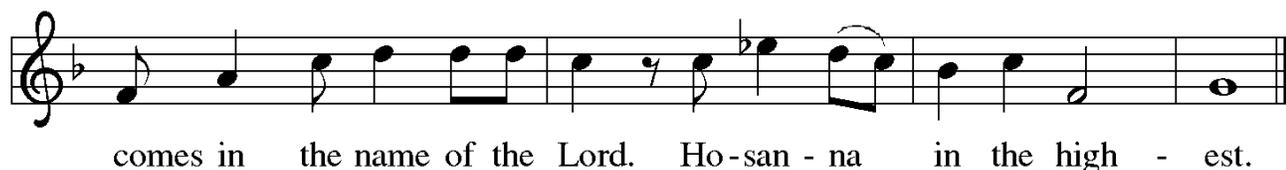
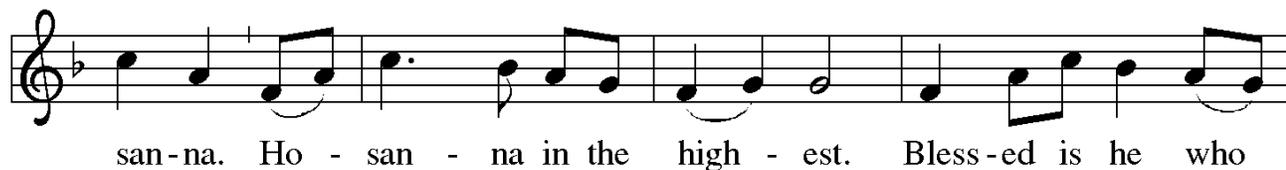
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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.

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)

Lord Jesus Christ!

from *Prayers for Kirkegaard*

Samuel Barber

(1910 – 1981)

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Lord Jesus Christ
Who suffered all life long
that I, too, might be saved,
and Whose suffering still knows no end,
this, too, wilt Thou endure;
saving and redeeming me,
this patient suffering of me
with whom Thou hast to do -
I, who so often go astray.

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Just as I Am

Bob Chilcott

Text: Charlotte Elliot (1789 – 1871)

(b. 1955)

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though toss'd about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine along, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

Edward C. Bairstow

(1874 – 1946)

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

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.

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory “Rathbun”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.



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

***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
March 2019***

*March 8 International Women’s Day and Women’s March –
Buffalo/WNY by Vicki Ross*

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!
Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to
Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.
Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the
Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Altar flower dedications are available for \$40 per vase.
Checks are payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
Please contact Mary Linda Schmidt
835-3325 or msmarylschmidt@gmail.com to secure a date.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.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)
12:00 p.m.	Communion Class (FR)
2:00 p.m.	Sunday School/LYO bowling event at Manor Lanes

MONDAY, March 25, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)
11:15 a.m.	Worship Meeting (FR)
7:00 p.m.	Personnel Meeting at the Day's

TUESDAY, March 26, 2019

3:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise After School Program (FR)
6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting (RH)
6:30 p.m.	Community Music School (CH)

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (CR)
5:30 p.m.	Community Meal/Sue's Supper (RH)
6:00 p.m.	BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)
7:30 p.m.	Catechesis Course (FR)

THURSDAY, March 28, 2019

12:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship (CH)
12:30 p.m.	Lenten Lunch (RH)
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir (CH)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (MR)
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/Communion Celebration (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Festival Rehearsal (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 – Today we welcome Julia Kress who will speak on reducing waste and living clean. She will teach us how to make our own laundry soap, body wash and toothpaste. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION of The Rev. John Buerk on May 27: We would like the congregation's help in sending "*Sixty cards for Pastor Buerk's 60 Years of Ministry.*" Please see the display table near the pass-thru entrance for your envelope and instructions. Thank you for helping make his 60 years of Ordination a special event.

FAMILY BOWLING EVENT: Sunday School students and their families and LYO members are invited to a bowling event **today** from 2-4pm at **Manor Lanes**, 150 Grand Island Boulevard, Tonawanda. Cost is \$5 per person and \$15 per family.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE communion education will take place **today** following the 10:30 service. Every child grows and matures at his/her own pace. As parents, you know when your child is interested and ready to learn more about the sacrament of Communion (generally around grade 2). Following the classes, the children will participate in a *Welcome to the Table* Celebration on March 31 at the 10:30 Service.

“BY HEART” ADULT CATECHISM COURSE – Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room for a five-week series on Luther's small catechism. Our course uses videos with topics led by current Lutheran teachers, preachers, and bishops, and introduces us to the themes in the catechism. This is a great series for those who are new to the Lutheran understanding of Christianity, or for those who would like to think a little deeper about what it means to be Lutheran. No prior Bible Study experience necessary.

SUE'S SUPPER: Our community meal ministry/"Sue's Supper," will be serving a community dinner this Wednesday at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening worship following dinner. We need volunteers to help prep and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on March 27 at 3pm. Please contact Rebecca Torres with questions.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM
Preparations are underway and registration is now open for the 2019 season of Porter Farms' CSA program! Individual shares are \$350 & family shares are \$450. *Take advantage of their \$20 Early Bird discount by April 15 for your best value! Season begins in June 22nd and lasts 22 weeks. Contact Sheila Richards-Perez @ ada.srperez@gmail.com for more information.*

FOOD PANTRY TEAM HELP NEEDED! After many years of service (for which we are so grateful!!!) Earl Kunz has recently resigned and we are looking for new help. Our volunteer need is for someone who could be available one or two Tuesdays a month from approximately 10am -12noon. The person should be able to lift/move about 50 lbs. of non-perishable goods. Ex. canned goods, bags of rice, cartons of cereal and pasta, packages of frozen meats etc. A dolly is available for use. If you are able and feel called to help, please connect with Donna Leiser at 862-0606 or 868-3862. Thankyou!

ORGAN DEDICATION: Join us on Sunday, April 7, as we honor former organist and choirmaster James Bigham at the 10:30 service. The console of the mighty Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ, which he helped to mold and shape into the instrument it is today, will be dedicated in his honor. There will be special musical offerings to celebrate Jimmy's legacy. The Organ Prelude and Postlude will feature internationally renowned organist and Chair of the Eastman School of Music Organ Department, Professor David Higgs.

LYO PLANT SALE: It's that time of year again for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained from the church or chapel entrance ways, from any LYO member, from Pastor Brenda or by calling the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, March 24 and pick up will be Saturday, May 18 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

CONCERT: The Greater Buffalo Friends of Music will be sponsoring a Three Choirs Festival at Holy Trinity, Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 pm, featuring the Amherst Central High School Concert Chorale (Justin Pomietlarz), the University at Buffalo Choir (Claudia Brown), and the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir (Tim Socha). The Amherst Concert Chorale will present works from their upcoming concert at Carnegie Hall. Kristen Pomietlarz and Tim Socha (St. Joseph Cathedral) will also feature works on The Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ. Free Will Offering, to benefit the Greater Buffalo Friends of Music.

ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH OPPORTUNITY! *The 2019 Understanding Islam Series* will take place this year at Westminster Presbyterian on Tuesday nights through April 2 from 6-8 PM, beginning with a \$7 supper followed by two brief presentations by a Christian and Muslim on the topic of the evening, with an opportunity for small-group discussion at the dinner tables and discussion in the large group. The theme on March 26th is: Primary Role Model(s) for Christians & Muslims with The Rev. Dr. Dan Shiefling and Dr. Husam Ghanim presenting. Holy Trinity is proud to be a co-sponsor of the series. All are welcome!

EASTER FLOWERS: The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, please fill out the form located in the church and chapel entrance ways and mail to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.



Lenten and Easter Worship

Wednesday Evening Worship at Holy Trinity

6:30 p.m. Mid-week Worship in Mansperger Chapel

Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity

12:00 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel

12:30 p.m. \$6 Lenten Lunch (includes sides, dessert and coffee and tea)

3/28 Ham

4/4 Crispy Chicken Bake

4/11 Meatloaf

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19

7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

Monday, April 15

6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 19

3:30 p.m. Family Service

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship Group

9:45 a.m. Pre-service music

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Lay reader is Doug Alderdice. Altar guilds are Donna and Ron Leiser and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Beth Pellnat and Penny Brusio. Communion Assistants are Jim Dunnigan, Barb Wozniak, Brandon Howard and Madalyn Brown. Worship Assistants are Michael Jordan, Christian Johnson, Aidan Vitka, Delayne Pace, Robert Mann, Sean Mann, Brandon Howard and Madalyn Brown. Collection counters are Janice Bauchle, Jim Dunnigan and Beth Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Randall F. Smith and Marie E. Smith by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Michael Jordan, Ethan McKinney, Brandon Howard, Erica Sampman and Evelyn Howard.

Council Secretary Jen Yap will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Honor of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures.
He who sent forth his apostles without gold had not need of gold to form his
Church. The Church possesses gold not to hoard but to scatter abroad and
come to the aid of the unfortunate. St. Ambrose*

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