

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 28, 2019 Second Sunday of Easter 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.

Share your story!

Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.

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INTRODUCTION

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain "Gaudeamus Pariter"

ELW 363

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

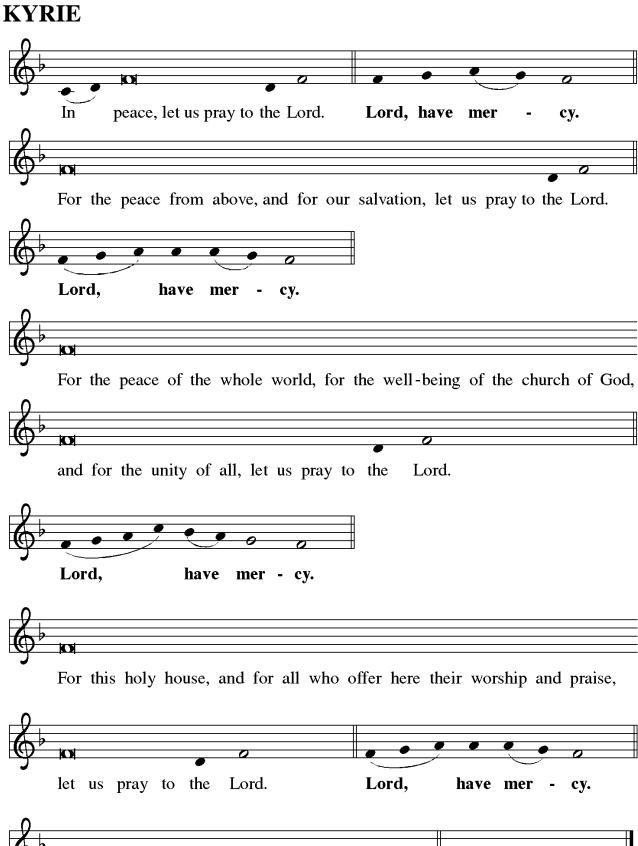
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING

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

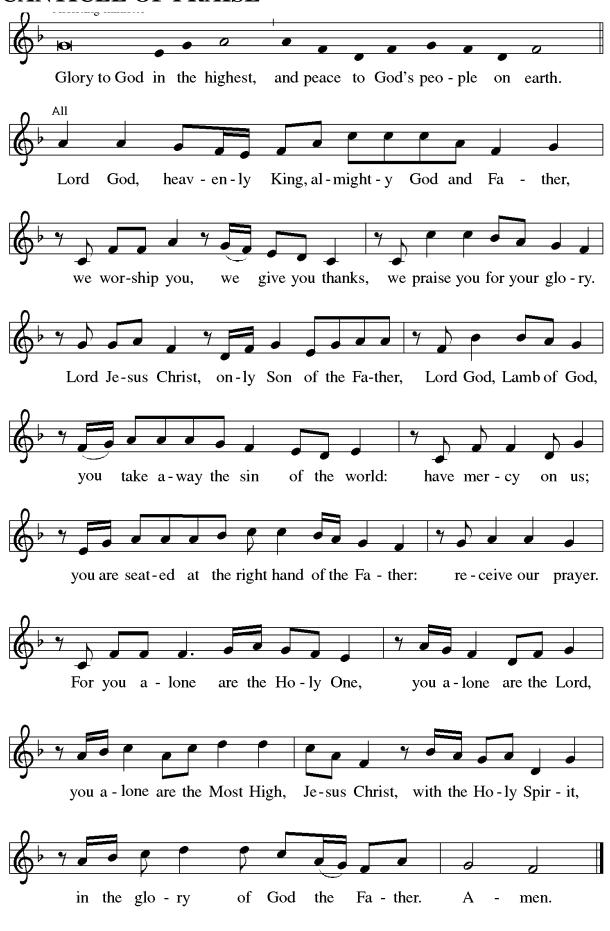
And also with you.



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

men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

HOLY BAPTISM THE HYMN

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Borning Cry "Waterlife"

ELW 732

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

The first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 5th Chapter.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;

praise God in the mighty firmament.

²Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.

³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

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

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

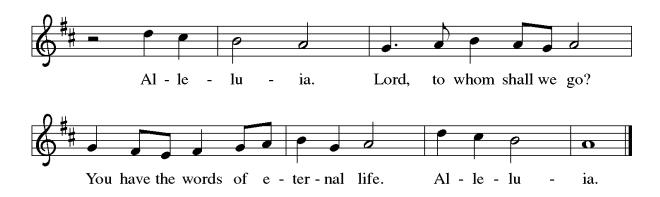
⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

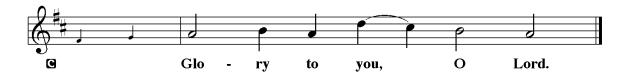
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint John



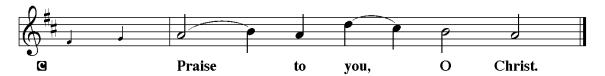
¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory "Judas Maccabaeus"

ELW 376

(8:30) CREED

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

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

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

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering. 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.

Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, and especially Donald and Joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual Arr. by Moses Hogan (1957 – 2003)

Holly Holdaway, soprano

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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"Old Hundredth"

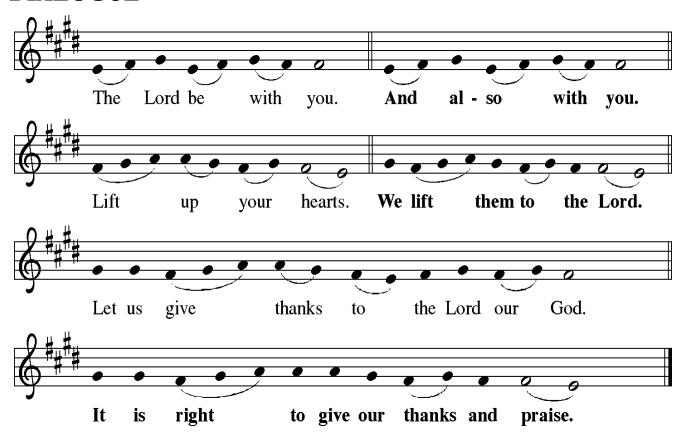
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

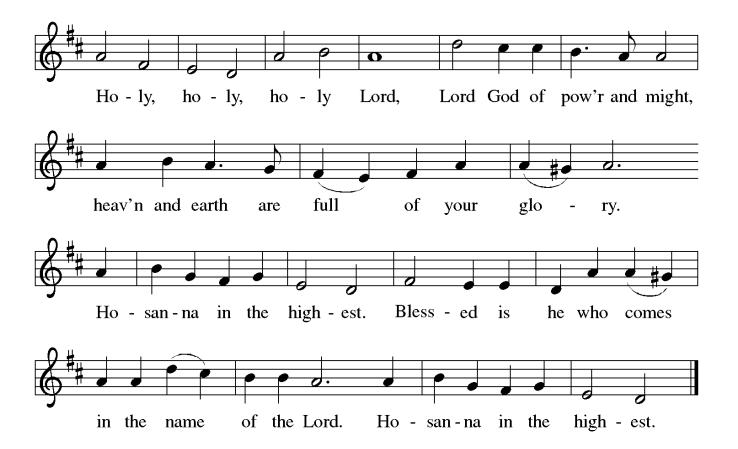
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

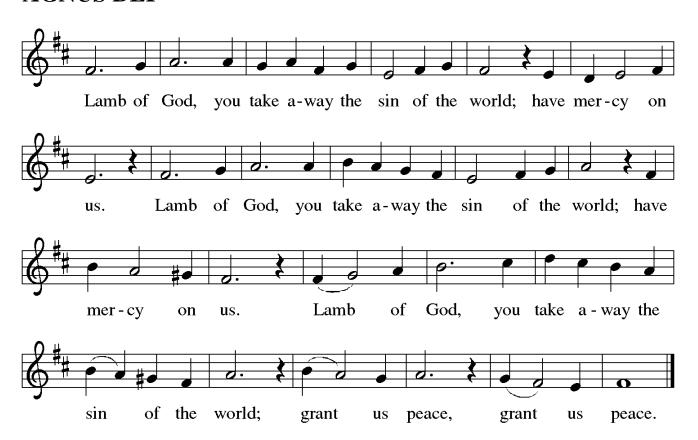
Amen.

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



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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual Arr. by Moses Hogan (1957 – 2003)

Holly Holdaway, soprano

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face the the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall down on my knees, with my face to the risin' sun, oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright "Puer Nobis"

ELW 384

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

All are welcome.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Donald William Greenough and Joy Vera-Ann Greenough.



Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings April 2019

April

To the Glory of God and with Thanks to Pastor Lee, Pastor Brenda, Nurse Judy and All for prayers during my recent surgeries by Judy Kroll

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, April 28, 2019 – Second Sunday of Easter

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/baptism (MC)

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

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

MONDAY, April 29, 2019

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

6:00 p.m. Chris Ed Meeting (FR)

TUESDAY, April 30, 2019

3:30 p.m. Joyful Noise After School Program (FR)

6:30 p.m. Community Music School (CH)

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019

7:00 a.m. Brewed Faith at Spot Coffee

2:45 p.m. Leadership Buffalo event (RH)

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

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)

THURSDAY, May 2, 2019

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

FRIDAY, May 3, 2019

Confirmation Retreat

SATURDAY, May 4, 2019

Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY, May 5, 2019 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. Faith in Action Fair (RH)

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM –Today we welcome Kate Fowler PhD, director of "It Happened to Alexa." Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

A FAITH IN ACTION FAIR is being planned for Sunday, May 5, after each of the worship services. This event will showcase the council committees and other organizations of the church that are available for you to share your talents. It will give you an opportunity to discuss the ministry of the group with the current members.

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE TO KIDS THESE DAYS! Join us for a cross-generational day of learning on Saturday, May 11 from 10am-2pm. Two workshops will focus on the cultural shifts and generational differences over the past 60 years, as well as how the use of cell phones affect us physically, mentally, and emotionally. All are welcome! Please call the church office no later than May 8 at 886-2400 to make your reservation. See Barb Wozniak or Pastor Brenda with any questions.

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, June 2 at both services. For those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity, we will be holding one class on Sunday, May 19 in the Fellowship Room, 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.

LYO PLANTS: The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 18 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

APPRECIATION DINNER: The Network of Religious Communities annual dinner will be held at Samuel's Grand Manor on Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. This year our very deserving recipient will be Ethel Schleifer. Tickets are \$45 pp. Please call the church office by May 28 to reserve a seat.

LANDSCAPING OF CHURCH GROUNDS: The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is asking for volunteers on Saturday, May 18 for a day of planting at the church beginning at 9:00am. Please bring gardening tools, gloves and kneeling pads. Lunch will be served for all who volunteer. All are welcome.

THE NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM GUILD presents "Vintage and Classic Wedding Dress Expo Luncheon and Fundraiser". The event will be held at 11:30am on Thursday, May 16 in the Greenfield Manor Auditorium. RSVP to Sally Gollman at 836-1528 by Monday, May 6. See Barb Wozniak for questions.

PAINT THE HAITIAN SUNSET: Please join us in Redeemer Hall on Friday, June 7 from 7-9 pm for an evening of creative FUNdraising in support of HT's Haiti Mission Team!! Admission is \$40 per person, and half of all proceeds will go directly to the needs of our friends in Haiti. All supplies and instruction are provided and no experience is necessary. There will be wine, cheese, and snacks! Space is limited, so contact the church office to reserve your spot. Questions can be answered by Heather Miller at 523-9700.

PASTOR BUERK would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and well wishes.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kurt Kaufmann. Lay reader is Doreen Griebel. Altar guilds are Donna and Ron Leiser and Ruth Schmidt. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Marilyn and Don Miller and Jan Bauchle. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Barb Wozniak, Matthew Kinkade and Jennifer Carden. Worship Assistants are Matthew Kinkade, Jennifer Carden, Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Alex Cialone, Adam Hakansson, Eliana Perez and Oscar Guzzino. Collection counters are Penny Bruso, Herb Hough and Ryon Fleming.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of parents The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Clause and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schopp by Gwendolyn Schopp; In Loving Memory of Layton and Viola Leiser by Ron and Donna Leiser; and In Honor of my children and grandchildren by Richard Lee.

Council Member Guy Huber 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 Memory 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

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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