



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Celebrating our 141st 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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

VOLUNTARY

Chant de Paix from Neuf Pièces

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory “CWM Rhondda”

ELW 705

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

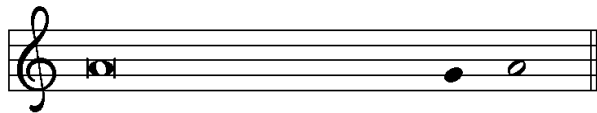
Amen.

GREETING

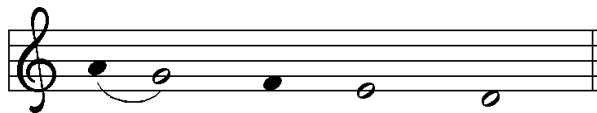
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

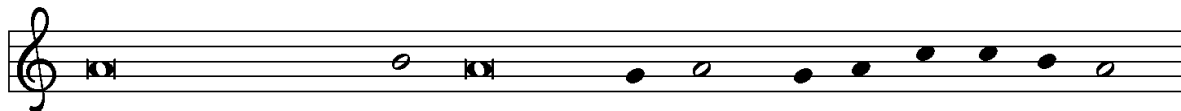
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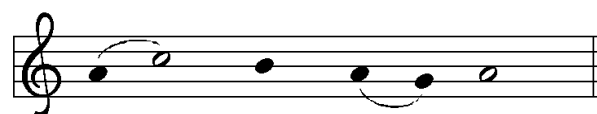
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



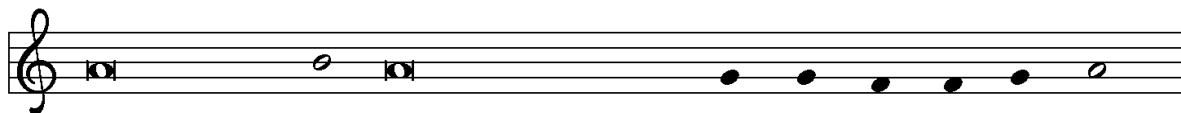
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



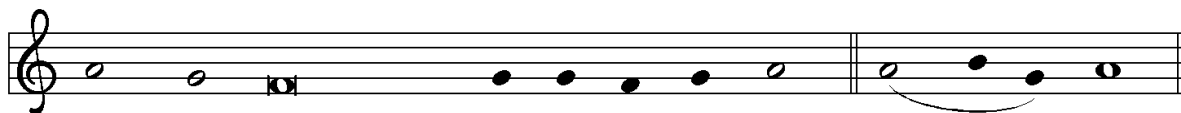
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 16th Chapter.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 21st Chapter.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to Saint John



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light “Houston”

ELW 815

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.

Prevail upon us with your Spirit. Convince us daily that you have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life. Bless all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The leaves of your tree of life are for the healing of the nations. Bring an end to civil war, genocide, terrorism, and violence. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Our hearts are troubled and afraid. Visit us again with your peace. Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick. 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.

We give you thanks for all who have died in service to nation. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for your children. 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 Charlotte and Genevieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life. Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light forever. 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

Sing Ye a Joyful Song from Biblical Songs Op. 99, No. 10
(Psalm 98:1-8)

Antonín Dvorák
(1841 – 1904)

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.
Praise the Lord all the earth !
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein.
The round world and all they that dwell there.
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.
Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn,
and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

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

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.

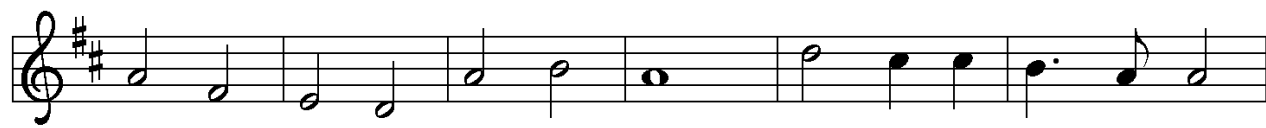


It is right to give our thanks and praise.


PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



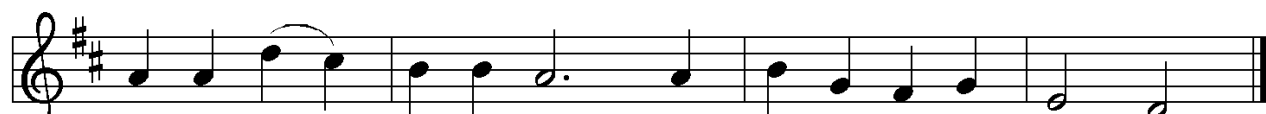
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 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



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

Mein Glaubiges Herze from Cantata No. 68

J.S. Bach
(1685 – 1750)

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

My faithful heart, rejoice, sing, make merry, Your Jesus is near! Away misery,
away complaining, to you I will say only my Jesus is here.

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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age “Wareham”

ELW 729

DISMISSAL

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

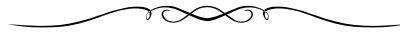
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Alleluia No. 1, Fanfare and Allegro

Jeffrey Honore
(b. 1956)



*There will be no coffee hour today.
We will continue next week.
Happy Memorial Day Weekend!*

***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
May 2019***

May 6 In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Jim, who died on May 6, 2018. I will never stop missing him and loving him always, Noreen Casson

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, May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 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)

MONDAY, May 27, 2019 Memorial Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, May 28, 2019

- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting w/Confirmands (CH)
6:30 p.m. Community Music School (MC)

WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Sue's Supper/Community Meal (RH)
6:00 p.m. Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)

THURSDAY, May 30, 2019

Synod Assembly in Rochester

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

FRIDAY, May 31, 2019

Synod Assembly in Rochester

SATURDAY, June 1, 2019

Synod Assembly in Rochester

- 10:00 a.m. Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, June 2, 2019 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion/New Members
Received (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m. Faith in Action Meeting (FR)
4:00 p.m. Vocalis Concert (MC)

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE – The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

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.

SUE'S SUPPER: Our community meal ministry/"Sue's Supper," will be serving a free community dinner this Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening worship following dinner.

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

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Adam Hakansson. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Communion assistant is Jim Dunnigan. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Marty Bauer. Altar guilds are Doreen Griebel and Donna and Ron Leiser. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Elizabeth Vihnanek and Beth Pellnat. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Helen Wright, Justin Rojek and Nathaniel Wareham. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Emma Crissey, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection counters are Jan Bauchle, Ryon Fleming and Herb Hough.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of SueAnn Wooster and in celebration of our marriage at Holy Trinity on May 27, 1967 by Stephen Ames.

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



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,
I would still plant my apple tree.*

Martin Luther

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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