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.

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Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.
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INTRODUCTION
To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

PRELUDE
Symphonie III, Op. 28
II. Cantilène
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service “Beach Spring” ELW 712

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy, 
we confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ✝ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news! 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.
KYRIE

Let us pray together.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.
Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 30th Chapter.
The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.

1To you, O LORD,
    I lift up my soul.

2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
    nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3Let none who look to you be put to shame;
    rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

4Show me your ways, O LORD,
    and teach me your paths.

5Lead me in your truth and teach me,
    for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14
The second reading for today is recorded in Colossians, the 1st Chapter.
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
   Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.
25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” 27He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” 37He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord:
Please be seated.

SERMON
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate “Ellacombe” ELW 722

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
Joining our voices with God’s people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

For the church, steadfast and faithful in its mission to proclaim redemption through Christ Jesus; for all ministers of the gospel who proclaim that the word is near. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.
For areas affected by drought or storms; for livestock and fields; for ranchers and farmers; and for all stewards of the earth, that as God’s goodness is revealed in creation, we act with justice toward all creatures, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For lawyers and advocates; for local, regional, and national governments; and for peace throughout the world, that God send gracious and upright leaders to govern with mercy and truth. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who feel ashamed; for those who find it difficult to trust; for the bereaved and sick, that God provide compassionate and loving caregivers to all who suffer. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts…, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the members of the body of Christ in this place; for those who do good works in our midst; for those who are visiting and those who are absent, that the Holy Spirit guide all the journeys of our lives, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Christian and Jeremy, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our ancestors who have inspired us by their lives of faith, that thankful for their witness, we can confidently proclaim our salvation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**
Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
Uli MacDonald

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING
O, Divine Redeemer
Charles Gounod
(1818 – 1893)

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho’ unworthy! Hear Thou my cry; behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne; haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho’ righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger: O regard me! On Thee, Lord alone will I call. O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!
Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, O Lord, my sins! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord! O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Save, in the day of retribution, from death shield Thou me, O my God, O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Saviour!

Please stand as you are able.
OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray together.
Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERTORY
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 184
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also 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

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, 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

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Summer

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated to the right of the chancel, and following the lead of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. Receiving the bread wafer (host) in your hand, we invite you to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice of your choice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available simply by asking the pastor as you are served. Those choosing not to receive communion may still come forward for a blessing. Please notify an usher if you are physically unable to come to the altar to receive communion, and the pastor will come to you. All are always welcome at The Lord’s Table.
The bread of the angels is made the bread of man: the giver shows Himself in the form of the bread of heaven. O miraculous thing! To eat the Lord as an unworthy, humble servant. We implore Thee, triune God, so come to us that we dwell in you; through your ways lead us, who reach to you, to the light where you live.

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.
O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION
Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care; As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth from this assembly to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.
Amen.
BENEDICTION
Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing “Azmon”

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 655
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Many thanks to our guest organist,
Jiaqu Shao, from the Eastman School of Music
THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 14, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2019
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)

THURSDAY, July 18, 2019
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, July 19, 2019
6:00 p.m. Lutheran Charities Night at the Bisons

SATURDAY, July 20, 2019
LYO Overnight

SUNDAY, July 21, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

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

PASTOR MILLER is away serving as the Chaplain at Silver Bay for the week. He will be back with us next Sunday.

PASTOR MAYNOR is also away this week. She will be teaching at LCLC.

GOLF OUTING: The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee are sponsoring the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Monday, July 29 at Tan Tara Golf Club. Cost for the day is $60 and includes a continental breakfast, nine hole scramble and BBQ lunch. The cost for lunch only is $12. Checks should be made payable to “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church” and mailed/given to the church office. Prize donations gratefully accepted. Tan Tara is located at 4391 Tonawanda Creek Road North, North Tonawanda 14120. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL runs from August 19-23. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on the table by the church doors or from the office. Each year we collect new items to use in community service projects during VBS. This year we asking for pajamas in all sizes from child through adult, books for ages 8 - 18, and travel size toiletries. There will be a box by the chapel door for these donations. Thank you for helping us to help others.

BOAT CRUISE: Join us for an Irish Music Cruise on the Canal with Music from our own Jim Dunnigan and his band the Rosewood Bridge on Sunday, August 11 from 3:00-6:00. The cruise departs from and returns to the Lockport Locks and the cost is $20. Please contact Guy Huber or Jim Dunnigan for more information.
AMAZON PRIME DAY: You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on July 15 & 16. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0746856 and AmazonSmile donates to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. All donations received go to support the Joyful Noise After School Program.

FINAL CALL FOR MEMORIAL BRICK dedications. Our garden veranda will provide a gathering space for the community all around us. This is your opportunity to play a special role in the building of our Garden Veranda. Memorial Bricks may now be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be found on the tables at the entrance ways.

Holy Trinity has supported Family Promise for many years. If you'd like to tour the shelter or find out more about their mission and ministry, join volunteers (past and present) at the facility at 75 Hickory St. on Sunday, July 28 from 2:00-4:00pm. Flyers with details are posted or contact Linda Schmidt or Barb Wozniak for more information.

FAMILY PROMISE: Do you have a membership to the Buffalo Zoo, and are you wondering what to do with those extra guest passes you receive as a member? Please consider donating them to Family Promise, a local shelter for homeless families and part of Holy Trinity’s mission outreach. Barb Wozniak and Linda Schmidt will be happy to deliver them to LuAnne Firestone, the director, or you may mail them directly to Family Promise, 75 Hickory St. Buffalo, NY 14204. Thank you for considering just another way to spread love throughout our city.
Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
July 2019

July 3

In Loving Memory of my Dad’s birthday (Hans Illhardt), my parents Anniversary (Hans and Mildred Illhardt) and my Anniversary to Nick – all celebrated on July 3rd. Sadly missed by wife and daughter – Cris Campana

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.
At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Sean Mann. Altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Judy Kroll. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Gail Camilleri and Guy Huber.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Altar guild is Sue Biesinger. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Doug Alderdice, Karen and Paul Bauchle, Tony Glieco, Dan Griebel, Karen Kolb, Dave Pellnat and John Schleifer, Jr. Communion Assistant is Helen Wright. Worship Assistant is Jennifer Carden. Collection counters are Jan Bauchle, Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Ray and Jeanette Heiss by Al Heiss and Family.

Council Vice-President, Uli MacDonald will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today’s prayers of intercession include Jeremy Jindra and Christian Johnson.

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

Stewardship Thought of the Day

Let us remember the poor, and not forget kindness to strangers; above all, let us love God with all our soul, and might, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Anthanasius of Alexandria
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