

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 21, 2019 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

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INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

PRELUDE

Triptych Les Cloches II Contemplation III Les Cloches III Ad Wammes (b. 1953)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In "Wie schön Leuchtet"

ELW 786

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

God in heav-en; peace, good-will 1 Glo-ry be to all the earth. to 2 Glo-ry Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love. be to 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call; Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove; Son Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: you, we a - dore you, we lift high our we ex - alt thanks and praise. on the cross you died to now you reign at save us; God's right hand. Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright. an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Saints and Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be God on high! to

Please be seated.

(10:30) A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 18th Chapter.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

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

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus "Give Me Jesus"

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.

ELW 770

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, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it become for us a reflection of God's glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God's peace and compassion come also to us. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need, that Christ, our great physician, care for all who are in distress. 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 those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God's goodness in vocations of all kinds, 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 Michael, Brandon, Erica, Ethan and Evelynn, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, 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.

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

This is My Father's World

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me n'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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

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.

ELW 184

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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



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.

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Bist du bei mir

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Aurora Deeds, soprano

When thou art near, I go with joy To death and to my rest. O how joyous would my end be, If your fair hands Would close my faithful eyes.

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

Be Thou My Vision "Slane"

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Triptych Joy II

Ad Wammes (b. 1953)



MUSIC NOTES

Dutch composer Ad Wammes's (b. 1953) eclectic musical background includes formal study at the Utrecht and Rotterdam conservatories with leading Dutch composers, years as keyboardist in the rock group Finch, and numerous works for concert, television, and film. In the 1980's, he wrote the music for several Dutch *Sesame Street* albums and composed many works for Dutch television. In recent years, he has focused more on concert music, and his organ music has found particular wide acclaim. Chelsea Chen performed his piece *Miroir* at her recital at Holy Trinity on 7/3/19.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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) **MONDAY, July 22, 2019** Executive Committee Meeting (CR) 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2019 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR) Wednesday Evening Worship (CH) 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY, July 25, 2019 Happy Birthday Chuck Ryniec 1:00 p.m. Racial Justice Book Club (LI) 3:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC) 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC) AA/AL-ANON (RH) 7:00 p.m. SATURDAY, July 27, 2019 12:00 p.m. Miller/Battista Wedding (MC) 2:00 p.m. Sorrentino/Klettke Wedding (MC) SUNDAY, July 28, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR) 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH) CH = Mansperger Chapel CI = Crib Room CR = Conference Room FR = Fellowship Room FI = Fireside Room/Library MC = Main Church MR = Music RoomPS = Pastor's StudyRH = Redeemer Hall SC = SacristySS = Sunday SchoolYR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are 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.

BISONS BASEBALL: Tickets to the Buffalo Bison's Friday Night Bash on August 23 at 7:05pm against the Pawtucket Red Sox will be available through Clyde Terry. He will distribute tickets on August 19 during the coffee hour. If you wish to reserve your ticket before that date, please call Clyde at 883-1577. There are a limited number of tickets available. THE RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM is sponsoring a summer book club on Thursdays: 7/25 and 8/29 at 1:00pm in the library. The book is: "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism" available on Amazon in paperback (used) for \$10.68.

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.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR CONFIRMATION students will be on Sunday, August 18 immediately following the 10:30 service downstairs in the Fireside Room, light refreshments will be provided. The information session will be for all students, both first and second year students. We will discuss the class schedule, as well as expectations for the students. Confirmation Class is for open for students entering 7th grade. Please see Pastor Brenda if you have any questions.

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.



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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Altar guild is Ruth Schmidt. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Worship Assistant is Alex Cialone. Collection counters are Jim Dunnigan, Tom Johnson and Beth Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given In Memory of Loved Ones by Sue Spindler; and In Honor of our granddaughters Ella Hope and Hannah Grace by Paul and Karen Bauchle.

Council Member, Guy Huber 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 Michael Jordan, Brandon Howard, Erica Sampman, Ethan McKinney and Evelynn Howard.

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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