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
Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

PRELUDE
Toccata in d minor, FbWV 102
Johann Jacob Froberger
(1616 - 1667)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Golden Breaks the Dawn “Le P’ing”

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
Son of God and gracious Saviour, you have come from heav’n above;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Please be seated.

(10:30)
A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II
FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32
The first reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 18th Chapter.

20 Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

22 So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” 27 Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29 Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” 30 Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” 31 He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32 Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.
PSALM 138
The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.
1I will give thanks to you, O L ORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
2I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
3When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
4All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O L ORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
5They will sing of the ways of the L ORD, that great is the glory of the L ORD.
6The L ORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
8You will make good your purpose for me; O L ORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19
The second reading for today is recorded in Colossians, the 2nd Chapter.
6As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
8See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.
For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia! Lord and Savi-or: o-pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.

Al-le-lu-ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.
[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?
12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
The gospel of the Lord:

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Day by Day “Blott En Dag”*

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
Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

Merciful God, you know your church. Guard and keep the whole body of Christ. Increase in us strength, love, and peace so that we are a blessing to the world. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Creator, you know the work of your hands. Guard and keep your creation. Bless the work of those who tend the earth’s resources and who seek to provide abundantly for all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful King, you know the nations, and you are the head of every ruler and authority. Guard and keep the world in justice and mercy, and let the words of your mouth bring peace on earth. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Your kingdom come. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, you know our needs. Guard and keep those who are hungry, those who are victims of violence or oppression, and those who are weary from illness. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts… Give us today our daily bread. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Merciful God, you know our congregation. Guard and keep those who enrich us with the gift of music in this place, proclaiming the gospel in song. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Creator, you know all your people. Guard and keep all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Oscar and Sam. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, you know your saints. Guard and keep those faithful departed. Inspire our confidence in you until that day when we are all raised in the power and glory of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. 

**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**
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.

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.

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

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

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

Colleen Flynn, soprano

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising 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 rising 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 rising 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.

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
_Son of God, Eternal Savior “In Babilone”_ ELW 655

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

POSTLUDE
Toccata gotica

Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975)
THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 28, 2019 – Seventh 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 29, 2019
9:00 a.m. Golf Tournament at Tan Tara

TUESDAY, July 30, 2019
6:30 p.m. Investment Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2019
5:30 p.m. Sue’s Supper (RH)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)

THURSDAY, August 1, 2019
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, August 3, 2019
9:00 a.m. Genealogy (FR)

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019 – Eighth 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 CI = Crib Room CR = Conference Room
FR = Fellowship Room FI = Fireside Room/Library MC = Main Church
MR = Music Room PS = Pastor’s Study RH = Redeemer Hall
SC = Sacristy SS = Sunday School YR = Youth Room
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BISON 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.

SPONSORSHIP: Hello fellow Congregation members. If you are currently sponsoring a Grace Ministries Haitian student or orphan, would you please let Donna Leiser know. We are gathering information about the various ways Holy Trinity is sponsoring our partners in the Caribbean. Thank you.
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. today from 2:00-4:00pm.

**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.

**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.
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 Sam Guzzino. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Roger Draper. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kurt Kaufmann. Altar guild is Claire Carmer. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Communion Assistant is Jim Dunnigan. Worship Assistant is Randi Jones. Collection counters are Darlene Carden and Noreen Casson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of David Grabenstatter by his wife, Nancy and son, Eric; and In Loving Memory of Karl, our beloved brother by Guy Huber. Thank you for all your Wisdom, Strength and Love you provided all of us. We miss you.

Council President Kurt Kaufmann 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 Oscar and Sam Guzzino.

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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