

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 11, 2019 Ninth 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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

PRELUDE

Corrente italiano

Juan Cabanilles (1644 - 1712)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow "Ebenezer" ELW 327

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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glo-ry God in heav-en; peace, good-will to be 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; God of Might-y 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 save us; now you reign at 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. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

The first reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 15th Chapter.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.
¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory;

- despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

- ¹⁹to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 11th Chapter. ¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying "Wachet Auf"

ELW 436

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.

Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. 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.

Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick. Be their help and their shield. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts.... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Margaret and Mary. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ, until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. An

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

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99, No. 2

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield, and in Thy word put I my trust. Out of my sight, ye that do evil, for my heart is fixed, I will hold to God's commandments.

Strengthen me, that I may keep Thy law, and that Thy statutes may be my delight. I am afraid of Thee and of Thy greatness, trembling do I come before Thy judgement seat.

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

My Lord What a Mornin'

Harry T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)

Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 705

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Tocata

Juan Cabanilles (1644 - 1712)

MUSIC NOTES

Juan Bautista José Cabanilles (1644-1712) was a Spanish organist and composer at Valencia Cathedral. He is considered by many to have been the greatest Spanish Baroque composer, and has been called the Spanish Bach.

He probably began his musical career as a singer in a choir of a local church. Later he studied to become a priest in the cathedral at Valencia, which included lessons in music. In 1665, at 20 years of age, he was named the assistant organist of the cathedral. A year later, upon the death of his predecessor, he became the principal organist. In 1668 he was ordained as a priest. He kept his position as principal organist for 45 years, but from 1703 on his health often necessitated that a substitute be found. From 1675 to 1677 he also took charge of teaching the children in the cathedral choir.

His surviving works include many pieces for organ and the other keyboard instruments: *tientos*, *toccatas*, *versos*, *pasacalles*, *and gallardas*. His style varies with the form used and ranges from the brilliant figuration of the *toccatas* to the dissonances of the *tientos de falsas*. It includes elements of Renaissance and Baroque styles.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 11, 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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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)	
2:30 p.m.	Irish Music Cruise on the Canal	
TUESDAY , Augus	<u>t 13, 2019</u>	
12:00 p.m.	Women at the Well (FR)	
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (FR)	
WEDNESDAY, Au	igust 14, 2019	
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (CR)	
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)	
THURSDAY, Aug	ust 15, 2019	-
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)	
SUNDAY, August	18, 2019 – Tenth 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)	
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Information Session (FR)	
CH = Mansperger Chapel	CI = Crib Room	CR = Conference Room
FR = Fellowship Room MR = Music Room	FI = Fireside Room/Library PS = Pastor's Study	MC = Main Church RH = Redeemer Hall
SC = Sacristy	SS = Sunday School	YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MILLER is away on vacation. He will be back in the office on August 19.

BOOK MARKS: You will notice new book marks in our hymnals. They were made by our own Gary Herrnreiter for your convenience. Many thanks to Gary.

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 and t-shirts in adult sizes, deodorant and pet treats. There will be a box by the chapel door for donations. Thank you for helping us to help others.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES for Early Childhood Center P.S.#17 (grades Pre-K to 4) are being collected during the month of August. There is a bin in the narthex for the donations. The school is grateful for all items we provide, having no specific requests. Please contact Heather Miller or Barb Wozniak with any questions.

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. 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.

SPONSORSHIP: 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. USHERS/GREETERS MEETING: We will be holding a breakfast meeting for all ushers and greeters at 8:30am Saturday, September 7 at the Family Tree Restaurant on Bailey Avenue. All those who currently usher or greet, or those who would be interested in joining, are invited to this breakfast meeting. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings August 2019

August 9In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Wedding
at Kensington Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo,
NY. Carl Prater officiant. Earl and Heidi Kunz

August 2019 A heartfelt thank you to my many friends at Holy Trinity for all of your cards, hugs and prayers during my recent illness. And, with special love honoring my "sister" friend, Janet Day, for being at my side through every step of my uncertain journey. Hoping to ring the Roswell bell in January 2020 by 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 Madalyn Brown. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Marcia Haas. Communion assistant is Paul Bauchle. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Uli MacDonald. Altar guilds are Donna and Ron Leiser. 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 Susan Bundt. Worship Assistant is Adam Hakansson. Collection counters are Paul Biesinger, Tony Glieco and Tom Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my wife Jean Clare and on the occasion of what would have been our 71st Wedding Anniversary by Roy Clare; and In Loving Memory of Smith and Kathryn Wright, Donald and Myrtle Jones and Detective Michael Smith Phillips by the Martin Wright 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 Margaret Jindra and Mary Houghtaling.

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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