HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York  
Sunday, August 18, 2019  
Tenth 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. 

Share your story!  
Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.  
Use #PowerofTrinity to share your Faith in an instant!  
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INTRODUCTION  
The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” 

PRELUDE  
Preghiera pastorale Opus 1256 (2017)  
Carson Cooman  
(b. 1982) 

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Faith of Our Fathers “St. Catherine”

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

1 Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
2 Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
3 Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, 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 Savior, 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. Brenda Maynor
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29
The first reading for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Jeremiah, the 23rd Chapter.

23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82
The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type.

1 God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

4 rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2
The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 11th and 12th Chapters.

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of 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 Savior: open now your saving word.

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said:] 49“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord:

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love Is This “Wondrous Love”

ELW 666
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.

O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. 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.

You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all medical personnel who care for the sick. Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts…. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. 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 Abigail and Natalie. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all the saints with Christ in perfect joy. 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

SOLO AT THE OFFERING
But Who May Abide from Messiah
Georg Frideric Händel
Text: Malachi 3: 2
(1685-1759)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?
For He is like a refiner's fire.

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, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
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

1 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.

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.
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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. by Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Ryan Lockwood, baritone

Let us break bread together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face the the risin' 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 risin' 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 risin' 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
*Rise Up, O Saints of God!* “Festal Song” ELW 669

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

POSTLUDE
Music Notes

Carson Cooman (b. 1982) is an American composer with a catalog of hundreds of works in many forms—from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His music has been performed in venues that range from the stage of Carnegie Hall to the basket of a hot air balloon. As an active concert organist, Cooman specializes in the performance of contemporary music. Over 300 new compositions by more than 100 international composers have been written for him. Cooman is also a writer on musical subjects, producing articles and reviews frequently for a number of international publications. In Preghiera pastorale (2016), outer sections of a traditional "pastorale" character surround an impassioned inner section based on the same material. Fanfarria brillante (2019) was written for Kalus Stehling and inspired by the reed chorus of the 1762 Jodi Bosch organ in Santanyi, Mallorca. Carson Cooman was a featured composer for the Buffalo Niagara AGO Convention this summer.
THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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 (FI)
2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, August 19, 2019
8:30 a.m. VBS

TUESDAY, August 20, 2019
*Happy Birthday Pastor Miller*
8:30 a.m. VBS

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2019
8:30 a.m. VBS
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)

THURSDAY, August 22, 2019
8:30 a.m. VBS
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, August 23, 2019
8:30 a.m. VBS

SUNDAY, August 25, 2019 – Eleventh 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. Congregational Picnic/Rally Day
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 today 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC with Rally Day will be held August 25, after the 10:30 service. Join us for good food, games and entertainment. We will serve hot dogs and beverages and ask that you please bring a dish to pass.

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.
OUR COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY/SUE’S SUPPER, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, August 28 at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening worship following supper. The entire church family is invited to this event for food and fellowship.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It’s that time of year again to send care packages to all of our college students. We will be packing them up on September 8 during God’s Work Our Hands Sunday. If you have a college student you would like included in this project, please call the church office with the name and address of the student by August 30. We are always looking for donations of snack items for the boxes as well as any shoe boxes you might have to use for the mailings. Please contact Kathy Crissey at kc1008@aol.com if you would like to contribute or have any questions. We always include a church newsletter and a card from church to remind the students that they are in our thoughts and prayers!

THE RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM is sponsoring a summer book club. The group will meet for its final session on Thursday, August 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.

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.

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 msmtpmarylschmidt@gmail.com to secure a date.
Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
August 2019

August 9

In 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 Eliana Perez. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Todd Kroening. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Emily Notari. Altar guild is Uli MacDonald. 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 Barb Wozniak. Worship Assistant is Robert Mann.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my husband Horace Cromer and in Honor of the Marshall Family by Barbara Cromer; and May God continue to give us His blessing by Guy Huber.

Council Member Juan Perez 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 Abigail and Natalie Gazzo.

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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