

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 4, 2019 Eighth 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

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE Sicilienne

Maria Theresa Von Paradis (1759 - 1824)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word "Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier" ELW 520

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.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Please be seated.

(10:30) A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The first reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Ecclesiastes, the 1st and 2nd Chapters.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,

vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12

The congregation will read responsively the bold-faced type. ¹Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²you of high degree and low,

rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,

and boast of their great riches?

⁷One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸for the ransom of a life is so great

that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

The second reading for today is recorded in Colossians, the 3rd Chapter.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he a parable: "The land of a rich man produced told them abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West "Mckee" ELW 650

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.

Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts..., let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your people love you. 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 Aja and Gaia, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

Because of thy Great Bounty

Leon A. Hoffmeister

Thane Schulz, tenor

Because I have been given much, I too shall give. Because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live I shall divide my gifts from Thee With ev'ry brother that I see who has the need to help from me. Because I have been sheltered, fed by Thy good care, I cannot see another's lack and I not share my glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter overhead, That he, too, may be comforted. Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord, A wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard, I shall give love to all I see, all who need my sympathy. Thus shall I show my thanks to Thee.

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

Communion Hymn

Mary Pickens Opie

Thane Schulz, tenor

Hungry and thirsty, Lord, I come to Thee, here lowly kneeling, thy sacred feast before. Strengthen my spirit with thy food divine, as now thou feed'st me with the bread and wine. Come to me, Savior, in this holy hour, shed thou upon me all thy wondrous love, that I may ever dwell within thy light, and come before thee stainless, pure and white. Jesus, my Savior, look with loving eye as from my heart I make this humble cry. Give of thyself, Dear Lord, that I may be filled with thy grace, throughout eternity. Amen.

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

You Servants of God "Lyons"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

ELW 825



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR) Service of Holy Communion (CH) 10:30 a.m. TUESDAY, August 6, 2019 5:00 p.m. **Burrito Project (RH)** 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR) WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH) **THURSDAY, August 8, 2019** Happy Birthday John Busch AA/AL-ANON (RH) 7:00 p.m. SUNDAY, August 11, 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH) Irish Music Cruise on the Canal 2:30 p.m. CI = Crib Room CR = Conference RoomCH = Mansperger Chapel 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

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.

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.

THE BURRITO PROJECT! A new, volunteer, service-ministry opportunity supporting our neighbors who live every day with food scarcity. We will meet this **Tuesday, August 6**, followed by every first Tuesday of each month. If you would like to help assemble the burritos, we will meet in the HT kitchen at 5:30pm to prepare and heat the burritos. At 6:45 we depart HT and begin our delivery from the UB parking lot at Elm/Goodell/Oak. We will be done by 9pm. Volunteers may participate in the preparation time, delivery time, or both. Sign up sheet available on the table at the entrance way. Donations for the Burrito Project may be made to Holy Trinity with "Burrito Project" on the check memo line.

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. 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.

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.

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 are available for \$40 per vase. Checks are payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please contact Mary Linda Schmidt 835-3325 or <u>msmarylschmidt@gmail.com</u> to secure a date.

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

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 Ethan MacDonald. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Mary Linda Schmidt. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Gail Camilleri and Guy Huber.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Altar guild is Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Gary Herrnreiter and Craig Johnson. Communion Assistant is Helen Wright. Worship Assistant is Oscar Guzzino. Collection counters are Karen Kolb and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Dr. Robert Schopp by his wife Gwen Schopp and Family; and In Loving Memory of Verna and Frank Kolb by Karen Kolb.

Council Member Richard Lee 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 Aja Witteman and Gaia Godinho.

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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