



Holy Trinity
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Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Thirteenth 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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D Major BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1616 - 1667)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

The Chorister's Prayer (2013)

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple,
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts;
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives,
to the glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross “Crucifer”

ELW 660

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us
confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able (10:30)

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with
friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our
possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts
and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for
us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

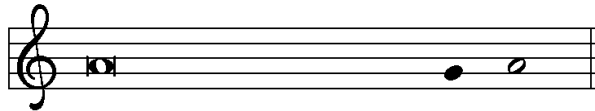
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GREETING

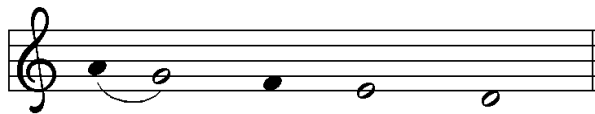
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

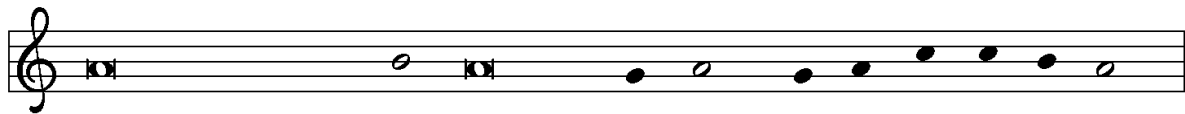
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



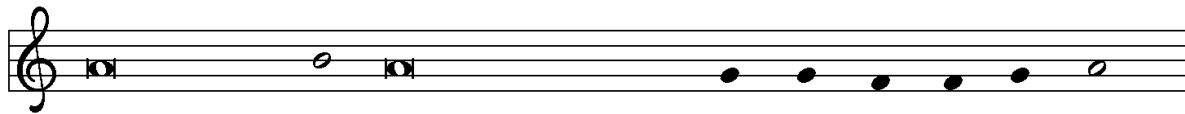
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



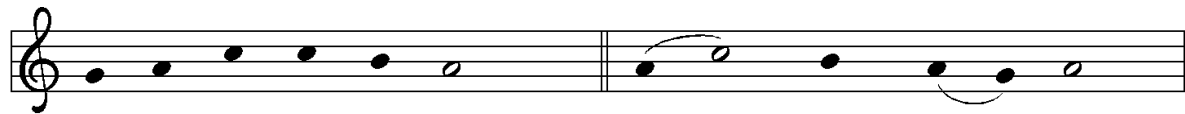
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

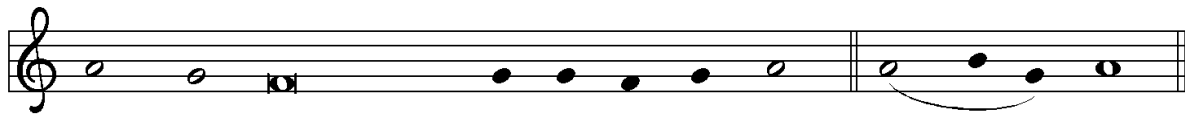


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

HOLY BAPTISM

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THE HYMN

Borning Cry “Waterlife”

ELW 732

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The first reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 30th Chapter.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him;

for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

MOTET

The Road Home (2015)

Text: Michael Dennis Browne

Tune: "Prospect"

from *Southern Harmony* 1835

Arr. Stephen Paulus

(1949 - 2014)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, So long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, When the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling From far away,
There's a voice I can hear That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, Come away is the call,
With the love in your heart As the only song;
There is no such beauty As where you belong;
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

The second reading for today is recorded in Philemon.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it.

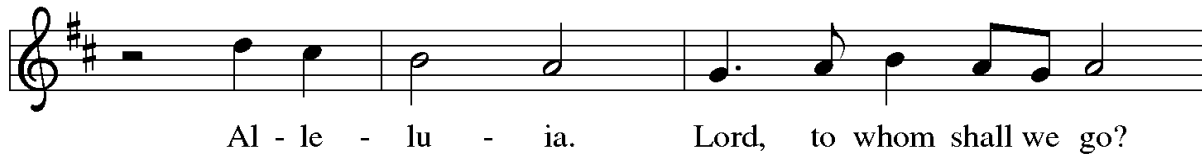
I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

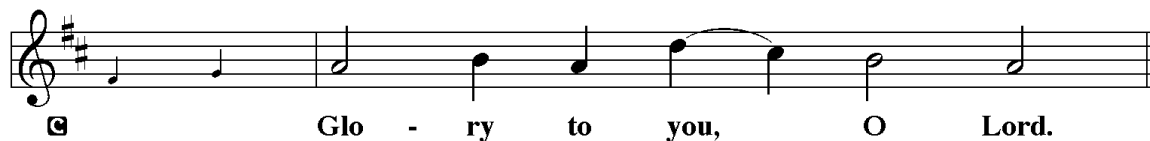
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke

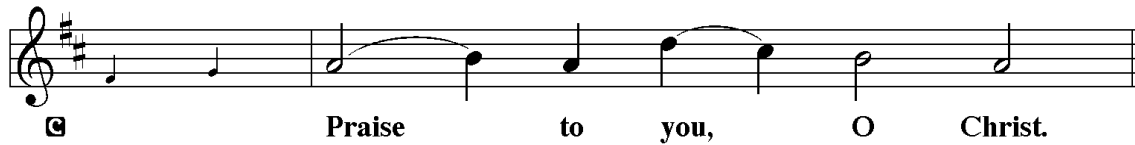


²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me “Kelvingrove”

ELW 798

(8:30)

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

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. 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.

Turn our hearts toward life in all its infinite varieties. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world. Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts toward all who yearn for calm and fairness. Where there is violence and conflict, grant peace. Where there is disparity, grant justice. Where there is hatred and fear, grant compassion and empathy. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we pray, especially Alberta Matesick. We also pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. Embolden our hearts to labor without fear. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts towards the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Scarlett Ann. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (Nettleton) Arr. James E. Clemens
(b. 1966)

Rebecca Torres, violin

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Text: unattributed (adapted)

Arr. Sarah Quartel

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm and to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and Earth, how can I keep from singing.
I lift my eyes, the crowd grows thin; I see the blue above it,
and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
all things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY


Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.


DIALOGUE




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

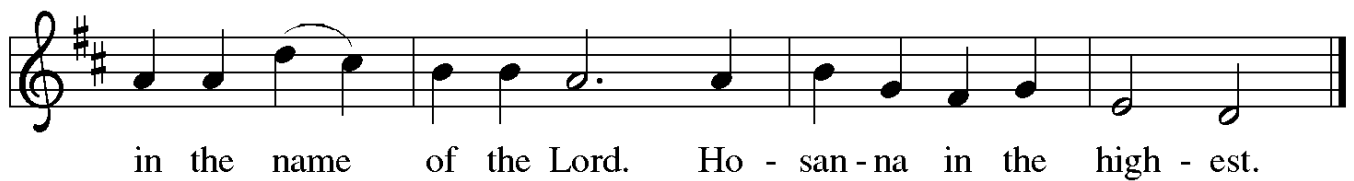
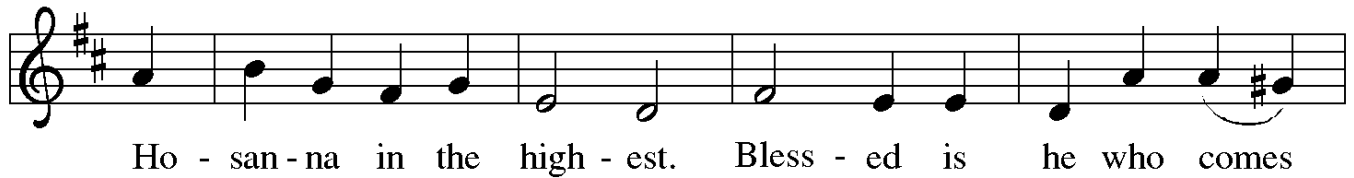
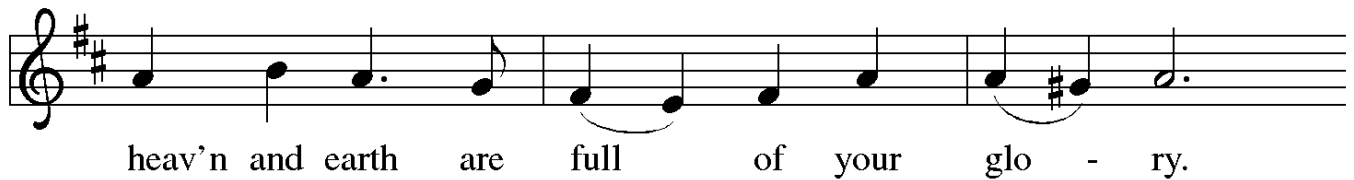
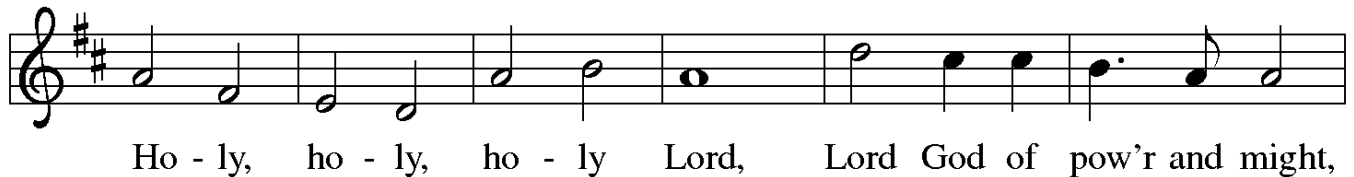


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward to the communion rail (or to the presiding minister if the communion rails are not in place) and kneel or stand at the next available place at the rail. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. All are welcome to the table of our Lord.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Resignation) Arr. James E. Clemens

Rebecca Torres, violin

(10:30)

COMMUNION MOTETS

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

(1525 – 1594)

Just as a hart desires to find a wellspring where from to quench his thirst, so my soul also longs for Thee, O Lord, who art our God.

Roger VanDette, *tenor*

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O 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, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O 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.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God † bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross “Hamburg”

ELW 803

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop
(b. 1949)



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord’s family and in our fellowship in the gospel Scarlett Ann McFarland, daughter of Katherine and Joshua McFarland.



***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
September 2019***

*September 12 In Loving Memory of Theresa “Grammy” Pomietlarz
By Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz*

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.



Music Notes

In lieu of specific notes about our repertory this morning, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our Lead Singers and Guest Musicians who have so greatly enriched our summer Services in the Mansperger Chapel. We are so blessed by their gifts, their love of music, and their dedication to this most special place. In no particular order, our gratitude goes out to Jenny Carden, *euphonium* (who both played and cantored for us on Youth Sunday), Rebecca Torres, *violin* (who is also playing again this morning at the 8:30 Service), Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*, Blake Hurlburt, *baritone* (who has now moved on to pursue his career in New York City), Aurora Deeds, *soprano*, Thane Schulz, *tenor*, Colleen Flynn, *soprano*, Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*, and Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo* (who also brought her band *Dozo My Lady* for our Rally Day festivities). Please feel free to share your gratitude with these individuals as well, as their spirit is truly woven into the fabric of our experience here at Holy Trinity.

As our beloved Chancel and Chapel Choirs return to service this week, I wanted to find words that not only enriched the appointed liturgical texts, but truly spoke to the charged mission of our singers and ensembles. *The Road Home* and *How Can I Keep From Singing* were the only pieces that kept coming to mind, for their words most honestly capture why our singers do what they do - to sing praises to God, to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, and to selflessly share love through our intrinsic joy of making music together.

With that in mind, "*How Can [we] Keep from Singing?*" when "*through the air there's a calling from far away; There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.*"

So "*Rise up, follow me, come away with the love in your heart as the only song. There is no such beauty as [this place] where you belong.*"

Hope you enjoy.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
12:00 p.m.	God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (RH)
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (FR)
2:30 p.m.	Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, September 9, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)
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TUESDAY, September 10, 2019

12:00 p.m.	Women at the Well (FR)
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WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Property Meeting (CR)
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 p.m.	Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)

THURSDAY, September 12, 2019

11:00 a.m.	Leadership Buffalo Event (RH)
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir (CH)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)

FRIDAY, September 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Samaritan Counseling Center Vespers (MC)
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SATURDAY, September 14, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Hospitality (RH)
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SUNDAY, September 15, 2019 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Brick/bench dedication at garden patio
2:30 p.m.	Worship to Go at Wedgewood

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR BRENDA is away on vacation. She will be back in the office on September 11.

SUNDAY FORUM returns next week with an update and report on Haiti Mission Work. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins tomorrow at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at noon and feature the coordinator of the Buffalo Chapter of Contemplative Outreach. She will speak on 'Centering Prayer', a silent prayer method developed in the 1970's, based on a 14th century text, "The Cloud of Unknowing". All are invited to attend.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of year again to send care packages to all of our college students. 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. 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 HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP committee's next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Redeemer Hall. All are welcome.

HT PATIO GARDEN: There will be a memorial brick and bench dedication on Sunday, September 15 immediately following the 10:30 service in our new patio garden. All are welcome to attend!!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The following dates are available if you are interested in dedicating Altar flowers. November 3 and 24, one vase each and December 29, two vases available. Vases are \$40 each. Please contact Mary Linda Schmidt at 716-835-3325 or mmarylschmidt@gmail.com or call the church office.

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be held on Sunday, September 29 from 9am to 1pm. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu vaccine early.

EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING - Join Pastor Lee and the "E-Team" as we plan for our Fall Invitation Campaign and strategize how we welcome new folks in the neighborhood. We will meet on Sunday, September 22 in the Library immediately following the 10:30 worship. No previous experience necessary. New members are welcome!

HT NIGHT AT THE BISONS – This year's event was a big success. Many thanks to Clyde Terry for obtaining and distributing the tickets.

The second Faith Songs Spirit Voices II is scheduled for September 15 from 2-5pm at the Montante Cultural Center, Canisius College (2001 Main Street). The multi-faith, multi-cultural celebration of religious diversity includes music, dance and story telling; with participants Baragumbu Congolese Choir, Mamta Bhargava Hindu Devotional Singers, Nerva Turkish Violin, Prakriti Dance, a True Bethel Baptist Choir and many more. Information about religious traditions and sample foods will be available. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Tickets are available at the NRC office or at the door.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Lay reader is Fred Howard. Altar guild is Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Doug Alderdice, Karen and Paul Bauchle, Tony Glieco, Dan Griebel, Karen Kolb, Dave Pellnat and John Schleifer, Jr. Communion Assistants are Peter Bergenstock, Jim Dunnigan, Jennifer Carden and Aidan Vitka. Worship Assistants are Jennifer Carden, Aidan Vitka, Ethan MacDonald, Alex Cialone, Brandon Howard, Sofia Atlas, Ethan McKinney, Erica Sampman and Griffin Miller. Collection counters are Paul Biesinger, Tony Glieco and Uli MacDonald.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of my mother, Donna Stutzman by Gail Camilleri; and In Loving Memory of our dear mother and “Grammy”, Theresa Pomietlarz by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz.

Council Secretary Jen Yap 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 Scarlett Ann McFarland.

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

God's Work, Our Hands:

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Blessing Bags will be assembled in Redeemer Hall
from 9:30-10:15 am.

All activities will take place after 10:30am worship service
in Redeemer Hall.



Card Making: for shut-ins, college-age congregational members, military personnel and others.

Blessing Bags: Help assemble a bag of items for the glove compartment of your car. This could be used as a donation for someone you meet who is requesting assistance/money.

Care Packages: College-age congregational members have been receiving boxes of items from Holy Trinity for many years. They will be assembled at this event and a special card enclosed.

ELCA Advocacy: Letters to be signed to Senators and Representatives regarding a current issue. (TBD)

Coat Collection: This Sunday will “kick-off” a collection of winter coats for P.S. 17 Early Childhood Center. Clean, gently used or new coats will be collected along with hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.



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