

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 27, 2019 Reformation Sunday Celebrating our 141st Anniversary

Holy Communion – 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

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

VOLUNTARY

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BuxWV 185 Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott BuxWV 184 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CANTATA: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80

Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

I. Chorale: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Verse 1

Please stand as you are able.

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

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 \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God "Ein feste Burg"

ELW 504

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading for Reformation Sunday is recorded in Jeremiah, the 31st Chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

CANTATA: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80 J. S. Bach Text: Salomon Franck (1659-1725), Martin Luther (1483-1546)

II. Aria, Soprano/Bass: *Alles, was von Gott geboren Mit unser Macht ist nichts getan* Hymn Tune: *Ein feste Burg*, Verse 2

Aurora Deeds, *soprano* Timothy Flynn, *bass* Joshua Lauretig, *oboe d'amore*

III. Recitativo, Bass: Erwäge doch, Kind Gottes

Timothy Flynn, bass

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 3rd Chapter. ¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

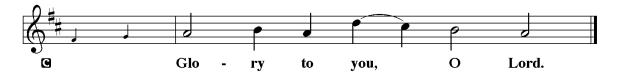
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to Saint John



³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word "Erhalt uns, Herr" ELW 517

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

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, our refuge and strength, you make all things new. Reform your church so that our life together bears witness to your unmerited love. Free us from sin and write the law of love on our hearts. 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.

Reform our relationships with you, with one another, and with all creation. Restore this good earth, the home you entrust to our care. Enrich soils, cleanse waters, and purify the air. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to war and to the violence that shakes the nations and worries your people. When voices of fear threaten to overwhelm us, fill the earth with your peace and strength. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the present help of those suffering the tumult of illness, poverty, abandonment, and uncertainty. Bring your calm and healing to those in need. 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.

Watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Kelsey, Mitchell and Haley. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation. We trust your presence now even as we wait for your glory to be revealed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Stewardship Thought for your reflection

When God works in us, the will, being changed and sweetly breathed upon by the Spirit of God, desires and acts, not from compulsion, but responsively.

Martin Luther

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

CANTATA: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80

J. S. Bach

Text: Salomon Franck, Martin Luther

IV. Aria, Soprano: Komm in mein Herzenshaus

Aurora Deeds, soprano

V. Chorale: *Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär* Hymn Tune: *Ein feste Burg*, Verse 3

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"

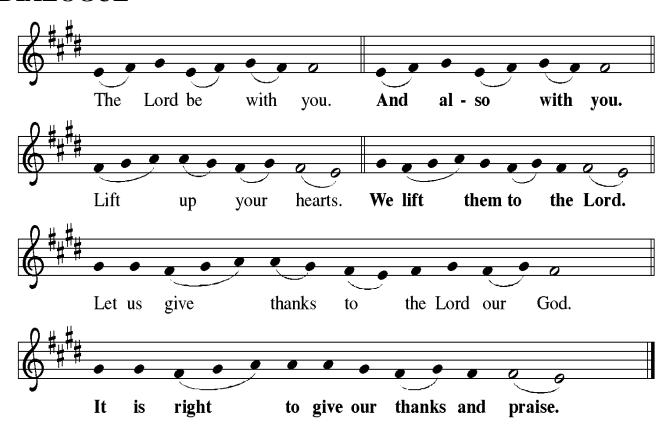
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

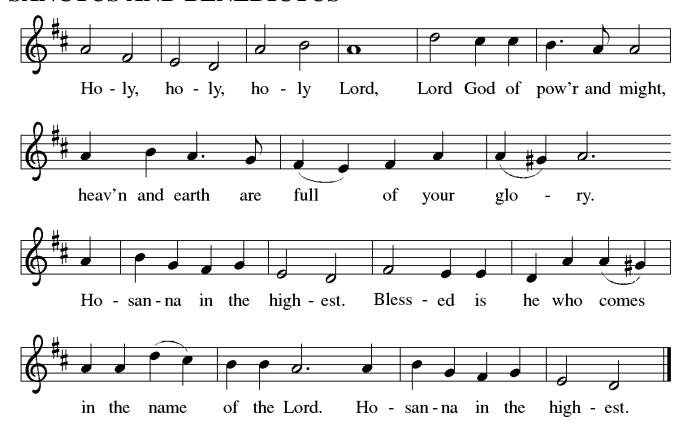
DIALOGUE



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.

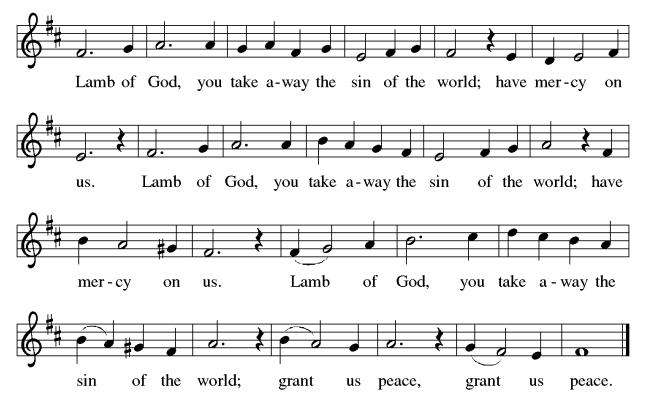
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.





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.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

CANTATA: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80

J. S. Bach

Text: Salomon Franck

VI. Recitativo, Tenor: So stehe dann bei Christi blutgefärbter Fahne

Benjamin, Lawson, tenor

VII. Duetto, Alto/Tenor, Oboe da caccia/Violin: Wie selig sind doch die, die Gott im Munde tragen

Maria Parker, *mezzo-soprano*Benjamin Lawson, *tenor*Anna Mattix, *oboe taille*Gretchen Fisher, *violin*

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.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

CANTATA: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80

J. S. Bach

Text: Martin Luther

VIII. Chorale: Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn Ein feste Burg, Verse 4

BENEDICTION

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Built on a Rock "Kirken den er et Gammelt Hus"

ELW 652

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carillon Herbert Murrill (1909 – 1952)

Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings October 2019

October 7 In Loving Memory of Dave Grabenstatter on what

would have been his 70th Birthday from his wife Nancy,

always in my heart.

October Congratulations to Dr. Aurora Deeds on the

successful defense of her dissertation and completion of

her doctoral degree at the University of Iowa

By your friends in Choir

October Thanks and praise be to God for the many gifts

bestowed on us and our friend Maria. We give thanks for her beautiful voice and elegant artistry; and for her ability to heal. Best wishes to her as she opens her new mental health practice; Maria Parker, LCSW, by your

friends in Choir

October In loving memory of Marilyn Jones, her love of music

and singing, and for her faithful 20+ year membership in the Chancel Choir of Holy Trinity. From the Holy

Trinity Choir Family

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, October 27, 2019 – Reformation Sunday 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR) Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS) 10:30 a.m. Oktoberfest (RH) 12:00 p.m. MONDAY, October 28, 2019 Bible Study (FR) 9:00 a.m. TUESDAY, October 29, 2019 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH) WEDNESDAY, October 30, 2019 2:00 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal (MC) Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC) 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (CH) HT Play rehearsal (CH) 7:15 p.m. THURSDAY, October 31, 2019 Happy Halloween Water Color Class (RH) 9:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal (MC) 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH) SATURDAY, November 2, 2019 9:30 a.m. Genealogy (FR) 1:15 p.m. Ars Nova Rehearsal (MC) SUNDAY, November 3, 2019 – All Saints Sunday Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR) Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS) Coffee Hour (FI) 11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Faith in Action Meeting (FR) 6:30 p.m. Ars Nova Concert (MC) CH = Mansperger Chapel CI = Crib Room CR = Conference Room FR = Fellowship Room FI = Fireside Room/Library MC = Main Church MR = Music RoomPS = Pastor's StudyRH = Redeemer Hall

YR = Youth Room

SS = Sunday School

SC = Sacristy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM: Today we welcome Catherine Shick from Feed More WNY. Next week our own Marcia Haas will speak on her courageous journey through Leukemia. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

COFFEE HOUR: There will be no coffee hour today, but please join us for our OKTOBERFEST from 12:00-3:00pm featuring The Auslanders Band. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$17 for adults, \$40 for family (3-4 maximum) and children 10 and under are free. Proceeds to benefit the Christmas baskets.

STEWARDSHIP POT-LUCK LUNCHEON: All are invited to bring a dish to pass and join us for a pot-luck luncheon in Redeemer Hall to celebrate the generosity and support of our congregants on November 17 after the 10:30 service. Thank you for all you do!

NEW MEMBERS will be received on Sunday, December 8 at both services. For those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity, we will be holding an orientation with light refreshments on **Sunday, November 24 at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Room. We ask that you please call the church office at 886-2400 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT: It's that time again. Our fourth year! Once again, the clothesline will be placed in the front of the church near the new side garden. Beginning in October right through March, items will be hung in plastic bags for those in need of something warm during the colder months. Donations of gloves, mittens, socks, hats and scarves are always needed and can be placed in the labeled boxes in the entrance ways of the chapel and main sanctuary. Any questions, please see Linda Schmidt or Barb Wozniak.

WATER COLOR CLASS: Join Paul Biesinger for a watercolor class on Thursdays at 9:30am in Redeemer Hall. The list of materials needed may be found on the flyers located on the bulletin boards or by calling the church office. This class is free and open to everyone.

FOOD DONATION NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

We are so grateful for all the foods which are donated every week. In addition, donations help Pastor Lee and Pastor Brenda meet the emergency food needs of some of our own members, as well as, others who seek help. We are especially in need of <u>cereals</u>, <u>fruits and vegetables</u> for the "Pastors bags." If you are able to find tab tops for the canned items, that would be very helpful. Regular donations of pastas, soups, sauces etc. are still needed.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. The following dates are available - January 13th -2 vases and February 10th-1 vase. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

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.

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Sean Mann. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Judy Kroll. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Lay reader is Clyde Terry. Altar guilds are Martha Kutas and Uli MacDonald. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Gary Herrnreiter and Craig Johnson. Greeters are Sue Biesinger and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Communion Assistants are Barb Wozniak, Helen Wright, Natalia Bavaro and Oscar Guzzino. Worship Assistants are Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Nathaniel Wareham, Adam Hakansson, Natalia Bavaro, Oscar Guzzino, Eliana Perez, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson. Collection counters are Paul Bauchle, Jan Bauchle and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Sandra Walker by her grandsons, Christian Johnson and Gabriel and David Behrens; In Loving Memory of Ruth and Jack Alexander and Jo and Bud Hunt with love from The Hunt Family; In Loving Memory of their mother, Carolyn Hughes, by Karen Saona and her brothers Bob, Carl and Don Hughes; and In Honor of Helen and Martin Wright's 52nd Wedding Anniversary given by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best and Karen, Tim, Kyle and Cameron Taylor.

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 Kelsey, Mitchell and Haley Eckhert.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Memory of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.

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