



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, December 1, 2019
First Sunday in Advent
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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
from Schübler Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685 - 1750)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

THE ANTIPHON

O Sapientia

from *The Great "O" Antiphons* (1986)

Peter Hallock

(1924 – 2014)

O Sapientia, O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

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

ELW 436

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

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

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
**we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us.
Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our
sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in
your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant
love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the
righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the
waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life.
Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all
creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven
in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus
Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*While we light the Advent Wreath we sing together O Come, O
Come, Emmanuel: ELW 257 vs. 1*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you,
O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The first reading for the First Sunday of Advent is recorded in Isaiah, the 2nd Chapter.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

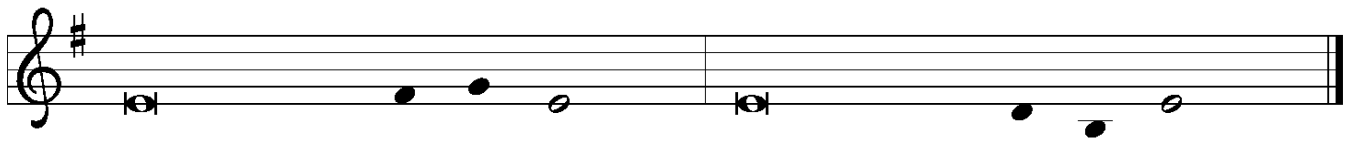
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

²**Now our | feet are standing**
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,**
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD.

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**
“May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

**⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**

**⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.”**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 13th Chapter.

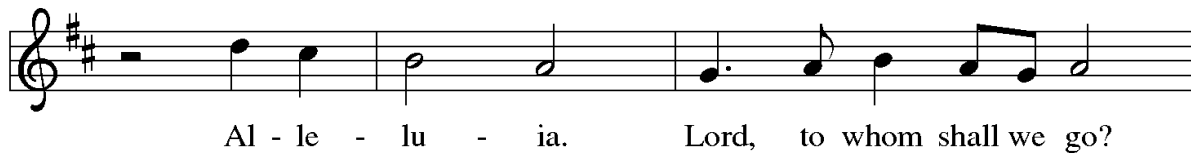
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

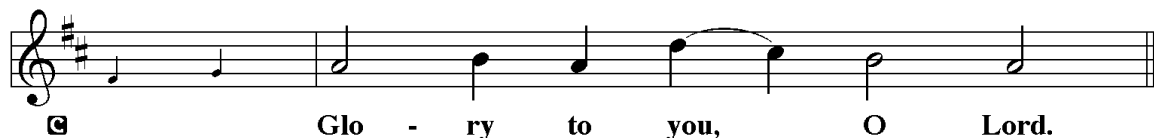
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



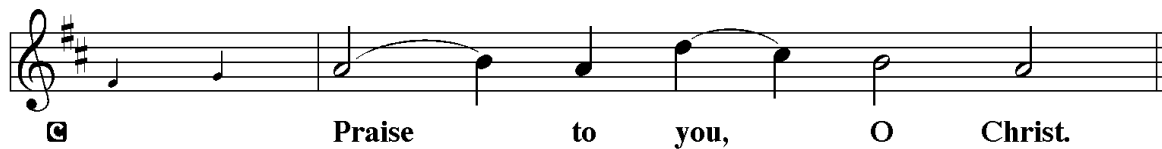
GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Our Song Says Peace “Jenkins”

ELW 709

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

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. We pray especially for men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, those living with HIV cry to you. Embrace all affected by HIV, that they thrive in daily life, that support is always close at hand, and that they never doubt God's abiding love for them in all circumstances. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Madalyn and Killian. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

Arr. Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

(10:30)

My Faith, My Hope

text George Herbert, alt.

Gweneth Walker

(b. 1947)

My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light...
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife;
Such a Life outliveth death.

My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light...
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love .

My Faith, my Hope, my Strength, my Light...
Such a Life outliveth death.
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Way, as ends all strife.

Come, my Way, Come my, Truth,
Come, my Heart, Come, my Life,
Come, my Faith, Come, my Hope,
Come, my strength, my Light!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

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.

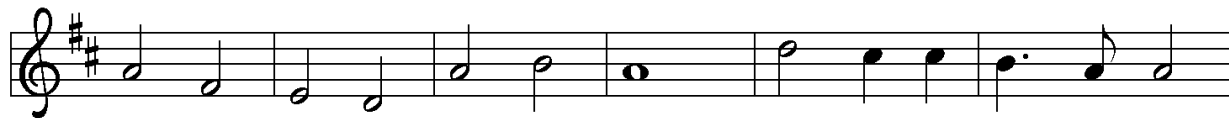


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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. Come; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Bereite dich, Zion

BWV 248 I, No. 4 (Christmas Oratorio)

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685 - 1750)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Prepare yourself, Zion, with tender efforts,
to behold your lovely one, your beloved, near you soon!
Your cheeks must now glow much more radiantly,
hurry to love the Bridegroom with passion!

(10:30)

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

(1919 – 2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Text: chant, Veni emmanuel

(b.1925)

(1916-1999)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou key of David, come, and open our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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 abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: As Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her son, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All Earth Is Hopeful “Toda La Tierra”

ELW 266

DISMISSAL

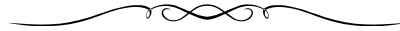
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wachet Auf

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)



*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.
All are welcome.*

Music Notes

The Third Annual *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, in collaboration with the University at Buffalo Choirs, Claudia Brown, *conductor*, will take place Sunday, December 8th at **6:00 pm.** We mirror the annual tradition set forth from King's College Cambridge University - England, featuring members of the Congregation on the traditional readings, each followed by a choral responsory or Hymn. Kristen Pomietlarz will also feature works at our beloved Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ. The UB Choirs perform works by G. F. Handel, Thomas Tallis, Herbert Murrill, Jonathan Dove, Elizabeth Poston, Morten Lauridsen, and Sergei Rachmaninoff, among others.



Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings

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, December 1, 2019 – First Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Greening of the Church/Coffee Hour (FI)

MONDAY, December 2, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Meeting (FR)

TUESDAY, December 3, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)
6:30 p.m. Community Music School Rehearsal (CH)

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Brewed Faith at Spot Coffee
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)
7:15 p.m. HT Play Rehearsal (CH)

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, December 7, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion/new members received (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)
2:30 p.m. Worship to go at Wedgewood
6:00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (MC)

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

GREENING OF THE CHURCH will take place today following the 10:30 service. We will have a light lunch for those who stay to help. All are welcome to help.

SUNDAY FORUM: There will be no Sunday Forum today. Next Sunday, our church treasurer, Emily Notari, will present the proposed budget and on December 15 join our own Dr. Roy Clare for the Annual Christmas Sing-a-long. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$10 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms are available in the entrance ways.

CHANGES TO THE CHURCH PAPER: We will continue to publish our Church Paper every other month. However, **beginning in January 2020**, we will no longer be mailing paper copies without a print subscription. You will have the option of subscribing to a paper edition. The cost would be \$10 per year and you will need to call the church office to sign up for this delivery. You will be able to find the newsletter on our website, or you may sign up to receive it via email. **Please know that copies are always available on the tables at the church or chapel entrance ways or at the church office.** If you would like to sign up electronically, subscribe to your print edition, or if you have any questions about this transition, please call the church office at 716-886-2400.

ANGEL/MITTEN TREE: Don't miss the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer and warmth to the children of Buffalo PS 17 this season! You have 2 options:

In the area just outside the Sanctuary, you'll find the Holy Trinity Angel Tree. Here you'll choose a child's name along with a list of needs and gift ideas. Place your gifts under the HT Angel Tree by December 17 and we'll do the rest!

Another option is placing an item on one of the Holy Trinity Mitten Trees. These will be located right outside the church office, and the chapel, to receive brand new hats, mittens, and warm accessories for the children. Our partnership with Public School 17 ensures a cozy and bright holiday for dozens of underprivileged kids, and an unbelievable feeling of warmth for you. Thank You!

HOLIDAY BASKETS: The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will once again be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates and can be sent to the church office and designated "holiday baskets". The Committee will be preparing the baskets on Monday, December 16 following Bible Study at 11:00am. All are welcome. Thank you for your donations.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHILDREN'S PAGEANT will be held Friday, December 13. Dinner is in Redeemer Hall at 6:00 p.m. The pageant immediately follows. Cost is \$10 adults/\$5 children/\$30 family price. Reservation forms can be found on the tables in the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

POCKET/PURSE PRAYER SQUARES are available in baskets on the tables at the entrance ways for you to pick up. Thank you to Judy Kroll for providing these.

2019 ADVENT STAR DEVOTIONS ARE AVAILABLE! The Advent Star Devotions are provided as a gift by United Lutheran Seminary and have been written by community members of the seminary to assist in our at-home daily Advent prayers. The 2019 Advent Star Devotions can be picked up either in the Fellowship Room or in Redeemer Hall, a video on how to assemble your stand-up star can be found on our website and facebook page.

THE BURRITO PROJECT! We will meet this **Tuesday, December 3.** 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.

THE H.T. PLAYERS are back with a new theater production called “The Mystery of The Manger Bed” directed by Marty Bauer. The play will be staged in a style known as “reader’s theater” where the emphasis is put on the beauty of words and storytelling. Performances will be Sunday, December 15 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30pm in the Chapel. Admission for these performances is a free-will offering at the door. Proceeds will benefit the LYO Mission fund to help cover the costs of the National Gathering and other mission events.

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.

2019 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chapel Choir**
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir**

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:30 p.m. Family Service**
- 9:45 p.m. Preservice music**
- 10:30 p.m. Festival candlelight service of Holy Communion**

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

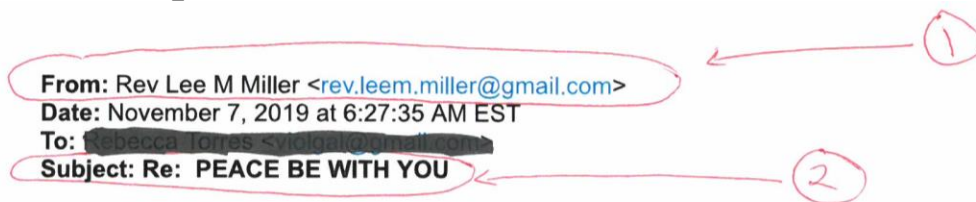
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas service (Chapel)**

BEWARE SCAM E-MAILS

We recently received notice that someone is imitating Pastor Lee and Pastor Brenda in attempts to steal information. Ways to tell an email is a scam:

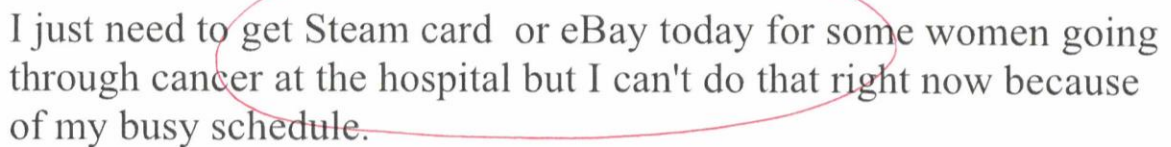
1. Sender e-mail is not an official e-mail address. It looks similar, but is different.
2. The subject of the e-mail seems vague. When in doubt, you can call the church office or the Pastor's cell phone.
3. Neither the Pastors nor the church office will ask for money or gift cards on an emergency basis.

Please see example below:



From: Rev Lee M Miller <rev.leem.miller@gmail.com>
Date: November 7, 2019 at 6:27:35 AM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: PEACE BE WITH YOU

Thanks for getting back to me [REDACTED], Am in meeting right now , and can not make calls , and due to my busy schedule, I can not get things done myself ,



I just need to get Steam card or eBay today for some women going through cancer at the hospital but I can't do that right now because of my busy schedule.

Can you get it from any store around you? and I will pay you back later in cash or check.

Let me know if you can get the card for these patients.

God Bless

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Randi Jones. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Linda Schmidt. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Lay reader is Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Kathy Szakmary. Greeters are Noreen Casson and Helen Wright. 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 Paul Bauchle, Jim Dunnigan, Griffin Miller and Jennifer Carden. Worship Assistants are Jennifer Carden, Aidan Vitka, Ethan MacDonald, Alex Cialone, Brandon Howard, Madalyn Brown, Ethan McKinney, Erica Sampman and Griffin Miller. Collection counters are Paul Biesinger, Noreen Casson and Beth Pellnat.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Kathy's dad and Kai's opa, Ernest Kosan on what would have been his 97th birthday by Kathy and Gary Szakmary; In Loving Memory of Sarah and James Bigham and Cornelia Ball by James Bigham; and In Loving Memory of Raymond Ph. and Laurie Weil from their Family.

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 Madalyn and Killian Brown.

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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