



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 12, 2020
Baptism of Our Lord
Celebrating our 141st Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

*We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet,
found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.*

Share your story!

*Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.
Use #PowerofTrinity to share your Faith in an instant!*

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INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809 – 1847)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

INTROIT

Asperges me

Anton Bruckner

Text: Psalm 51

(1824-1896)

Thane Schulz, cantor

Thou wilt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed
Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow.
Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters “Beach Spring”

ELW 445

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

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

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

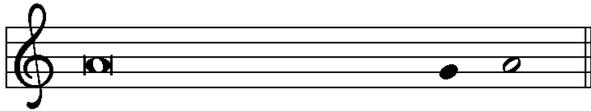
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GREETING

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.

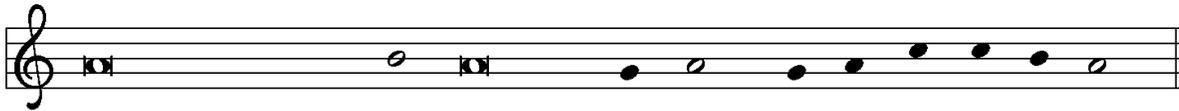
KYRIE



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.



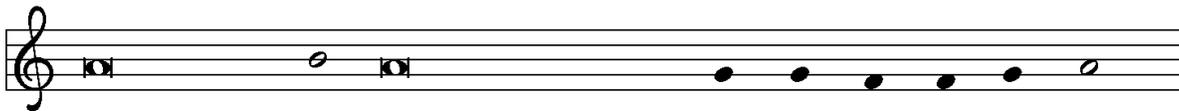
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



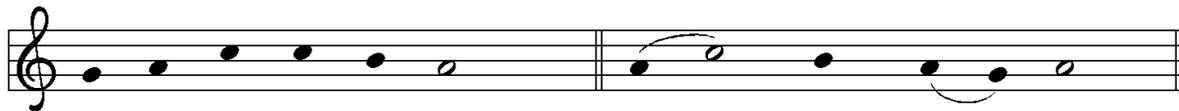
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 42nd Chapter.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

MOTET

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Moses Hogan

(1957-2003)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

God's a gonna trouble the water.

refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white. The leader looks like an Isra'lite. (*refrain*)

See that band all dressed in red, Well it looked like the band that Moses led. (*refrain*)

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

The second reading for today is recorded in Acts, the 10th Chapter.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

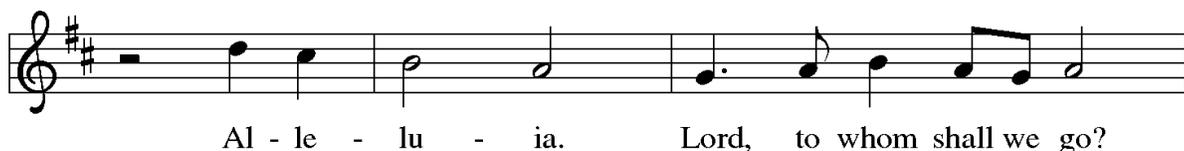
³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

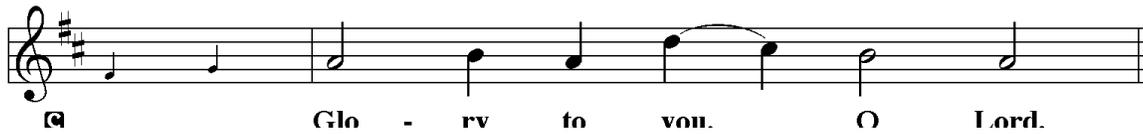
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



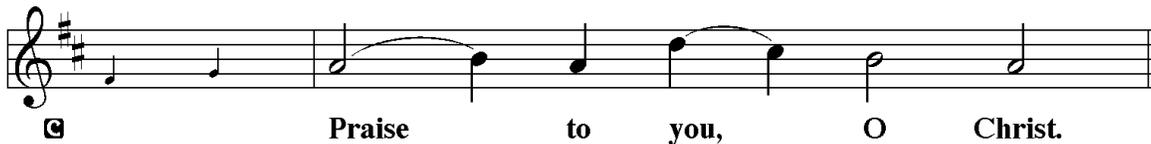
GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free “Baptized and Set Free”

ELW 453

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. 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.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love, watch over all of us as we pray for the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Jonathan and Wyatt. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, 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

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual
arranged by Harry T. Burleigh
(1866 – 1949)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Wade in the water, children, God's a-goin' to trouble the water. See that band all dress'd in white. The Leader looks like the Israelite. See that band all dress'd in red. It looks like the band dat Moses led.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional Spiritual, origin unknown

Arr. Sheldon Curry

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*
Maria Parker, *mezzo-soprano*
Thane Shulz, *tenor*
Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*
Shannon Levine, *cello*

As I went down in the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, brothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O fathers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.
O fathers, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O mothers, let's go down, Let's go down, don't cha wanna go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!
O sinners, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.
O sinners, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good ol' way,
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

OFFERTORY

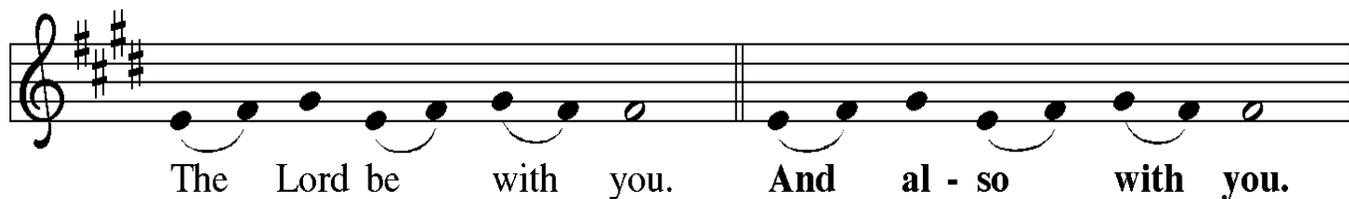
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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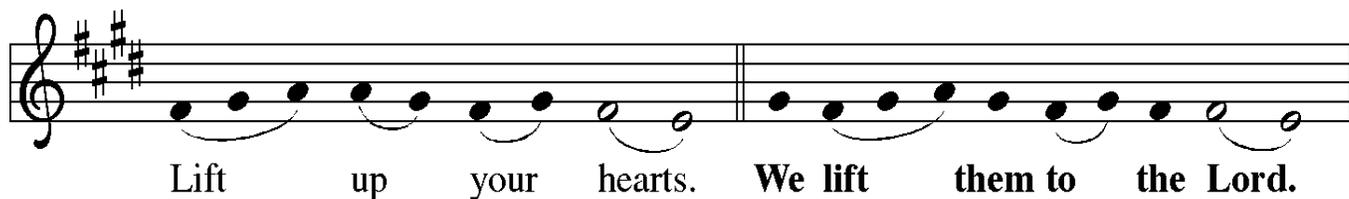
“Old Hundredth”

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.

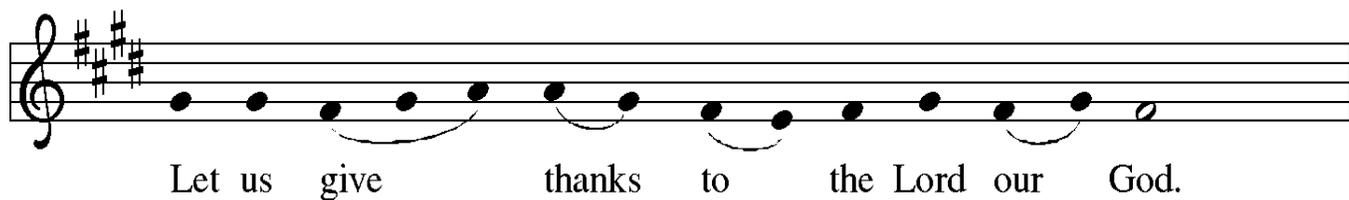
DIALOGUE



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.

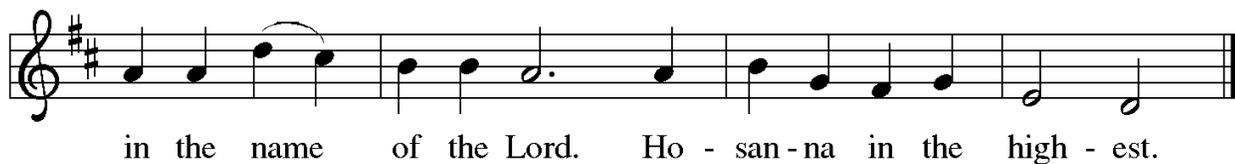
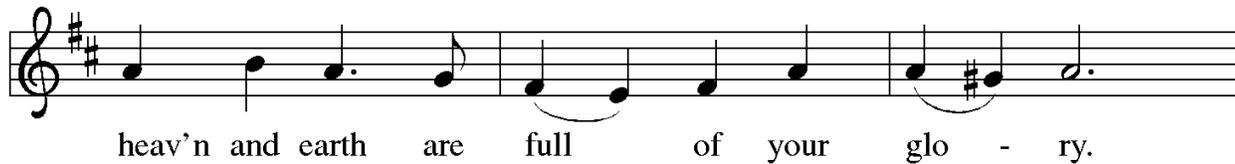
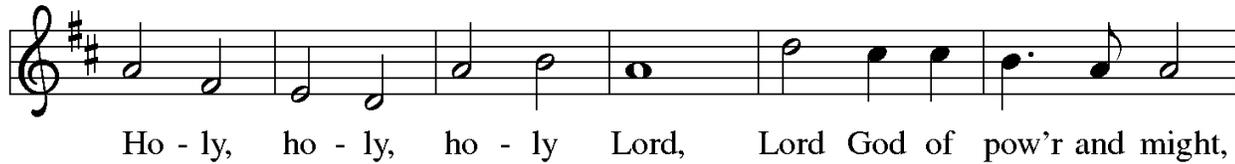


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy 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 down the center aisle to the presiding minister. 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 eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

I Wonder as I Wander

Text: *Songs of the Hill-Folk, American Folk Song Series*

Appalachian Carol

Arr. John Jacob Niles

(1892 – 1980)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and
shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the
promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all
of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the
King.

(10:30)

COMMUNION MOTETS

Vidi Aquam: *I Saw Water*

Text: Ezekiel 47:1

Tomás Luis de Victoria

(1548 - 1611)

Tim Flynn, cantor

I saw water flowing from the temple,
on the right side, alleluia:
And all to whom that water came
have been saved, and they will say, alleluia.

Worship the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy is forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. 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.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: As the shepherds set out from Bethlehem, sharing all they had heard and seen, 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 Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing “Ar Hyd Y Nos”

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich herr

(2 settings) P. 52 and 478

Johann Pachelbel

(1653-1706)



THE ANNUAL MEETING

***PLEASE SEE MEETING AGENDA
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The 141st Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 12, 2020

Guests are welcome to attend our congregational meeting but do not have a voice or vote on the floor.

Members of Holy Trinity please be sure to sign the participation sheet which will be passed around the sanctuary.

Agenda

Opening Litany

- I. Election of Church Council Members
- II. President's Report
- III. 20/20 Vision – In Focus – Pastor Miller and Pastor Maynor
- IV. A Word from our Music Directors
- V. Constitutional Updates – Pastor Maynor
- VI. 2020 Mission Plan – Budget
- VII. 2019 Year in Pictures
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Report of Ballots

Grace before lunch

Please join us in Redeemer Hall immediately following the 11:30 meeting for a “bring your best dish” luncheon. All are Welcome!



MUSIC NOTES

Vidi aquam is the name of antiphon, which may be sung during the Latin Rite Catholic Mass. It accompanies the Asperges, the ritual at the beginning of Mass where the celebrant sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water. The chancel choir sings the Asperges Me of Anton Bruckner and the Vidi Aquam Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Moses George Hogan (1957 –2003) was an American composer and arranger of choral music. He was best known for his settings of African-American Spirituals, and today we sing his arrangement of Wade in the Water. Hogan was a pianist, conductor, and arranger of international renown. His works are celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs today.

Sheldon Curry is a composer, educator, and church musician in Tucson, Arizona. His arrangement of Down to the River to Pray is featured in the 2000 film *O Brother, Where Art Thou* starring George Clooney. The film is set in 1937 in rural Mississippi during the Great Depression. Its story is a modern satire based loosely on Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* and also incorporates mythology from the American South. Down in the River to Pray is a traditional American song variously described as a Christian folk hymn, an African-American spiritual, an Appalachian song, and a gospel song. The exact origin of the song is unknown, but research suggests that it was composed by an African-American slave. The earliest known version of the song, titled "The Good Old Way," was published in *Slave Songs of the United States* in 1867. In some versions, "to the river" was replaced by "in the river" depicting the outdoor baptisms such as the full immersion baptism in *O Brother, Where Art Thou*. Sheldon Curry's arrangement of this song is the highest grossing Christian song for the major music distribution company JWPepper.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, January 12, 2020 – Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (CH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting/Confirmation Class (MC)
12:15 p.m. Potluck Luncheon (RH)
2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, January 13, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, January 14, 2020

- 8:00 a.m. Property Meeting (CR)
6:30 p.m. Community Music School rehearsal (MC)

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Sue's Supper (RH)
6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)

THURSDAY, January 16, 2020

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020

- 7:00 p.m. Community Music School Concert (MC)

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 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)
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

ANNUAL REPORTS: The annual congregational reports are available. They can be found on the tables in the entrance ways.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Immediately following the 10:30 service annual meeting, we will be holding a potluck luncheon in Redeemer Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for fun and fellowship.

SUNDAY FORUM: Programs begin next week when Dave Ulrich will discuss Impeachment; the history and practice. On January 26, Pastor Brenda will present the Kick Off to the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

ORGAN UPDATE: You may have noticed the scaffolding in the Gallery. We are very excited that the Gallery Reeds (16' Dulzian and 8' Trompete) have been removed by Parsons Pipe Organ Builders. These pipes were dirty and damaged and have been silent for over three years. The pipes are scheduled to return for Easter this year!!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available - February 2 - two vases, March 22 - one 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.

THE RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM invites you to join us for our next book club reading: "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US." From Amazon: *Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.* The book club will meet Thursday 1/30 and 2/20. You are welcome to bring a lunch and join in fellowship at 12:00; the discussion starts at 1:00pm.

OUR COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY/SUE'S SUPPER, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30pm. **Please note Sue's Supper has moved to the 3rd Wednesday of each month.** We will hold a brief evening worship following supper. The entire church family is invited to this event for food and fellowship.

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.



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.

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

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Ryon Fleming. Lay reader is Claudia Kolbe-Hawthorne. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Martha Kutas. Greeters are Sue Biesinger and Millie Nikischer. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Communion Assistants are Peter Bergenstock, Barb Wozniak, Jennifer Carden and Aidan Vitka. 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 Darlene Carden, Ryon Fleming and Thomas Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Honor of Timmy's 12th birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap.

Council President Kurt Kaufmann 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 Jonathan Fleming and Wyatt Billingsley.

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. Athanasius of Alexandria*

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