



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Celebrating our 141<sup>st</sup> 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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Facebook.com/BuffaloHTLCMusic*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Tranquillo and Aria* from Six Short Pieces for Organ

Herbert Howells  
(1892 – 1983)

## **RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**(10:30)**

## INTROIT

*Eternal Light*

Text by St. Alcuin (Prayer for Illumination)

Mark Schweizer

(1956 – 2019)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength

We may seek your face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* “Nettleton”

ELW 843

## 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.**

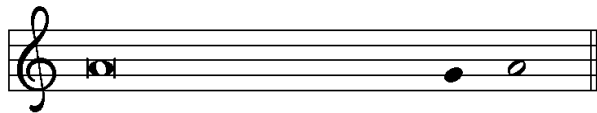
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## **GREETING**

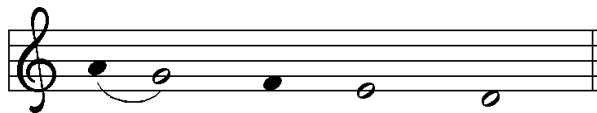
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

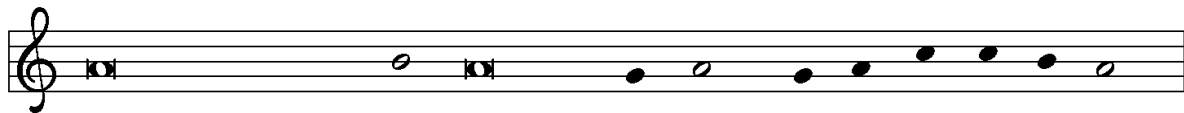
# KYRIE



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.



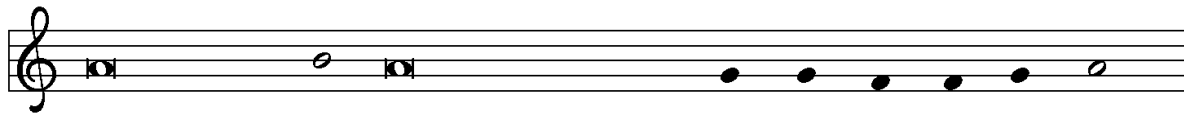
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

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**THE HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father* “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781

## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If 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. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I 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. <sup>19</sup>I 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,<sup>20</sup> loving 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**

*If Ye Love Me*

Text: John 14: 15-17

Philip Stopford

(b. 1977)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.



<sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

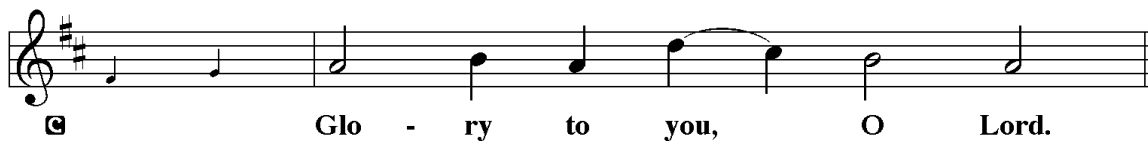
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

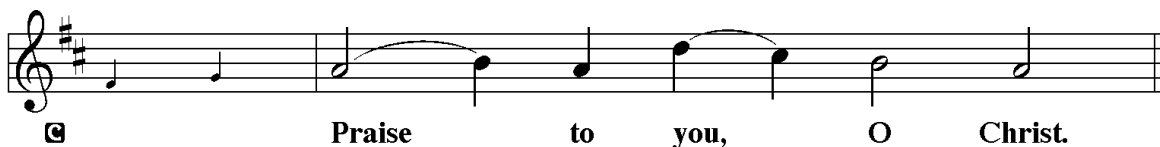
<sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord:



*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

*Please stand, if able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O God of Love, O King of Peace* “Erhalt Uns, Herr”

ELW 749

## **COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. 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.**

God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. 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.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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)**

### **MUSIC AT THE OFFERING**

*Eternal Light*

Text by St. Alcuin (Prayer for Illumination)

Mark Schweizer

(1956 – 2019)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us.

That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength

We may seek your face.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(10:30)**

*Alleluia*

Randall Thompson

(1899 - 1984)

*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 your good 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

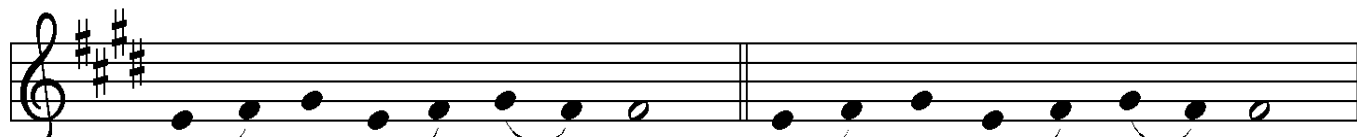
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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



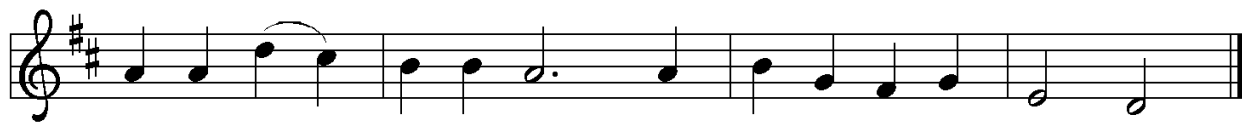
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 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

*If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

Thomas Tallis  
(1505 – 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

**(10:30)**

*Gloria* from Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd  
(1543 - 1623)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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 Magi set out from Bethlehem, going home by another road, 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. The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* “Gott Sei Dank”

ELW 663


## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine.  
**Thanks be to God.**


## **POSTLUDE**

Ricecare in C Major, P.418

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653 - 1706)



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



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 Jonathan Schleifer Schoen, son of Jill Schleifer Schneggenburger and Joseph Schoen.

<b><i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i></b>
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**SUNDAY, February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (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

**MONDAY, February 17, 2020 President’s Day**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2020**

- 5:30 p.m. Sue’s Supper (RH)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (RH)

**THURSDAY, February 20, 2020**

- 12:00 p.m. Racial Justice Book Club (FI)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

**SUNDAY, February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Orchard Park Chorale (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:00 p.m. Haiti Planning Team Meeting (FR)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel	CI = Crib Room	CR = Conference Room
FR = Fellowship Room	FI = Fireside Room/Library	MC = Main Church
MR = Music Room	PS = Pastor’s Study	RH = Redeemer Hall
SC = Sacristy	SS = Sunday School	YR = Youth Room

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of President's Day.

SUNDAY FORUM: There will be no presentation today. Next week Sara Baird, will be discussing the work of "Let there be Light", an International organization that provides solar lights to health clinics and homes with children. These facilities have no electricity and currently use dangerous and toxic lighting. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

HELP NEEDED: Food Bank and Pastor's bags donations. If you are able to help, right now we are in need of cereals, tabbed (if possible) cans of fruits, vegetables, meats or fish, peanut butter. Continuing donations of pasta, sauce in plastic jars, mac and cheese as well as those cans of complete meals are still welcome. THANK YOU ALL!

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY: We are excited to welcome the Orchard Park Chorale to Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 23. The Orchard Park Chorale is a 50+ voice choir under the direction of David Curtis. They will be accompanied by piano and organ as well as the Rockwell Brass Ensemble. The Chorale will be the choir-in-residence as our Chancel Choir has off.

BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a blood drive at the church on Sunday, March 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please note you must wait 56 days between donating blood. If you are planning to donate blood in the near future, please wait until our blood drive on March 22. If you donate Power Red Cells, it is 16 weeks or 112 days. Platelet donors may give every 7 days up to 24 times a year. Connect Life is doing our blood drive this year. More information will be coming in the future. Thank You, Judy Reifsteck FCN.

COMMUNITY MEAL FOR HAITI – Our partners in Haiti continue to be impacted by political unrest, demonstrations and increasing food costs. We would like to send funds to Carribean Children’s Foundation so that a community meal can be provided on a Sunday after church services. We are hoping to collect coins toward this mission project. **Outside of the chapel and the main church you will see jars labeled “Coins for Haiti Community Meal”.**

We will be holding an informational meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about our partnerships in Haiti and the potential of traveling as part of a mission team on **February 23<sup>rd</sup> directly after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Room.** If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to give Kathy Crissey a call (807-9494) or email at [kc1008@aol.com](mailto:kc1008@aol.com).

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. The book club will meet Thursday 2/20. You are welcome to bring a lunch and join in fellowship at 12:00; the discussion starts at 1:00pm.

LGBTQ FOCUS GROUP on Experience in the Christian Church: Taylor Mortorff, a graduate student in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University at Buffalo, will be conducting a focus group at Holy Trinity. The topic of the focus group is the LGBTQ experience in the Christian church environment. All people who identify as LGBTQ are invited to participate. Taylor will ask you to discuss several questions about your experiences in the church, including how the church supports your identity and how it could better accommodate the LGBTQ population. If you’re interested, contact him at [tomortor@buffalo.edu](mailto:tomortor@buffalo.edu) to reserve your spot. If you’d like to participate, but are unable to do so for any reason, feel free to contact him as well. All conversations will be kept confidential. He’s looking forward to meeting you and learning from your experiences.

OUR COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY/SUE'S SUPPER, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, February 19 at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening worship following supper.

THURSDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES: As we reimagine what our Lenten Lunches look like this season, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Lenten Hospitality Team (help set up/serve/clean up) and to serve as Lunch Hosts. This year's Lenten lunches will be soup and sandwiches. If interested please contact Pastor Brenda.

SAVE THE DATE: On March 29 we welcome Jake Runestad as our composer-in-residence at the 10:30 service. Runestad is a Grammy nominated and frequently-performed composer of "highly imaginative" (Baltimore Sun) and "stirring and uplifting" (Miami Herald) musical works. He will be with the Chancel Choir in rehearsal and with our congregation at the 10:30 service. Runestad believes that music has the power to initiate positive change and creates musical works that are socially conscious and explore authentic human emotions and experiences. We will perform his chamber cantata *Into the Light* with orchestra. Don't miss this exciting worship service!

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! Our siblings at Parkside Lutheran Church have challenged Holy Trinity and the congregations of the Niagara Frontier Conference to a Toilet-Paper Drive for local Food Pantries, including our Emergency Food Shelf here at Holy Trinity. Folks who live with food scarcity (including 50% of children in Buffalo) not only go without enough food, but also without the household basics. Toilet paper becomes a luxury!! Together, our congregations want to Wipe Out this problem (yeah, I went there!) We invite you, during the season of Lent, to bring in Toilet Paper for our local Food Banks. We will be collecting as much as we can – this is a competition – and displaying the results prominently at church. Look back here for our progress – and thank you in advance for your help!





## Lenten and Easter Worship

### **Ash Wednesday, February 26**

- 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run  
12:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lenten Lunch  
**7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Church

### **Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity**

- 12:10 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lenten Lunch

### **Palm Sunday, April 5**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

### **Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10**

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

### **Monday, April 6**

- 6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9**

- 7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

### **Good Friday, April 10**

- 3:00 p.m. Family Service  
**7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### **Easter Sunday, April 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group  
9:45 a.m. Pre-service music  
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ



## ***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings***

*February 2020*

*I am now a survivor! After a long day of testing on January 23 and a one year battle with breast cancer, Roswell Park has cut me loose (at least for six months).*

*Thank you to all who helped me through this uncertain journey.*

*And, a shout out to my HT choir family, who had me ring a “Symbolic Bell” as I was released too late on that Thursday evening, with no one in the Roswell lobby (except one security guard) to witness the ringing of the “Roswell Recovery Bell.”*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow-  
By Cris Campana*

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 Alex Cialone. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Roger Draper. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Paul and Judy Kroll.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Lay reader is Martha Kutas. Altar guilds are Martha Kryszczuk and Martha Kutas. Greeters are Noreen Casson and Roy Clare. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Gary Herrnreiter and Craig Johnson. Communion Assistants are Paul Bauchle, Jim Dunnigan, Justin Rojek and Sofia Atlas. Worship Assistants are Alex Rojek, Delayne Pace, Robert Mann, Sean Mann, Justin Rojek, Sofia Atlas, Tim Yap, Saniyah Gilchrist and Morgan Leiser. Collection counters are Paul Bauchle, Noreen Casson and Herb Hough.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Jonathan Schleifer Schoen.

Council Member Raúl Saona will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of our parents Robert and Mira Thomson and Etta and Franklin Kroll by Paul and Judy Kroll; and In Loving Memory of their mother Carolyn Hughes by Karen Saona and her brothers Bob, Carl and Don Hughes, and In Loving Memory of Marian Vivian and Margaret McPherson by Ann and Don Hughes.

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



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*If everyone took only what was sufficient for their needs, leaving the rest to those in want,  
there would be no rich and no poor.*

*St. Basil*

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