



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Reconciling in Christ Sunday
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.

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INTRODUCTION

This Sunday celebration has been a way for faith communities, both RIC and those on their journey, to celebrate the work that they have done, as well as to take a stand in creating a worship celebration specifically for all of God's Beloveds, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expressions. RIC Sunday is set aside to highlight our shared ministry of hospitality and reconciliation for all of our siblings in Christ, with this year's theme centered on advocacy. We celebrate this Sunday as the anniversary of Holy Trinity becoming an RIC congregation. Today you will hear in prayers and preaching lifting up the justice and advocacy work we do in our community of faith.

VOLUNTARY

Allegro moderato e serioso, from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809 – 1847)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

INTROIT

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872 – 1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word “Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier”

ELW 520

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.

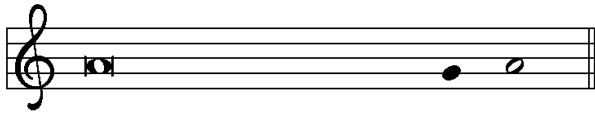
Please stand as you are able.

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.

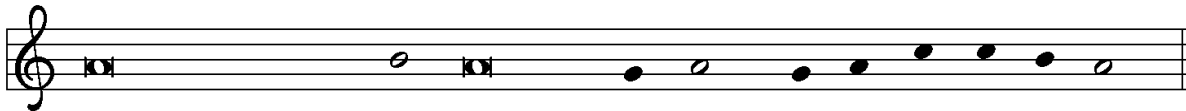
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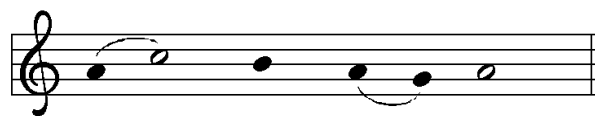
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



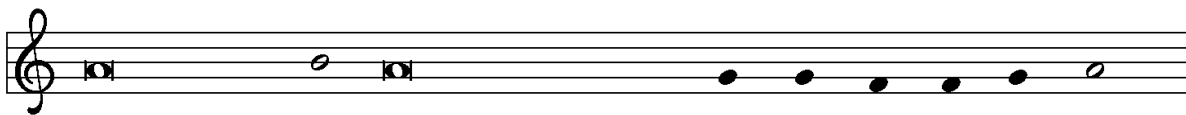
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



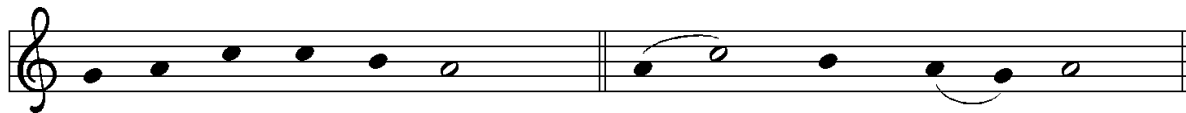
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Gracious and liberating God, whom in Jesus knows what it's like to be an oppressed person, knows what it's like to live in a world as a rejected soul, cut off from the community, and to experience violence just for being yourself, guide us to be fierce advocates for our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Isaiah, the 58th Chapter.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

MOTET

The Universe of Light, from Into the Light

Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

Come out into the universe of light.
Everything in the universe is yours,
stretch out your arms and embrace it with love.

(Swami Vivekanada)

You are a product of your thoughts.
What you think, you become.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 2nd Chapter.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

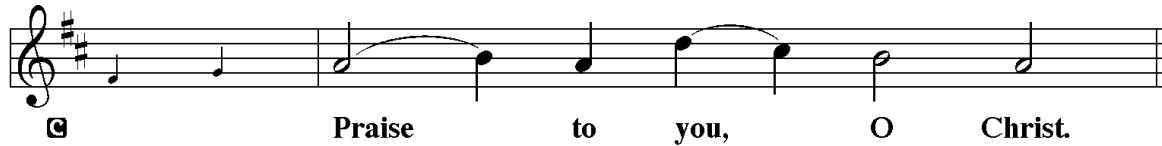
[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light “Christ Be Our Light”

ELW 715

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

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all in need...

Head of the Church, you have called us together. We who do not know how to build the beloved community beseech you to move us, shape us, guide us, and perfect us. Draw us closer to one another and thereby closer to you. Open us up to folks we don't know yet, so that we might continue to greet you in faith and be joyfully changed by who you are: wild and wonderful and out in the world. Whisper sweet Spirited inspirations in our ears. Bless all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of Life who paints the skies in every hue, we praise you for morning and night, for dawn and dusk, and for every moment in between. We praise you for the vibrant, loud, and serene colors of creation. We revel in the ever-changing of the seasons. We thank you for the infinite and as-yet undiscovered diversity of your creatures, of galaxies beyond our imagining. Teach us to feel awe again. Teach us to see and celebrate the stunning beauty in all you have made.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, during your time here on earth you were crucified by powerful rulers who did not understand you. Grant leaders in our day wisdom and discernment, that they may recognize you in the lives of the people they serve. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the People, you made us in your image and you call us good. Silence all voices of shame and hatred—including the ones in our own heads—and inspire us to love ourselves and one another the way you so desperately, passionately, and deeply love us. Teach us a fondness and delight for our bodies as we are called to live in them, in all of their holy, messy, fabulous glory. Teach us to love neighbors who live in different skin; to love intelligences and abilities of all kinds, and lovingkindness most of all. Make us bold in our proclamation that the lives, loves, and gifts of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Ace, Queer, Intersex, Native, Black, Brown, Incarcerated, Disabled, and Migrant people matter to you, and so they matter to all of us.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Jesus, you dwell in solidarity with the oppressed, the lonely, and all who suffer. Show up, we pray, in every place of pain. Tenderly hold those asking for your gentle touch. Grab hold of those who are begging for their lives to be turned around. We pray for comfort, for wholeness, for peace with justice, and for your will to be done. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all times, all people, and all places, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us, on whose shoulders we stand. We thank you for the mystic poets: for St. Teresa's sensual verse; for Kabir's liberating humor. We thank you for the activism of Marsha P. Johnson and Harvey Milk. We thank you for gifts of wisdom, for advocacy, for the in-breaking kin-dom, and for the promise of abundant life with you and all the saints.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your unlimited capacity for love and mercy, and in your grace. **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

Lead, kindly Light

Ciro Pinsuti
(1829 – 1888)

Benjamin Lawson, *tenor*

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom, lead thou me on!
The night is dark and I am far from home, lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.
I was not ever this, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I lov'd to choose and see my path; but now, but now, lead me on.
I lov'd the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride rul'd my will: remember not past years.
So long the pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen,
O'er crag and torrent, till that night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have lov'd long since, and lost a while.

(10:30)

Truly the Light is Sweet

Ecclesiastes 11: 7, 9

Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for eyes to behold the sun.
Rejoice, and let thy heart cheer thee in all days, and walk in the ways of thy heart,
and in the sight of thine eyes.

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

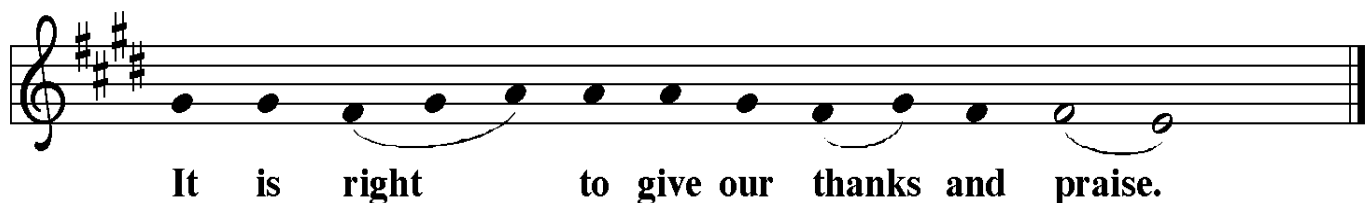
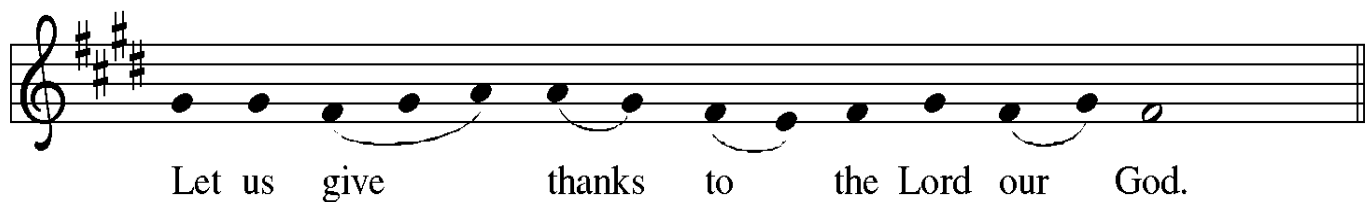
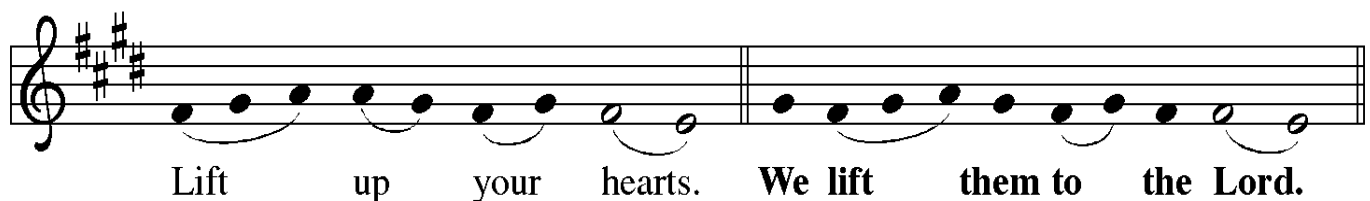
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

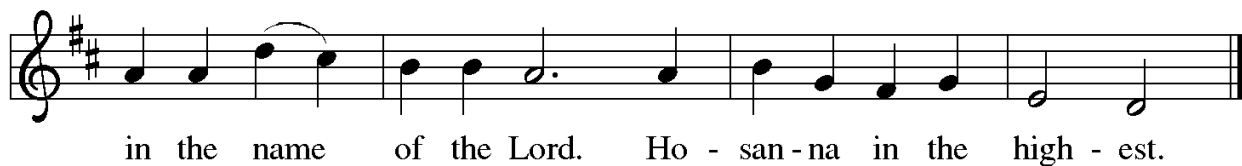
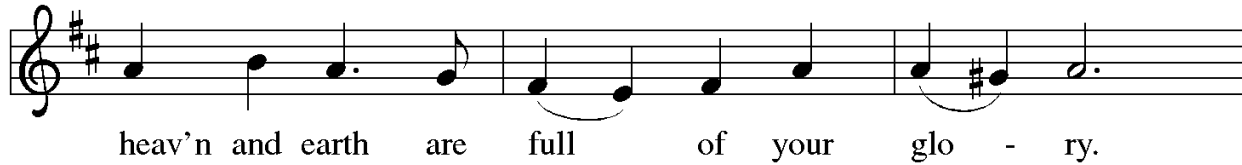
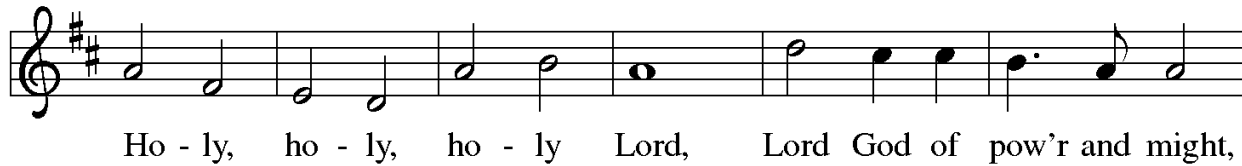
DIALOGUE



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



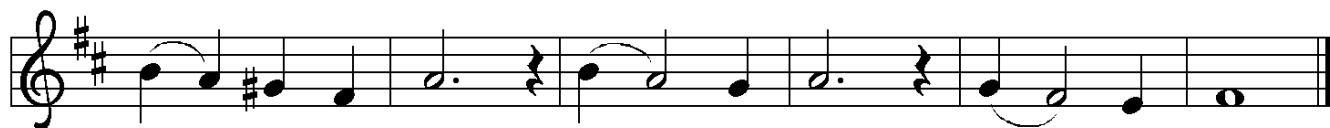
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Mary Pickens Opie

Benjamin Lawson, *tenor*

Hungry and thirsty, Lord, I come to Thee, here lowly kneeling, thy sacred feast before. Strengthen my spirit with thy food divine, as now thou feed'st me with the bread and wine. Come to me, Savior, in this holy hour, shed thou upon me all thy wondrous love, that I may ever dwell within thy light, and come before thee stainless, pure and white. Jesus, my Savior, look with loving eye as from my heart I make this humble cry. Give of thyself, Dear Lord, that I may be filled with thy grace, throughout eternity. Amen.

(10:30)

COMMUNION MOTE

Haec Dies, Psalm 117

William Byrd

(1543 – 1623)

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice exceedingly and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Malcolm Archer

(b. 1952)

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servants when they call.

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide, proceeding from a virgin shine, the Son of Man, yet all divine.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone.

God the Father, God the Son, and Spirit, Three in One, Laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. 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

Rise, Shine, You People! “Wojtkiewicz”

ELW 665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfarria brillante Opus 1331

Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)



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

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 – Fifth 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)
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)
2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, February 10, 2020

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

TUESDAY, February 11, 2020

12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2020

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)

THURSDAY, February 13, 2020

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

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

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

SUNDAY FORUM: Today Pastor Brenda will be discussing Reconciling in Christ Sunday. There will be no presentation next week for the President's Day weekend. 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. **THANKYOU 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.

WOMEN AT THE WELL will meet on Tuesday February 11 at noon in the Fellowship room. The book "Beloved" by Toni Morrison will be discussed.

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 Caribbean 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”.** If you have spare change (or would like to slip dollars or a check into the jar toward this mission) we will hopefully be able to once again provide food for individuals on the Island of Ile à Vache. Susan Bundt will have small cans available during Sunday Faith Formation for any of the children who attend would like to take a can home to collect coins from friends or family members. The estimated cost of providing a meal is \$1500.00.

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 23rd 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. Thank you for your continued support of our Haiti partnership!

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.

OUR COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY/SUE’S SUPPER, will be hosting a free dinner on Wednesday, February 19 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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: As we reimagine what our Lenten Lunches look like this Lenten 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 (provide soups/sandwiches, serve). 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. Conductors, performers, and audiences continue to praise his music for its ability to connect with the head and the heart. We will perform his chamber cantata *Into the Light* with orchestra. Don't miss this exciting worship service!

NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES: Please join us for the Network's Annual Meeting on February 20, at 6:00pm. The catered dinner costs \$25 per person. We will: Renew interfaith friendships; Hear what happened in 2019; Elect officers, congregations and religious organizations to board seats; Approve 2020 Annual Budget; Announce 2020 Riefler Enablement Fund Awards; and have a Panel Discussion: Religious Communities and Education. The event will be held at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive. You can email your reservation today to NRC@religiousnet.net

2020 VISION: CLIMATE LEAP FORWARD – Westminster Presbyterian will be holding "A Forum to Meet the Climate Crisis" on February 29 from 9am–3pm. Cost is \$10. Keynote speaker is The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal. You may register at wpcbuffalo.org/climate



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 Sean Mann. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Judy Kroll. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Vicki Ross. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Greeters are Don and Marilyn Miller and Jan Bauchle. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kyrzczuk and Juan Perez. Communion Assistants are Peter Bergenstock, Jim Dunnigan, Nathaniel Wareham and Adam Hakansson. Worship Assistants are Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Nathaniel Wareham, Adam Hakansson, Natalia Bavaro, Oscar Guzzino, Eliana Perez, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson. Collection counters are Jan Bauchle, Ryon Fleming and Sue Spindler.

Council Member Juan Perez 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 my husband David by Elizabeth Vihnanek; and In Honor of Ellie's 10th birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap.

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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