



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

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!*

*Find us on Facebook at:*

*Facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo*

*Facebook.com/BuffaloHTLCMusic*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Ich Ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639 .  
from *Orgelbüchlein*

J.S. Bach  
(1685 – 1750)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(10:30)**

**INTROIT**

*Jesu, Meine Freude* BWV 227

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685 – 1750)

I. Chorale

Jesus, my joy,  
my heart's pasture,  
Jesus, my treasure!  
Ah, how long, ah long  
has my heart suffered  
and longed for you!  
God's lamb, my bridegroom,  
besides You on earth  
nothing shall be dearer to me.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

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

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* “Consolation”

ELW 319

## **GREETING**

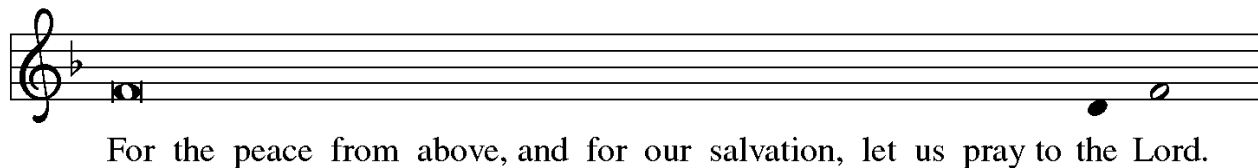
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

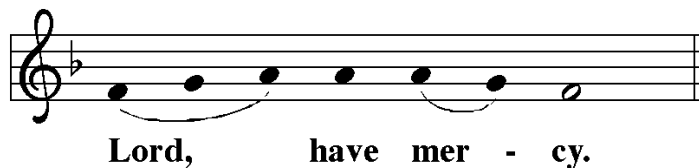
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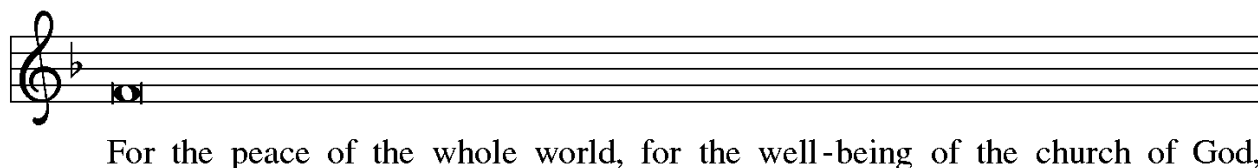
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



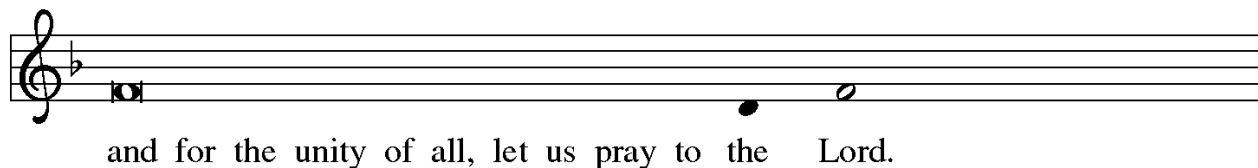
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



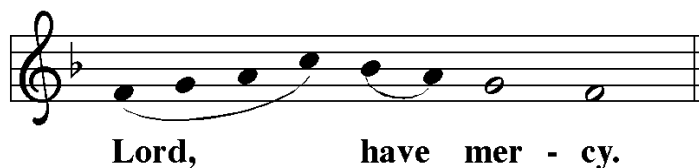
Lord, have mer - cy.



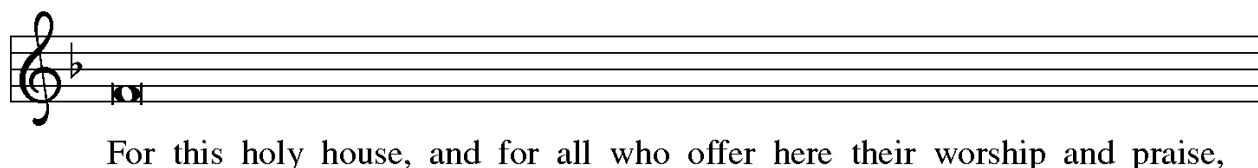
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



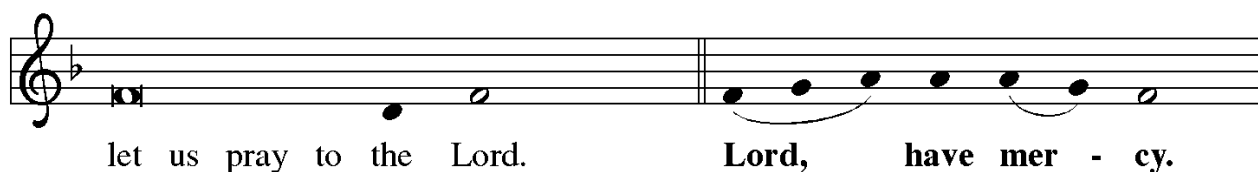
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



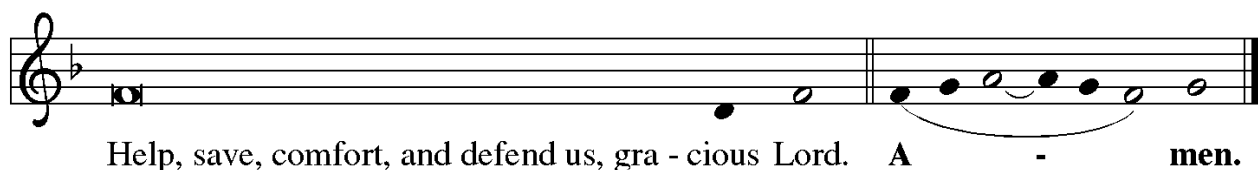
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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. Brenda Maynor

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The first reading for the First Sunday in Lent is recorded in Genesis, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapters.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my  
guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in | time of trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should  
go;**

**I will guide you | with my eye.**



<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay  
near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

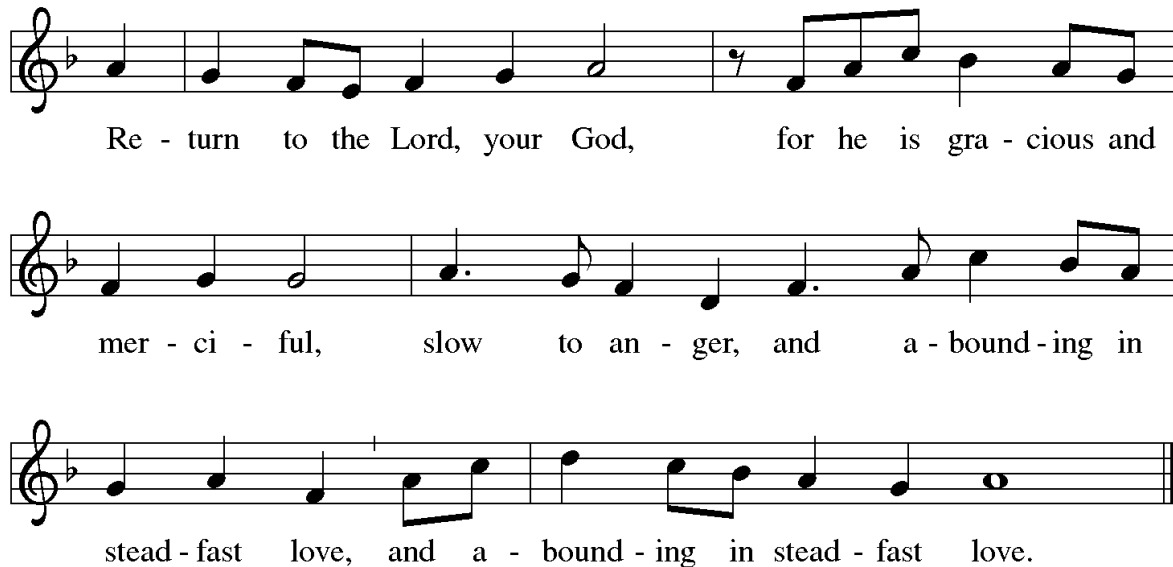
<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand, if able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* “Sojourner”

ELW 325

**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**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. 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.**

We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief. 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.**

We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our voices as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for musicians, composers, and poets. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all of us. Watch over the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Natalia and Angelo. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Edward Boatner

(1898 – 1981)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

I want Jesus to walk with me,  
I want Jesus to walk with me,  
All along my pilgrim's journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trial, Lord, walk with me,  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me,  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in my trouble, Lord walk with me,  
When I'm in my trouble, Lord walk with me,  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**(10:30)**

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERING**

*Adam lay ybounden*

Text: 15th Century

Boris Ord

(1897-1961)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: Four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: *Deo gracias!*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

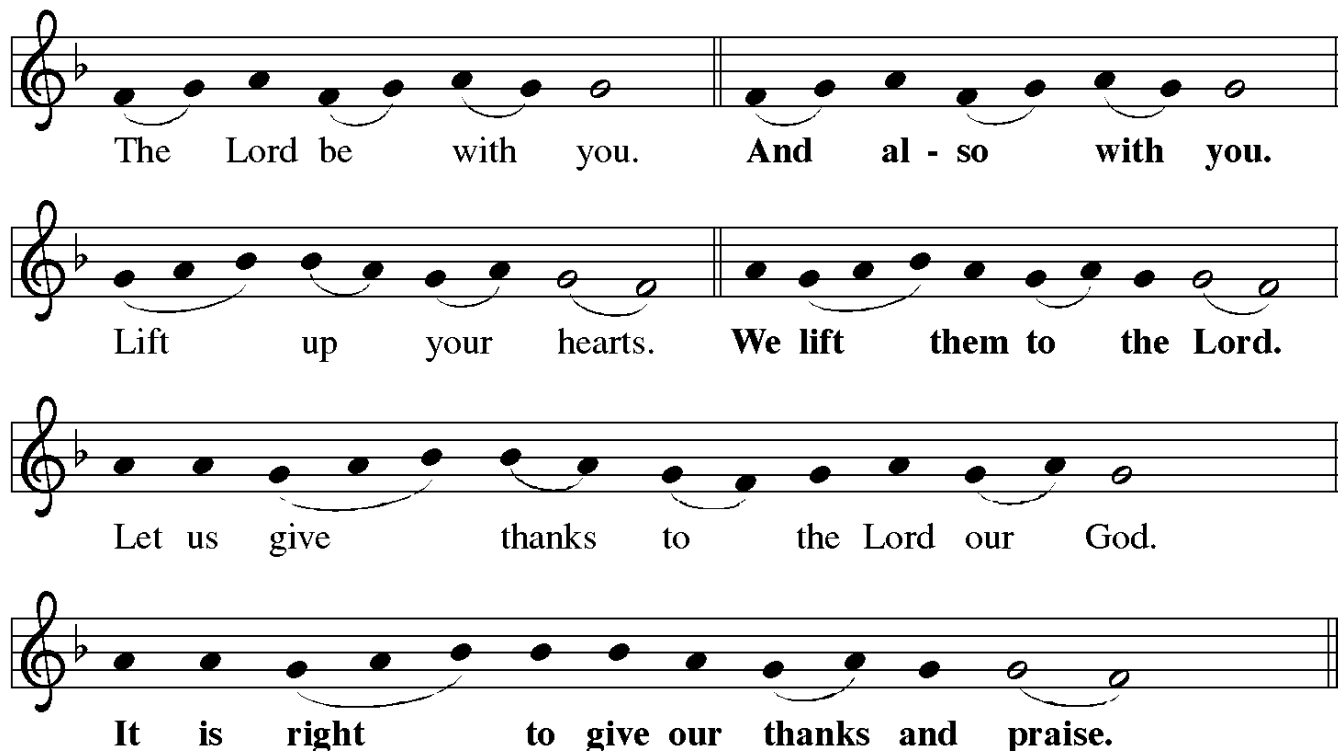
### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## 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, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.



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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. **Come, Spirit of freedom!**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

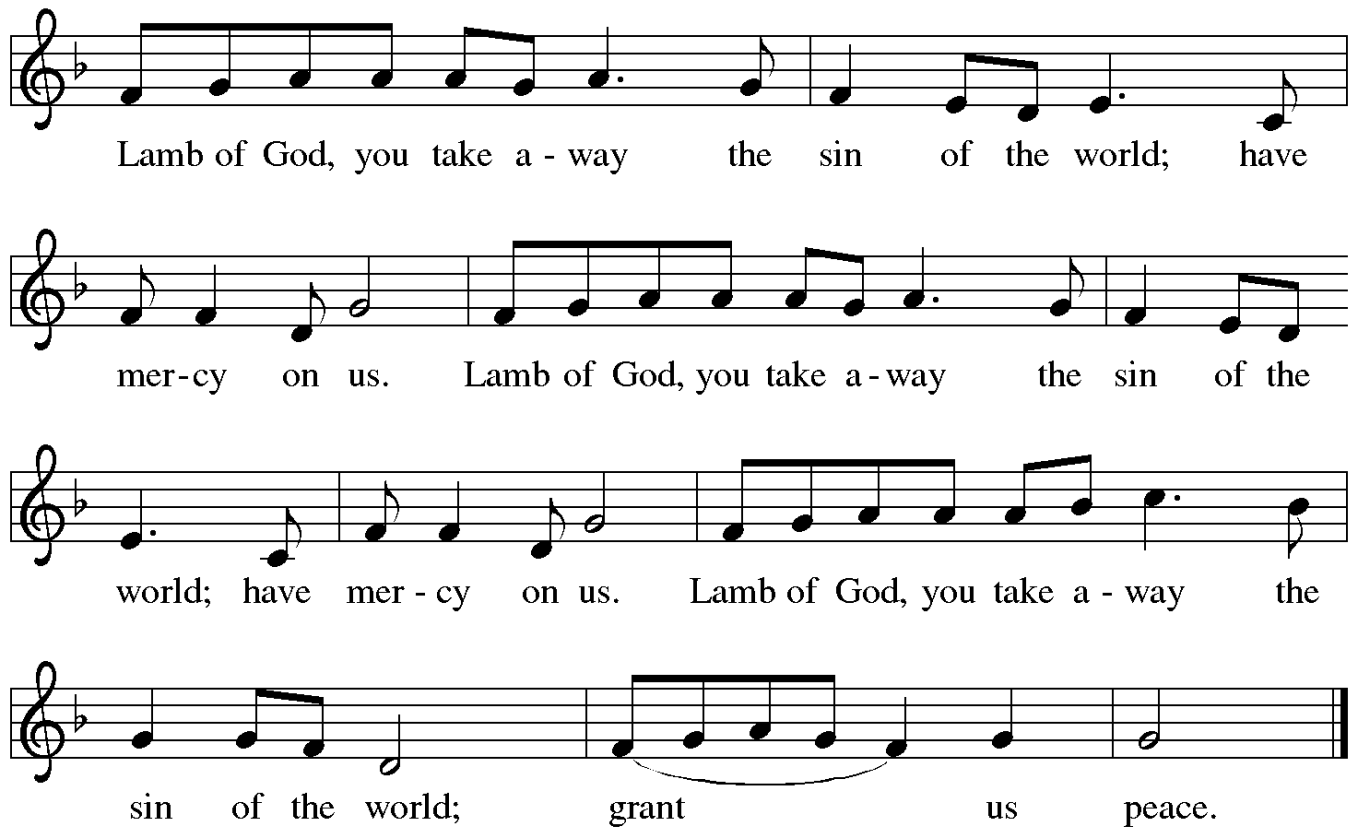
## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*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.

## SOLO AT COMMUNION

### *The Wilderness*

from *Two Biblical Songs*

Eric H. Thiman

(1900 – 1975)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, even with joy and singing. For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**(10:30)**

### *When I Was Sinkin' Down*

Old American Hymn

arr. by Hall Johnson

(1888 – 1970)

When I was sinkin' down, oh my soul, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. What wondrous love is this, oh my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of Bliss to send His precious peace to my soul.

*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.

**We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* “CWM Rhondda”

ELW 618

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the cross.

**Thanks be to God.**



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



## ***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings***

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!  
Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to  
Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.  
Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the  
Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 – First Sunday in Lent**

- 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)

### **MONDAY, March 2, 2020**

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

### **TUESDAY, March 3, 2020**

- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)
- 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2020**

- 7:30 a.m. Brewed Faith at Spot Coffee
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service (CH)

### **THURSDAY, March 5, 2020**

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (CH)
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten soup and sandwich luncheon (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, March 6, 2020**

- 7:30 p.m. Geneva College Spring Concert (MC)

### **SUNDAY, March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 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

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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 we welcome a representative of Empire State Northland Workforce Training Center who will explain the mission and training available. They have been the subject of several articles in the news lately. Next week Linda Tatu will be joining us to inform us of the ministries of Harvest House. They have grown from a baby and children's ministry to include an Education Center, Health Care and retreat located at two sites. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**SOUP AND SANDWICH LENTEN LUNCHESES** continue this week in Redeemer Hall following the Lenten service in the Chapel. The cost is only \$5 and includes beverages. Please join us this week and every Thursday during Lent.

**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** – 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"**. 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 a`Vache.

GENEVA CHOIR CONCERT: Join us on Friday, March 6 at 7:30pm for the Geneva Choir Spring Concert. The student choir of Geneva College exists to glorify God and minister to people through the gift of music. Founded in 1938, the choir continues a rich heritage of choral singing dating from the early years of the college over a half century ago. The mission of the Genevans is to engage audiences while glorifying God and ministering with important spiritual truth. There will be a free will offering.

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!

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. 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.



**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!

**LYO PLANT SALE:** It's that time of year again for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained from the church or chapel entrance ways, from any LYO member, or by calling the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, April 5 and pick up will be Saturday, May 16 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please turn in your order form as soon as possible.

**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- March 22 and 29. 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](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.



## Lenten and Easter Worship

### Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity

(3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2)

12:00 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 w/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

**\*\*Please note time change from previous years**

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Justin Rojek. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Richard Lee. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Clyde Terry. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Linda Thomasula. Greeters are Ernelle Ponivas and Gary and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Communion Assistants are Peter Bergenstock, Paul Bauchle, Natalia Bavaro and Oscar Guzzino. Worship Assistants are Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Nathaniel Wareham, Adam Hakansson, Natalia Bavaro, Oscar Guzzino, Eliana Perez, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson. Collection counters are Paul Bauchle, Beth Pellnat and Sue Spindler.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Natalia and Angelo Bavaro.

Council Member Barb Wozniak 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 Honor of our daughter Mary JeeBhin Houghtaling's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by her parents Alex and Leah; and In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck and her grandchildren Melissa and Aaron by their Family.

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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