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.

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INTRODUCTION
God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

PRELUDE
Sicilienne Op. 78

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

Shannon Levine, cello

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS
WE COME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we gather from our homes, we invite you to place a bowl or cup of water in front of you, to remember our baptism.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

(At home, dip your finger into a bowl or cup of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
We Know That Christ Is Raised “Engelberg”

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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Music: ENGELBERG. Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
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PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Romans 6:1b-11
The first reading for the Third Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Romans, the 6th Chapter.
1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39
The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24“ A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26“ So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32“ Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34“ Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
36and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.
MEDITATION
Improvisation on 'Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus'  
(Lasset Uns Mit Jesu Ziehen)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

O God, Father in heaven, hold your church in your loving arms. Protect believers who face persecution for your sake. Bless the work of evangelists and teachers like Onesimos Nesib, whom we commemorate today, as they translate their faith into other languages. Strengthen our pastors, deacons, and church councils for their ministry during these troubling times. We pray for our ecumenical partners in Voice Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors - Resurrection Village, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God our provider, here in the north the summer solstice reminds us of your care for the whole creation. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Feed all your creatures, both the animals and the humans, with the sustenance they need for life. Guide us to sources of energy that do not destroy the earth you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.
O God our ruler, inspire our president, our governors and our legislators to work towards justice for all. Lead us to ways of life that are free from racial and ethnic prejudice. Strengthen the world’s democracies and sustain those who are working to secure free and safe elections. Give a home to refugees. Form our military and our police to maintain peace and to inhibit violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God our physician, bring healing to all who are sick and suffering. Preserve the world from more waves of the coronavirus, and guide researchers who are seeking a vaccine. Protect those whose jobs expose them to contagion. Support our health care workers. We remember before you those we name out loud and those we remember from the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God our peacemaker, inhabit each household in the land with your powerful peace. Train us to live together in harmony, especially when quarantined together. Nourish marriages and sustain extended families. Protect children from harm of every kind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God our source of life, bless all fathers and father figures as they face both long-standing and emerging family needs. Comfort those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God our beginning and our end, we bless you for all our forebears in family and faith who have lived and died in you. Remind us of their sacrifices, and at the end bring us with them in your household of joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.
Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

*Share a sign of peace with someone in your home, or share a message of peace via text, tweet, or post (or call someone after worship.)*

**OFFERTORY**
Meditation

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
Shannon Levine, *cello*

**THE OFFERING**

*Thank you for your gifts and offerings which make our ministry possible. You may share your offering by clicking the “Contribute Today” link below this Livestream and on our Homepage, or by mailing your gift to the church office. Thank you!* 

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**
Let us pray together.

*O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

BENEDITION
Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story “Hankey”

ELW 661 (vs. 1 & 3)

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat,
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

3 I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;
the message of salvation from God’s own holy word.

I love to tell the story of those who know it best;
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song.

it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; it will be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Sonata No. 3 in a minor RV 43, Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Shannon Levine, cello
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)
July 27 – 31. Registration is now available online. The link for online registration is
https://forms.gle/Jk8euKKHTwLZaSAT7
A hybrid VBS through Google Classroom and a take-home kit
provided by Holy Trinity. Internet/Google Classrooms not required,
class materials including the lessons and supplies are included in the
take home kit. You may also call the church office for a paper copy
of the registration form.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed,
Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat
the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is
834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for
counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC,
and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

FOOD DONATIONS: To support those in need of food from our
NRC food pantry and from the emergency bags our Pastors provide, if
you are able to donate, these are the items most needed. For our
pastor's bags: The pop top canned easy meals, ex. ravioli meals. For
the Food Bank: Canned tuna, soups and canned meals such as ravioli.
Items may be brought to the church. Please call ahead to alert the staff
that you are planning to donate and arrange a convenient time.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: The reading schedule for May and
June can be found on the church website or you can call the church
office to have a paper copy mailed to you.
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP ZOOM HAPPY HOUR: Join us every Friday at 5pm to link to a virtual Happy Hour by Zoom technology. We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check-in with each other. Bring your own favorite beverage to the computer.

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