



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 142nd Anniversary

Service of the Word 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.

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Facebook.com/BuffaloHTLCMusic*

INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRELUDE

Sonata in G Major

Largo
Allegro

Benedetto Marcello
(1685-1747)

David Levine, *viola*

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME 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.**

OPENING HYMN

All My Hope on God Is Founded "Michael"

ELW 757 (vs. 1 & 4)



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: Herbert Howells, 1892–1983
Music © 1968 Novello & Co., Ltd., London

MICHAEL
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Romans 6:12-23

A Reading from Romans:

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present any parts of your bodies to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

MEDITATION

Arioso from Cantata 156

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

David Levine, *viola*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Although distant from each other, we are called to join together to pray for our needy world. Each petition concludes with the words Hear us, O God, our light and our shield. We respond together:
Your mercy is great.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world, for our own congregation and for its leadership, and for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings in VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection Village and the Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the health of the earth – its lands, its seas, its animals. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for peace between and within nations. For leaders and legislators. For those who are called to protect and serve. For women and men serving in the armed forces and for their families. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.
Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, enslaved, or poverty-stricken. We pray for an end to racism. We pray for all who are sick and we pray for those we name now out loud, and those we name from the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus. For medical workers and researchers. For the strength and endurance to keep one another safe. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.

Your mercy is great.

Let us thank God for all the saints and all those who have died in the faith, and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence. Hear us, O God, our light and our shield.

Your mercy is great.

O God, the Holy One, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. Receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, for your mercy is great, now and forever.

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

Two Slow Airs for Organ

1. Rather slow and with gentle feeling

Herbert Howells

(1892-1983)

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.

BENEDICTION

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise! "Duke Street"

ELW 848



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Concerto in G Major

Allegro

Georg Philipp Telemann

(1681-1767)

David Levine, *viola*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

HT GOLF TOURNAMENT: We are sorry to report that Covid-19 has forced us to cancel our annual Holy Trinity golf tournament at Tan Tara Country Club. With God's grace we will be back in 2021. Stay safe.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 285 453 435

Password: 299123

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.

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