HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 142\textsuperscript{nd} 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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INTRODUCTION
In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

PRELUDE
Air from Suite in D, BWV 1068

J. S. Bach
(1685 - 1750)

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
In this time of uncertainty, with a future unknown, let us give thanks to our God who is always with us.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you.
In the days of chaos,
Your voice moved over the water and life sprang forth.
In the days of the flood,
You kept Noah and his family safe from harm.
In the days of fleeing Egypt,
You separated the sea so your people could pass.
In the days of wandering in the wilderness,
You made water flow from a rock.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you. Through the baptism of Jesus, all water is made holy. The water that nourishes the land. The water we drink. The water we bath in. The water we use to wash our hands so many times a day.

Holy God, source of living water, all life flows out from you. We praise you for the gift of baptism that binds us to one another and to you.

As we stir and trouble this precious water, remind us of who we are: your beloved children. Help us see each person as a member of your body. Ease our anxieties and strengthen our resolve to care for each other. Deepen our faith.
(At home, dip your finger into a bowl or cup of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)

Holy God, source of living water, All life flows out from you. Amen.
OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome “Two Oaks”

ELW 641 (vs. 1, 4 5)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely
   live, a place where saints and children tell how
   hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
   Christ shall end divisions:

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
   true, where all God’s children dare to seek to
   dream God’s reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
   peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here as one we
   claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and
   wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where
   live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the
   visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here as one we
   Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome,

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
   stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and
   words with in the Word. Built of tears and cries and
   laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-
   claim from floor to rafter:

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions
   heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as
   All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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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.
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING
A Reading from Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
A Reading from Isaiah:

1Thus says the LORD:   
Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.  

6And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  

7these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28
The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

21Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” 24He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON
The Rev. Brenda Maynor

MEDITATION
Lamb of God
Regina Fryxell
(1899 - 1993)
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. We pray 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. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and for their families. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and towns, and for those who need your healing. We lift up to you all those we name out loud, and the prayers of our hearts and our minds. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. We pray especially today for the life, love and family of Joan Daverne. Lord, in your mercy, 

**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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**

Oh God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

(1874 - 1934)
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  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee “Olivet”  ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3 While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s  
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4 When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream  
shall o’er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and dis -  
trust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
God is Our Strength and Refuge
Eric Coates (1886 – 1957)
Arr. J. Barnard (b. 1948)

Many Thanks to our Guest Organist, Doug Alderdice

Music Notes

Eric Coates (1886-1957) was a composer of English light music. Early in his career he was a violist and composer of songs but later turned his attentions to composing and conducting. He wrote many songs and orchestral pieces and had a rather successful career in the recording industry conducting studio orchestras.

In the early 1950s he had written more or less as an exercise for himself a march in the style of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance marches. Shortly after its completion he was approached by the movie producers developing the Dam Busters film to write music for that project. Coates until then had generally shunned film music offers because of the lack of control composers have over their creations once they are turned over to the production. He at first resisted but was prevailed upon as to the importance of the Dam Busters true story and film and he submitted his recently-completed Elgar-like march which has since become readily identified as The Dam Busters March.

John Barnard (b. 1948) later arranged the march's theme as a hymn, setting the words from Psalm 46 to it, “God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble ...” and it appears in some denominations' hymnals.
Special Announcement

Welcome Back!!

In-Person Service

Sunday, September 6, 2020

10:30am

Holy Trinity will be starting in-person services on Sunday, September 6 at 10:30am. Following New York State guidelines, there will be a few procedures in place:

1. Masks must be worn at all times.
2. Social distancing will be in effect. Every third row will be open and you are welcome to sit in an open spot where you find a bulletin.
3. We ask that you follow the “One Way” signs located in the aisles.
4. We will have a soloist, however, there will be no congregational singing.
5. We are not yet able to offer childcare or Sunday School at this time.
6. Until further notice, there will no coffee hours.

If you prefer to continue watching through the website or Facebook, we will be broadcasting the 8:30 service via Livestream each Sunday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIDEWALK CHALK SUNDAY! A chance to gather together - with physical distancing in mind - and spread some love and positivity in our City. Individuals and Family Groups are welcome to come to Holy Trinity today at noon on Sunday and receive direction from or Pastor Brenda on which sidewalk square they will be "assigned." Individuals and families are encouraged to bring their own chalk, but some will be available for those who don't have their own. Chalking groups will be distanced from each other to keep one another safe. Inspirational ideas will be provided, but your own images and designs are welcome and encouraged.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: There will be a virtual confirmation informational session for all parents/students today at 2:00pm via Zoom. You can register for the meeting using the following link, https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoe-vpz0qHtEjsO7w2OK9lHL5vyK26qHJ. This informational session will cover the class schedule, class expectations, as well as answer any questions you might have regarding confirmation class. Confirmation Class is designed for students who are entering 7th and 8th grades. Please contact Pastor Brenda with any questions you may have.

OUTDOOR SERVICE: A Service of Holy Communion will be held outdoors on Sunday, August 30 at 12noon (weather permitting). Worshippers will be encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, while folding chairs will be available for those who are not able to bring their own. Chairs will be placed a minimum of 6-8 feet apart from one another at designated pre-marked spaces. Face coverings will be required in addition to other safety protocols in place.
LYO FUNDRAISER: Flocking season is here! How it works: Place an order for a flock of flamingos to be sent to your friend’s yard. Volunteers will be sent out to covertly flock the yard. The flamingos will roost on the lawn for a week when they will mysteriously migrate to another friend’s lawn. The “flockee” will have the opportunity to select the flock’s next migration location, for a reasonable donation. If you are not interested in having our fine pink feathered friends make a trip to your yard, you can purchase Anti-Flocking Insurance. This will guarantee the flamingos fly past your yard and flock at a different home. The flamingos will only be in the Buffalo area for a short time, from July-Sept so catch them before they continue on their migratory path. All proceeds of this Fundraiser will go to support the LYO Mission Fund. You can find the order forms in the church newsletter. Flocking Fees are $20 for migration location, $25 for Anti-Flocking Insurance and $15 for early-herding and transportation of flock.

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.

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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