

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, June 20, 2021 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 143rd 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 creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

For the love of one another, we kindly ask

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.
- 2. that you follow the one way direction signs noted in the aisles.
- 3. that our members and guests fill out the orange sheet for contact tracing purposes and leave at your seat in the pew.

 We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!
Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.
You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff

INTRODUCTION

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

VOLUNTARY

Processional

William Mathias (1934 - 1992)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save "Melita"

ELW 756



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

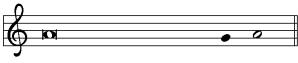
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GREETING

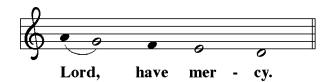
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

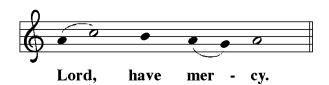


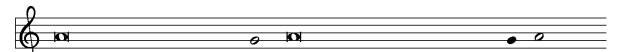
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



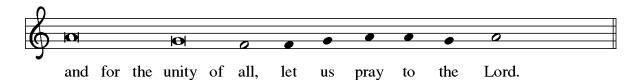


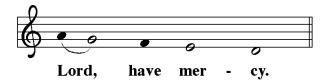
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

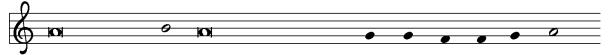




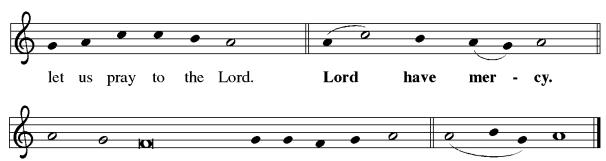
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

THE READING: Job 38:1-11

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Job, the 38th Chapter.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

The Storm

John Hullah (1812 - 1884)

Text: Adelaide Ann Procter (1825-1864)

Grace Mingoea, mezzo-soprano

The tempest rages wild and high,
The waves lift up their voice and cry
Fierce answers to the angry sky.
Miserere, Domine.
Thro' the black night and driving rain,
A ship is struggling, all in vain:
To live upon the stormy main:
Miserere, Domine.

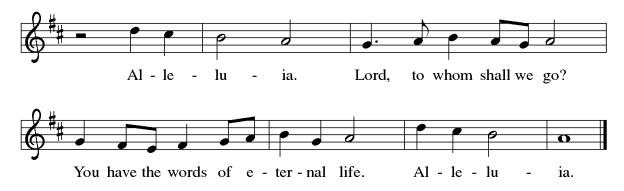
The thunders roar, the lightnings glare, Vain is it now to strive or dare; A cry goes up of great despair. Miserere, Domine.
The stormy voices of the main, The moaning wind and pelting rain, Beat on the nurs'ry window pane; Miserere, Domine.

Warm curtain'd was the little bed,
Soft pillow'd was the little head.
"The storm will wake the child." they said.
Miserere, Domine.
Cow'ring among his pillows white,
He prays, his blue eyes dim with fright,
"Father, save those at the sea tonight!"
Miserere, Domine.

The morning shone all clear and gay On a ship at anchor in the bay, And on a little child at play: Gloria Tibi Domine.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON MEDITATION

By the Still Waters, Op. 114

Mrs. H.H.A. Beach (1867 – 1944)

Please stand as you are able.

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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. 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, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those on the front line of the pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Zachary and Benjamin. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, for those in father-figure roles, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

We ask that you remain at your seat.

You may share the sign of peace
with a head nod or peace sign.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate located at the exit.

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Fear no more the heat o' the sun from 5 Shakespeare Songs, Op. 23
Text: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Roger Quilter (1877 - 1953)

Grace Mingoea, mezzo-soprano

Fear no more the heat o' the sun, Nor the furious winter's rages; Thou thy worldly task hast done, Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages; Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o' the great; Thou art past the tyrant's stroke: Care no more to clothe and eat; To thee the reed is as the oak: The sceptre, learning, physic, must All follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning-flash, Nor the all-dreaded thunder-stone; Fear not slander, censure rash; Thou hast finished joy and moan; All lovers young, all lovers must Consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee! Nor no witchcraft charm thee! Ghost unlaid forbear thee! Nothing ill come near thee! Quiet consummation have; And renownéd be thy grave!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

"Old Hundredth"

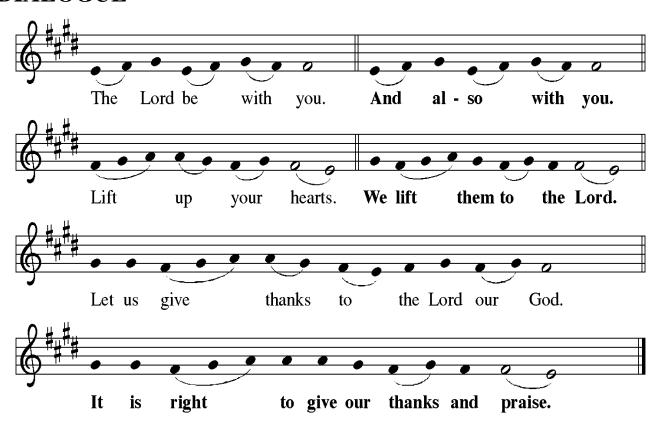
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

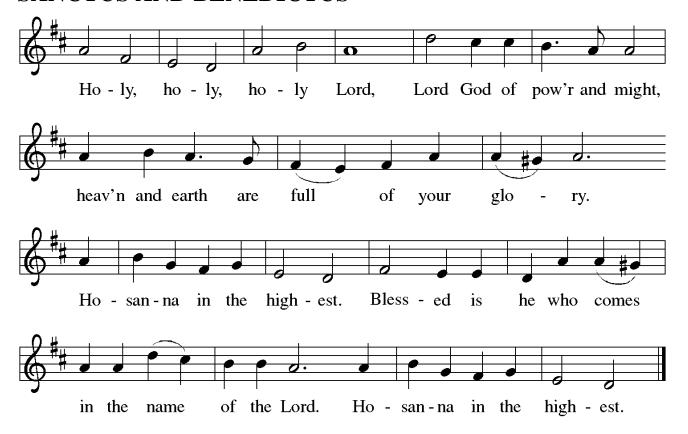
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. In your pews you will find pre-packaged grape juice and wafers (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

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.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When Peace like a River "Ville Du Havre"

ELW 785 (vs. 1 & 4)



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Great Day'

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

At the conclusion of the postlude, please exit the church building beginning with those seated closest to the Main Street doors (back of church).

Per NYS guidelines, we will not be serving coffee and refreshments until further notice.



At 8:30 a.m. the usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship assistant is Madalyn Brown.

At 10:30 the ushers are Doug Alderdice, Paul Biesinger and Karen Kolb. Worship Assistant is Sofia Atlas.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Joan Pellnat by Jim, Beth, Sara, Marissa and Madison Pellnat; and In Loving Memory of Phyllis Blake Parks by Donald Parks and Family.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Zachary and Benjamin Chase.



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.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

GOLF OUTING: All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Monday, August 2 at Pendleton Creek Golf Club. Cost for the day is \$60 and includes a continental breakfast at 8:00am, nine-hole scramble at 9:00am and a BBQ lunch at 12:00pm. The cost for lunch only is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Prize donations gratefully accepted. Pendleton Creek is located at 4391 Tonawanda Creek Road North, North Tonawanda 14120. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES, with our own Paul Biesinger, begin on Thursday, July 1st in Redeemer Hall. We will meet each week from 10am to Noon through the summer. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies. A list of suggested supplies is available from Heather Miller(convmiller@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS is July 26-30! As we are planning this year's VBS "River of Life" we are looking at whether we can hold VBS in-person/hybrid safely or whether we will hold VBS fully remote as we did last year. We ask that you fill out the following surveys, by today, so we can gauge interest and willingness/comfortability with attending in-person VBS. For those with younger ones (completed Pre-K through 6th grade) we ask that you fill out this survey: https://forms.gle/kyNxoDxK4kNEs8Du9. For those who would be willing to serve as volunteers please fill out this survey: https://forms.gle/2q5J4vYA2earRUrB8. Please know that we will be following the CDC Guidelines for Summer Youth Day Camps (updated 4/2021). Please contact Pastor Brenda with any questions.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week via Zoom at 9:30 at

https://zoom.us/j/427428740?pwd=YlBZdUdLL3l4YU5QWnJUUTdk Rlk4Zz09#success. Join via Zoom ID 427 428 740. Password 849195.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP Happy Hour – Join us each Friday via Zoom at 5:00pm. We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check in with each other and enjoy the company. Bring your favorite beverage to the computer. Zoom Meeting ID: 285 453 435. Password 299123.

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.

Drive-Thru Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ to Support Lutheran Charities! This event will be drive through only, and 100% of the funds raised goes directly to the community organizations we support. Dinner comes with chicken, roll and butter, potato salad, and cole slaw. Prices are \$12 for pre-register and \$13 day of. It will take place on Wednesday, June 23 at St. John Lutheran Church, 6540 Main Street 3:00pm to 7:00pm or SOLD OUT.

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