

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 9, 2022
Baptism of Our Lord
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 our members and guests fill out the blue sheet 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

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, P. 46

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old "Dix"

ELW 302

(vs. 1-3, 5)



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 43rd Chapter.

¹But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Sebi in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Bright Star

Norman Dello Joio (1913 – 2008)

Magdalene Lord, alto

Bright star, clear in the sky. Shining down on the Babe.

O! lead us to the manger place that we may kneeling adore.

Bright star, flame in the sky, light the road we must take,

To find an infant King this day that we may sing His praise!

Come, rejoice, all men of good will, a Savior is born unto you,

Ah! star bright, star of the night, light up the dark of our souls.

Bright star, high in the sky, O! shine down on the Babe

And on His mother, the Virgin fair, who holds Him close through the night.

Bright star, so clear in the sky.

Star of this night, shine, on, shine down for eternity.

Bright star, light of the world, star bright.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

The second reading for today is recorded in Acts, the 8th Chapter.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! "Wie Schön Leuchtet" ELW 308



CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need. 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... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Anthony and Claire. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. We remember the life, love, and faith of Stephen Silver. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles (1892 – 1980)

Magdalene Lord, alto

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die. For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

"Old Hundredth"

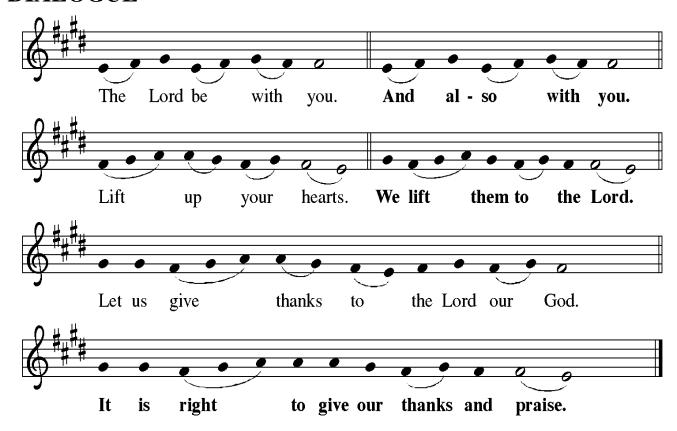
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

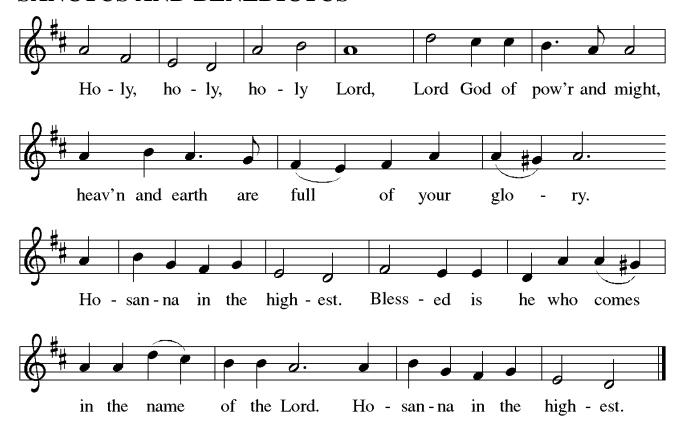
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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. Please take your prepackage communion cup that you received at the entrance (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.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized "Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen" ELW 304



Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

Norman Dello Joio (1913 – 2008)

Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude and the cross has returned to the chancel.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please continue to leave your bulletin, communion cup and attendance sheet at your seat. We will collect everything following the service.

There is no coffee hour at this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Mary Linda Schmidt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Altar guild is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Mary Linda Schmidt. Worship Assistant is Adam Hakansson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Martha Kutas. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Sofia Atlas, Timothy Yap, Elizabeth Yap, Griffin Miller and Zachary Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given: In Honor of Tim's 14th Birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Anthony and Claire Lizauckas.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume tomorrow at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS: In preparation for Holy Trinity's "Holy Conversations" (January 11th from 10–11:30am in the Fellowship Room; 7–8:30pm via Zoom). PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE ZOOM INFORMATION = you are invited to share YOUR perspectives regarding gifts/skills needed of the new pastor. THE WORK SHEET FOR THE CONVERSATIONS ARE ON THE MUSIC STANDS AT BOTH ENTRANCES OF THE SANCTUARY.

THIS IS A CHANCE TOHAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the end of each worship service. Agenda items include: approval of the budget and candidates for council.

CHAPEL CLOSING: It is with great - disappointment that we inform you of the need to have the 8:30 Sunday Service held in the main sanctuary. The Mansperger Chapel is a beautiful and intimate place to worship — but its architecture is not conducive to the amount of airflow needed to provide a safe environment; as the Covid 19 virus surges in church and society. Thank you for your understanding and patience as your congregational leaders strive to get us through this public health crisis. We will continue to monitor the applicable County numbers.

AMAZON SMILES: Please continue placing your orders through Amazon Similes. Your purchases have resulted in \$382.17 for Holy Trinity since we started the program. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Just a reminder that there will be no confirmation class as regularly scheduled on January 9. For the January class, we ask all confirmation students to attend the Congregational annual meeting, scheduled for January 23.

APPLE PIES: There are a few apple pies still available. Cost is \$10. Please contact Pastor Brenda if you would like to purchase one of the few remaining pies.

POINSETTIAS: The Christmas flowers are available. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a family member or a friend. They will be available following today's service.

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, January 30 has two vases available. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 – Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

12:00 p.m. De-greening of the church

MONDAY, January 10, 2022

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study (FR)

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, January 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. Holy Conversations (FR)

7:00 p.m. Holy Conversations via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (RH)

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting via Zoom

THURSDAY, January 13, 2022

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)

7:00 p.m. Story Time

7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

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