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Sunday, April 11, 2010 Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Enter His Sanctuary Singing

Hal H. Hopson

Lift up your heads, O gates: And be lifted up, O everlasting doors. That the King of Glory may come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King. He is the King of Glory. God is the Lord of Hosts. Enter His sanctuary singing. Shout to the Lord, "Alleluia!" Bless His holy name forever. Our great Creator, the Lord of heav'n and earth. We come before you, unceasing praise we offer. We lift our voices, our joyful songs break forth. Alleluia. To God, the Lord be glory evermore. Let all the nations, all men and children ev'rywhere unite in singing, the Lord of Hosts is with us. We lift our voices, our joyful songs break forth. Alleluia. Sing praises evermore. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Trinity Youth Choir Anthony Carden, trumpet James Kryszczuk, euphonium

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life. Let us come with repentant hearts to the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, we confess to you all the ways in which we dismiss the resurrection news. We are slow of heart to believe. We turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen.

Peace be with you, sisters and brothers. In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption; you are God's beloved children. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift. **Amen.**

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN (10:30)

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

ANTHEM (10:30)

My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff

Traditional Swiss Melody arranged by Hans Vigeland

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the trav'ler's well-loved aid; My faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier's trust blade. I'll travel on, and still be stirred by silent thought or social word; By all my perils undeterred, a soldier-pilgrim staid. I have a guide, and in his steps when travelers have trod, Whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod, They cared not, but with force unspent, unmoved by pain, they onward went, Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God. My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean! My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen! Thy spirit, Lord, to me impart, O make me what thou ever art, Of patient and courageous heart, as all true saints have been.

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint John



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to

them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY *O God of Love, O King of Peace*

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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

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

O God of life, we pray for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, and especially for all the newly baptized. By your Spirit, empower us to be witnesses to the empty tomb. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for rainforests and deserts, mountains and tundra, rivers and grasslands, and all creatures that call this planet home. Breathe healing on our earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the nations, especially those torn by violence and oppression. Send wisdom to all state and local leaders. Teach peace to our war-weary world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the homeless and hungry, the sick and the dying, the abused and the neglected. Comfort all who suffer, and calm our fears. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community and our congregation, the old and the young. Renew us this Easter season, and send us out to be bread for a hungry world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us (*especially*) and who taught us to believe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

VOLUNTARY AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

Rejoice and Sing!

Rejoice and sing! Come let us celebrate and make cheer. Rejoice and sing! Rhythms of joy and melody make. God is the Lord of life. O praise the Lord! Come, praise His name. Praise Him for His vast creation. Praise Him for His loving kindness. O praise the Lord! Come, praise His name. Praise Him for His boundless goodness. Praise Him for His truth eternal. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices. He has done wondrous things, in Him the world rejoices. All praise and thanks to God; Let all men now adore Him. Praise Him who was, and is and shall be evermore. Alleluia!

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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. Hal H. Hopson

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PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS 0 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, full heav'n and earth of glo are your ry. high - est. Bless - ed he who Ho - san - na in the is comes of the Lord. in the name Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.** LORD'S PRAYER 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.

AGNUS DEI



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring from Cantata 147

J.S. Bach arranged by John Holler

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom Love most bright, Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Holy Trinity Youth Choir

A Gospel Alleluia

Greg Gilpin

Sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Sing Alleluia, Allelu! Let your heart be filled with music. Let your life be filled with song. Lift your voice in jubilation, let the world sing along! Sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Sing Alleluia, Allelu! Sing! Sing all together. Sing! Sing as one voice. Sing! Joining in music. All together now, make it ring! Come and sing! Sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Sing Alleluia, Allelu! Holy Trinity Youth Choir Kelsi Hopkins, soprano

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, April 11, 2010 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Ed

- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Youth Choir (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)

11:45 p.m. Coffee Hour (FI)

MONDAY, April 12, 2010

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

TUESDAY, April 13, 2010

- 4:30 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
- 6:00 p.m. WELCA Spring Assembly
- 7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH)

7:30 p.m. Yoga (FR)

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 12:00 Noon Trinity Tower Lunch Bunch
- 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, April 15, 2010

7:00 p.m. AA (RH)

FRIDAY, April 16, 2010

7:00 p.m. Wedding (CH)

SATURDAY, April 17, 2010

11:00 a.m. Jean Roesch Memorial Service

12:00 Noon Chancel Choir (MR)

12:00 Noon Estonians (CH)

SUNDAY, April 18, 2010 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Youth Choir (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI)

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)

CH = Mansperger ChapelCI = Crib RoomCR = Conference RoomFR = Fellowship RoomFI = Fireside Room/LibraryMC = Main ChurchMR = Music RoomPS = Pastor's StudyRH = Redeemer HallSC = SacristySS = Sunday SchoolYR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will continue tomorrow, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION: Today Eva Hassett from the International Institute will speak about the immigrant/refugee communities in Buffalo. April 18 – Brad Dossinger from M&T Bank Community Development; April 25 – Health Fair; May 2 – Dr. Robert Lebel from Syracuse on "Genetics and Faith" the ELCA social statement; May 9 – Mother's Day – No Adult Ed; May 16 – Buffalo News columnist Donn Esmonde.

Women of ELCA will hold their Spring Assembly at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

A class of new members will be received on Sunday, May 9, 2010. There are several new member opportunities which you are invited to attend. On Tuesday, April 20, we will host a dinner with the Pastors at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a dessert/coffee hour. Those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity and the Lutheran Church are welcome to attend the gatherings. Please call the church office to make your reservation.

The 2010 Lutheran Charities Golf Classic will be held on Friday, August 13th at Chestnut Hill Country Club. There will also be a theme-basket auction. The committee will be distributing baskets at the Spring Conference Assembly, Saturday, April 24, at Parkside, with the hope that each one will be filled by congregational members. A list of ideas for the theme baskets may be found on the bulletin boards, or by calling the church office. The Social Ministries Committee will hold its Annual **Health Fair** on April 25th. The event will be divided into two segments. The Adult Education Hour, held after the 8:30 service, will feature a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, presenting information on an ever increasing health concern. Following the 10:30 service and the Coffee Hour, various organizations will have tables set up in Redeemer Hall representing a plethora of Health Care problems and their solutions. Parish Nurse, Pat Mohr, has gathered a distinguished group of presenters, including the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice, Erie County Senior Citizen's Services, the Catholic Health System, Hope Chest Dragon Boat Team, the Breast Cancer association of Western New York, and New York Connect, to allow members of the congregation to seek informational. As always, there will be plenty of free handouts, a children's corner, fellowship, and fun for all.

Where does the Lutheran Church stand on human cloning, stem cells, designer babies, DNA databases, and bioengineered foods? Come to learn more and have your opinion heard. Dr. Robert Lebel, Chief Geneticist, Upstate Medical School, and one of the authors of the ELCA Social Statement on Genetics, will be at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 1 from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm. Call the church office (886-2400) to reserve your continental breakfast and your copy of the draft of the ELCA Social Statement on Genetics. The deadline to register is Monday, April 26.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 27 at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity as our resident organist, James Bigham, and Brian Zunner, baritone will be performing the works of Franck, Reger, Mendelssohn, R. Stauss and Hoiby.

Christ has risen indeed!!!

Greetings from Columbus. Tricia and I hope all of you had a Holy Week that was filled with majesty, mystery and love. That your Easter celebration inspired you with beauty and that the grace of God filled your Easter table with all good things. Worship in Columbus this Easter week has been incredibly powerful and I invite you to visit the seminary website to see the beautiful tapestry as it was built over the weeks of Lent and completed for worship this Wednesday. It was made from strips of cloth on which prayers had been written. I have just finished up my last midterm and am looking forward to the home stretch (and then to a fun *sleepless* summer with Baby).

Peace and Grace, Roger

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At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Kimberly Brace. Lay reader is Patricia Ulrich. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Clyde Terry. Greeters are Alberta Matesick, Sue Rojek and Richard Hoos. Ushers are James Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Timothy Hess, Herbert Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Chuck Rojek, Betty Senf and Clyde Terry. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Sue Spindler, Sara Pellnat and Barrett Lloyd. Worship assistants are Sara Pellnat and Barrett Lloyd, crucifers; Franz Ross, Lindsay Wright, Chrus Huber, Marissa Pellnat and Timothy Bradley. The cantor is Kelsi Hopkins.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Rudy Bauer by Julie Bauer and family; and in loving memory of Elizabeth and Rudolf Rick by Martin and Helen Wright, Karen Brown, Tim Taylor and Kristen, Matthew and Avery Best. Communion Statement

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Non-communing adults and children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. For those who are allergic to wheat, you may receive gluten-free wafers from the Pastor.

THE FIRST AID KIT AND THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) ARE LOCATED IN THE SACRISTY – OPPOSITE THE OFFICE DOORS

PLEASE, TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS DURING WORSHIP. THANK YOU.

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