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Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2010 Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

By the Waters of Babylon We Sat Down and WeptJ.S. Bachfrom the Eighteen Great ChoralesInclusion

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8:30)

The God of Abraham Praise "Yigdal"

ELW 831 (vs 1,2,4,6,8)

SILENT PROCESSION OF CHOIR AND CLERGY (10:30)

INTROIT (10:30)

Psalms 130 and 51

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, blot out my offenses.

(*Refrain*) Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

O let your ears consider well the voice of my complaint. Have mercy on me, O God, for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Cleanse me from all my sin and wash me pure as the snow, make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the body which you have broken may rejoice. (*Refrain*)

Peter Hallock

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life. **Amen.**

GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

ANTHEM (10:30)

Sicut Locutus Est from the Magnificat J.S. Bach Even as He promised to our forefathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Chapter 3

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Chapter 4

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke



Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown "Love Unknown" ELW 343

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

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.

A brief silence.

God of promise, raise up leaders in your church who place their trust in you. Give them vision and sustain them with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the goodness of the universe you created. Guide us in our care for the earth that we may bear witness to your love for all that is yours. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shed the light of your mercy and peace among us and to the far corners of the world (*especially*). Protect all people from suffering, and lead us in the path of justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and sustain those who suffer in any way—those known to us (*especially*) and those whose needs are known only to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew us during this time of preparation. Strengthen our faith and be with all who pray, fast, study your word, and undertake acts of mercy in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died and are gathered under your wings. Cast out our doubts and fears, and teach us to trust in your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the price of glory died. My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast. Save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. That were a present far too small; love so amazing, so devine demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen. Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

Vinea Mea Electa

from the Four Motets for the Season of Lent

Vine that I have loved as my own: I it was who planted thee: chose thee and planted thee; why is all thy sweetness turned into gall and bitterness? Why wouldst thou crucify me and take Barrabas in my place? I fenced thee sound; I took the hard stones away, took them from thy path and built a tower in thy defense.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Francis Poulenc

Lowell Mason

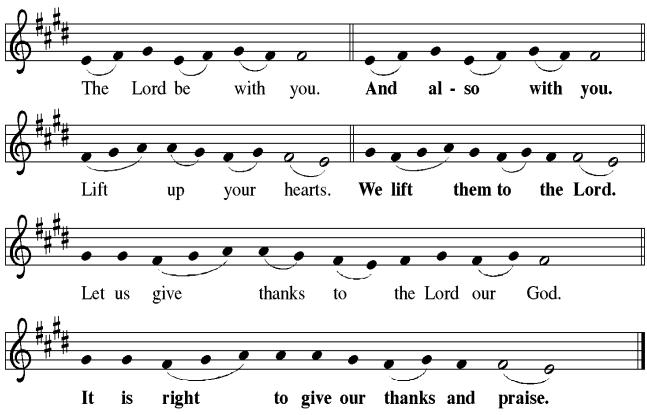
Arr. by Ralph Harris

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "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

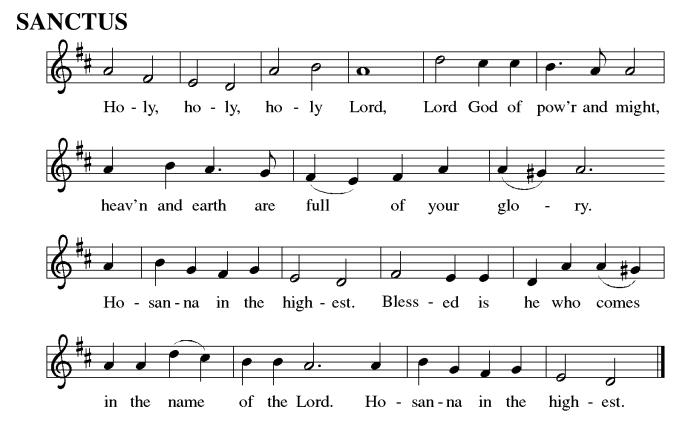


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PREFACE



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

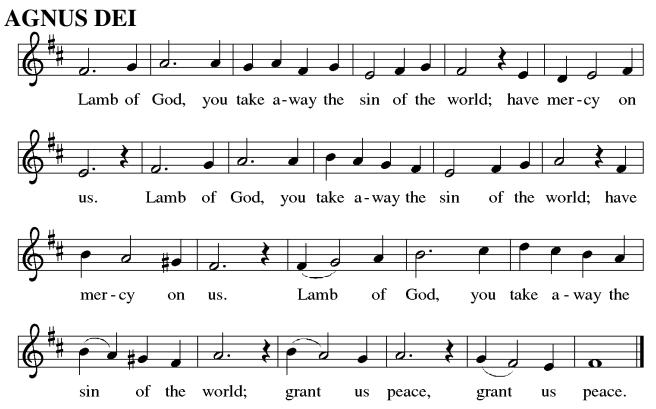
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With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
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Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.



THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION (8:30)

For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken

For the bread, which Thou hast broken; for the wine which Thou hast poured; for the words, which Thou hast spoken; now we give Thee thanks, O Lord. By thy pledge that Thou dost love us, thy gift of peace restored to us thy call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With our sainted ones in glory seated at our Father's board, may the church that waiteth for Thee keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In thy service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where Thou dost send us let thy Kingdome come, O Lord! Amen.

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)

Lord, Let Me Know Mine End

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days, as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee, and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what my hope? Truly

V. Earle Copes

Maurice Greene

my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears, consider my calling. Hold not thy peace at my tears; spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more seen.

Boris Van Druff, tenor; Ben Pfeil, bass

My Redeemer

William Billings

from the Psalm Singers' Amusement of 1781

My Redeemer, let me be quite happy at thy feet; still to know myself and Thee, be this my bittersweet. Look upon my infant state and with a father's yearning bless: don't thy ransom'd child forget, nor leave me in distress.

I have foolishly abused my Saviour's bleeding love; all thy gifts, my God, misus'd, when by temptation drove; justly I deserve to be forsaken by my Lord and God; yet shall justice plead for me, for whom Thou shedst Thy blood.

Thy blest smiles, my gracious Lord, shall cheer my drooping heart; I'm instructed in Thy word, that Thou unchanging art; draw me to the depth profound of all Thy sorrows, blood and sweat, pressing on through ev'ry wound, unto thy mercy seat.

There, reclining on Thy breast, th' eternal Sabbath find; providing in Thee perfect rest to my poor lab'ring mind; waiting till my Lord I see and be like him forever pure, at the heav'nly jubilee. This bliss to me is sure.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will transform us into glory, + bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me "Southwell"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY BAPTISM (Following Service)

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The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Thomas Ross Kreuder, III, infant son of Kellie Balducci and Thomas Ross Kreuder, Jr.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH) 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed (FR) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/Crib Room/Nursery (CI) 11:45 a.m. Baptism (MC) 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI) 12:00 Noon Youth Choir (SS) MONDAY, March 1, 2010 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR) 4:00 p.m. Bel Canto Concert rehearsal (MC) 7:00 p.m. **Concert Committee Meeting** TUESDAY, March 2, 2010 4:30 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC) 6:30 p.m. Healing Together (CR) 7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH) 7:30 p.m. Yoga (FR) WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2010 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR) 12:00 Noon **Trinity Lunch Bunch** 5:30 p.m. WELCA/Needlers (FR) Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC) 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Soup and bread supper at Parkside 7:00 p.m. Lenten Program at Parkside THURSDAY, March 4, 2010 10:00 a.m. Christian Action (FR) 12:10 p.m. Worship Service (CH) 12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch (RH) Soup and bread supper (RH) 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. **Stewardship Meeting** Sung Vespers w/full choir (MC) 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. AA (RH) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR) Lenten Program – Late Night Catechism (FR) 7:30 p.m. SUNDAY, March 7, 2010 – Third Sunday in Lent Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed (CH) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)/ Crib Room/Nursery (CI) Coffee Hour (FI) 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Luncheon (RH) 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon Youth Choir (SS) Bel Canto Concert (MC) 3:00 p.m. CH = Mansperger Chapel CI = Crib RoomCR = Conference RoomFR = Fellowship Room FI = Fireside Room/Library MC = Main Church MR = Music Room PS = Pastor's Study RH = Redeemer Hall

SS = Sunday School

SC = Sacristy

YR = Youth Room

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Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will continue tomorrow, March 1 at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION: During Lent the Adult Education hours will feature presentations by the pastors. We will be watching the acclaimed movie, "Luther" starring Ralph Feinnes. Join us in the Fellowship Room Theater. The series will resume on April 11, the Sunday after Easter, and conclude on May 16 with a presentation by Buffalo News columnist Donn Esmonde.

Health Kits - Last Fall, Lutheran World Relief released a memo that they were experiencing a shortage of Health Kits. At that point, Women of ELCA decided we would coordinate the donation of items at Holy Trinity during Lent. Since the decision was made, even more health kits have been distributed through LWR, especially in Haiti. Monetary donations will also be accepted, make checks out to Holy Trinity and mark for health kits. There will be a collection box for items in the sacristy. Items for each kit are: one hand towel and one washcloth, dark color recommended; one bath-size bar of soap, in its original wrapping; one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; one sturdy comb; one metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached; Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4".

The ABC Bel Canto Choirs will present "Musical Treats" featuring the Choirs Presto, Vivace and Bravo on Sunday, March 7 at 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity. Free will donation gratefully accepted.

World Renowned Wittenberg College Choir, an ELCA Affiliated Collegiate Institution, will be performing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2669 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, on Friday evening, March 12th beginning at 7:30pm.

Genetics & Faith – Robert Roger Lebel, MD, FACMG will be presenting a discussion of the social statement being developed by the ELCA that addresses significant theological, ethical, public and pastoral challenges arising from developments in genetics. The program will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm. Please call the church office for reservations.

Women of ELCA will hold their Spring Assembly at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Mark your calendars and look for a flyer on the bulletin boards and further information in the bulletin.

Greetings, We have been spending a lot of time over this past week talking about the symbols we use in worship. The water. The Word. The wine and bread. The cross. These fit easily into our minds as ways of experiencing God in church. Our assignment that relates to these discussions is a paper that asks us to explore a key element of our spiritual journey narrated "through" worship paying attention to the symbolic elements that we're transforming. I was having a hard time with this. I couldn't help but feel that in discussion of the symbols listed above that I was adding meaning to them rather than they to me, which put the burden of transformation in my hands rather than Gods. I was thinking about HT, the building, the angel window, the altar, the font the music... all important, but not the central transforming symbol. Then I was reading a little book called "A Place of Encounter" by D. Foy Christopherson and it all made sense. Take a moment. Look around the sanctuary for symbols (and this will work for both the chapel and the main sanctuary.) Do you see? No? Well I'll help you out, they are all around you... tall, short, thin and... not so thin, broken and saved and saint and sinner and... human. No better symbol for Christ, right? May this season of Lent bring us all closer to God and each other as we journey TOGETHER toward Jerusalem. Peace, Roger



At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Michael Ruggeri. The lay reader is Susan Bundt. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Patricia Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Paul Bauchle. Greeters are Elaine Smith, Robert and Nadine Sweitzer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Paul Bauchle, Richard Bundt, Tony Glieco, Melissa Haller, Cliff Lochhaas, Paul Nikischer, Sue Saur, Herbert Schmidt and Gerard Schneggenburger. Communion Assistants are Charmaine Kaltrider, Sue Saur, Sara Pellnat and Barrett Lloyd. Worship assistants are Sara Pellnat and Barrett Lloyd, crucifers; Franz Ross, Lindsay Wright, Chris Huber, Marissa Pellnat and Timothy Bradley.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Robert and Mira Thomson by Paul and Judy Kroll.



Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday program at Parkside (3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 and 3/31)

- 6:00 p.m. Soup and bread supper
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Program: *First Light and the Kingdom of God*
- 8:00 p.m. Dessert, coffee and conversation

Thursday program at Holy Trinity (3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25)

- 12:10 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. Soup and bread supper

7:00 p.m. Vespers service with full choir in main sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Dessert/coffee/conversation: Late Night Catechism

(*There will be no Lenten Lunch or evening dinner/program on Maundy Thursday)

HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP

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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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