

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2010

Holy Communion – 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Fantasia on

How Lovely Shines the Morningstar

Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT

We Have Seen His Star

Everett Titcomb

We have seen His star, His star in the East, and are come with our offerings to worship the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW 303

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

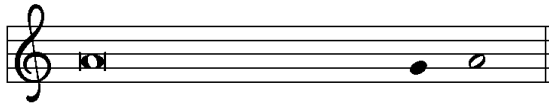
Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GREETING

Arise, shine; for your light has come.
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



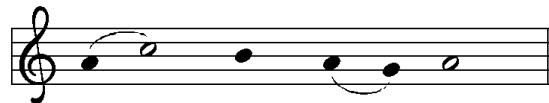
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



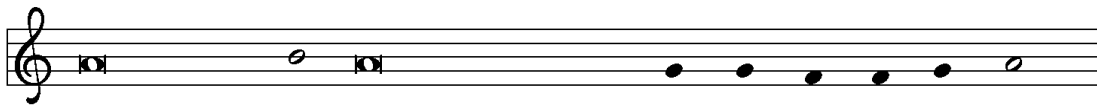
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



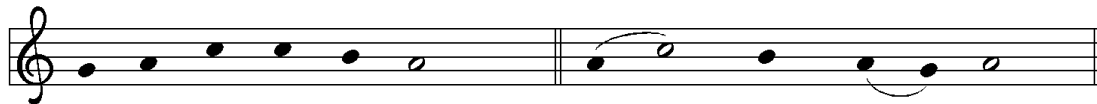
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN (10:30)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But 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 Seba 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."

MOTET (10:30)

Jesus Autem Hodie

Peter Hallock

Jesus, indeed, returned today to the Jordan.

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace, the Father's voice was heard in the place: "This is my son; hear him."

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: "This is my Son; hear him."

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: "This is my Son; hear him."

The Evangelist: Colleen Flynn

The Father: Timothy Flynn

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

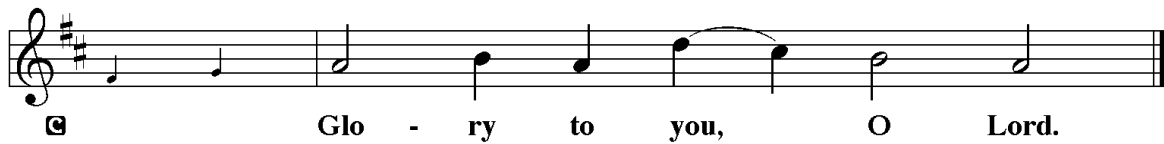
¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke

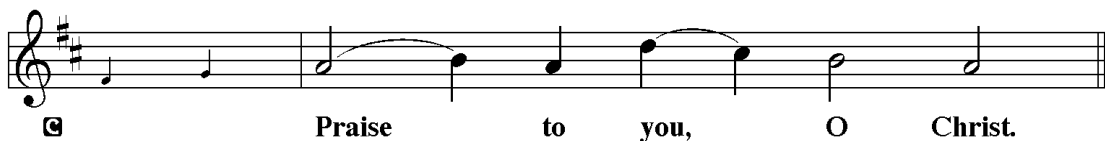


The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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.



SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old

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**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

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us.

A brief silence.

Voice of the Lord upon the waters, speak to your whole church gathered together in worship. Give us the desire to honor the promises made at baptism. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who shakes the wilderness, speak to those who suffer from natural disasters, bring calm to our planet, and make us instruments of wholeness in your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who sits enthroned above the flood, speak to the leaders of this world. Equip them with humility, wisdom, and a deep desire to work for peace and equality for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who bursts forth in lightning flashes, speak a word of comfort and reassurance to all those in need (*especially*). Illumine their darkness with the light of your healing presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who makes oak trees writhe, speak to our congregation. Strip away those things preventing us from fulfilling the mission you have entrusted to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the Lord who makes Lebanon skip like a calf, speak the word of resurrection to us, that we might rejoice in the glory into which you have gathered all the saints who now rest in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Charles A. E. Harriss

I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come into me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, Weary, worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad, I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give The living water, thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus and I drank Of that lifegiving stream; My thirst was quench'd, my soul reviv'd And now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say: "I am this dark world's Light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun; And in that Light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

Holly Holdaway, soprano

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

The Epiphany Scene from *Christus*

Felix Mendelssohn

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said: "Say, where is He born, the King of Judea? For we have seen His star and are come to adore Him."

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning beams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

The Evangelist: Mary Kay Atlas

The Three Wise Men: Roger Van Dette, Timothy Flynn, Brian Zunner

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts,

that we might be for the world

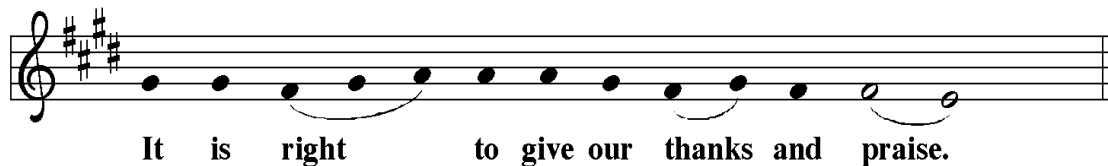
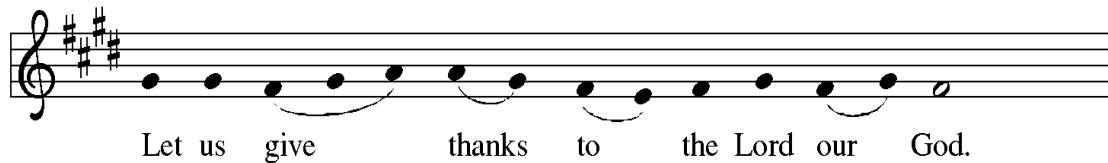
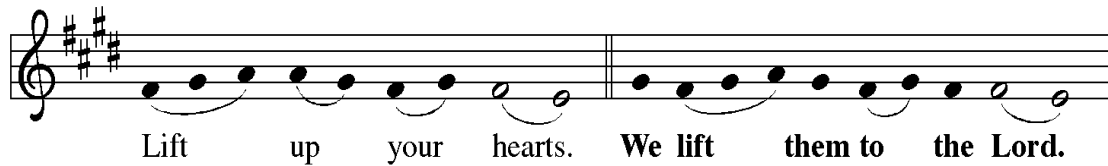
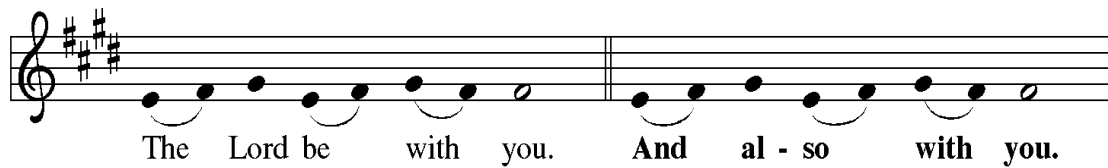
signs of your gracious presence

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

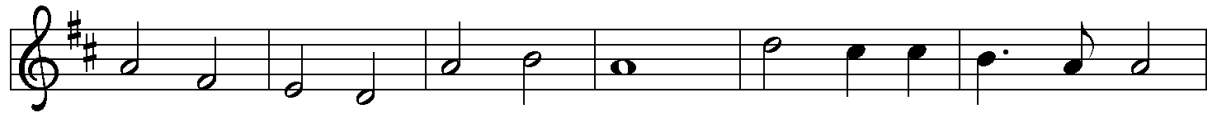
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DIALOGUE**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; by the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



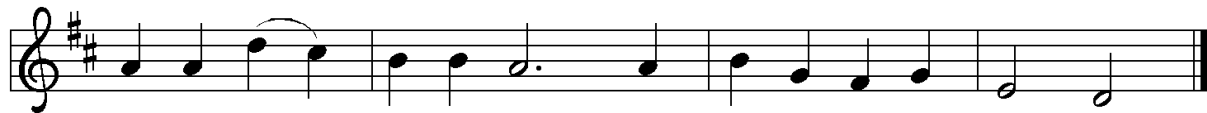
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty and merciful God,
 when the earth was a formless void,
 you formed order and beauty.
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
 you sent them a child;
 When the Israelites were enslaved,
 you led them to freedom.
 Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
 and the psalmists cried out for healing,
 and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
 He was born among the poor,
 he lived under oppression,
 he wept over the city.
 With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out
Christ has died
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout,
Christ is Risen
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we remember
Christ will come again.
Amen.

O God, send your Spirit on this meal, feed us with yourself, warm our hearts and make us one, transform us with hope.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

SOLO AT COMMUNION (8:30)*Sancta Maria*

J. Fauré

In dreams I've heard the seraphs fair Singing their song of sweetest tone, Angel voices that fill'd the air Like dulcetechoes floating on; Then softly the sweet hymn of love, Telling of grace by mercy given, Comes from the azure realms above Where the joyous choir sang in heav'n.

A voice of prayer from all the earth To heaven's throne seemd breathing forth And swelling high, Oh sound again anthem of heaven Brightsong divine Oh! pass not by O Sancta Maria My soul on wings of glory, My soul on wings of glory Mount up to yonder happy sky.

Holly Holdaway, soprano

COMMUNION MOTETS (10:30)*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord*

William Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

Ego Sum Panis Vivus

William Byrd

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**BLESSING**

Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Bright and Glorious is the Sky*ELW 301
(vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.**VOLUNTARY**

Chorale Prelude on

How Lovely Shines the Morningstar

Johann Pachelbel

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.

<i>HOLY TRINITY LEADERSHIP</i>

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The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bang
 The Rev. John A. Buerk
 The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i>

SUNDAY, January 10, 2010 – Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (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. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 12:00 Noon CPR Training w/lunch (FR)
- 12:00 Noon De-greening of the church w/lunch

MONDAY, January 11, 2010

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, January 12, 2010

- 4:30 p.m. Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus (MC)
- 7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina (CH)

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2010

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

THURSDAY, January 14, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. Christian Action (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir (SS)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. Dortmund Meeting (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. AA (RH)

SUNDAY, January 17, 2010 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed/Committee Reports (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. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 4:00 p.m. Houghton College Choir Concert (MC)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
 FR = Fellowship Room
 MR = Music Room
 SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
 FI = Fireside Room/Library
 PS = Pastor's Study
 SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
 MC = Main Church
 RH = Redeemer Hall
 YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will start the new year tomorrow, January 11, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education today will be with developer Rocco Termini, who has completed several successful downtown projects and has recently announced plans for the former AM&A's flagship store on Main Street as well as the Lafayette Hotel. Next Sunday, January 17th, Committee chairs will present their reports during the adult education.

TIME CHANGE: Pastor Olsen's Lectio Divina group will start meeting at **7:30 p.m.** instead of 5:00 p.m. beginning this Tuesday, January 12.

Yoga will resume on Tuesday, January 19. An offering of \$5 is suggested. Please see Uli MacDonald for more information.

Vital Congregations/Just Communities II will be sponsoring a workshop on the practice and principles of faith-based community organizing from February 25 – 27, 2010 at Christ the King Retreat Center in East Aurora. Local leaders and presenters include our own Rev. Eric Olsen. More information may be obtained from brochures which can be found in the narthex or from the Synod website www.upstatenysynod.org.

On Sunday, January 24th, the Church Council will be sponsoring the Budget and Endowment presentation during a luncheon, following the 10:30 a.m. service, in Redeemer Hall. Soups, bread, desserts and refreshments will be provided. In past years, this event was held during the adult education session. That **WILL NOT** be the case this year.

On Sunday, February 14th, our Annual Congregational meeting will be held at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

The de-greening of the church will take place today following the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch will be served, all are welcome to stay and help.

The previously scheduled concert of Tuesday, February 16, at 8:00 p.m. featuring resident organist, James Bigham, and Brian Zunner, baritone, has been postponed to Tuesday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m.

The Lenten Booklet will be coming up fast. The plan this year is to submit in writing, a family occasion that you can recall as particularly spiritually moving and a recipe from your family. We will canvas the Sunday School children, the Confirmation Class and the entire adult congregation. Drawings will also be acceptable if you have one to share. Please submit your entries via email to gcamilleri@kenton.k12.ny.us or written and handed in the offering plate. We will be accepting your entries until February 15th. Please call Gail Camilleri at 695-8764 if you should have a question.

“Realizing the Dream Dinner” celebrating the vision of Martin Luther King will be served on Monday, January 18 at the Sweetness Seven Café. A simple menu featuring soups, stews, breads, cheeses and desserts, prepared and served by area clergy, *including Pastor Bang* will be served from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25/person \$40/for two and all proceeds will benefit VOICE Buffalo. Tickets are limited and will be handled on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Michele Beal at Pilgrim-St. Luke’s UCC (micheleb@pslucc.org) with your name and phone number to reserve. Payment will be made at the door.



At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Lydia Webb. The lay reader is Pat Ulrich. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the lay reader is Roy Clare. Greeters are Pat LaMancuso and Bob and Joan Limburg. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Michael Day, Alan Heiss, Patrick Mann, Edward Rockhill and Marty and Helen Wright. Communion Assistants are Charmaine Kaltrider, Ron Leiser, Anthony Carden and Amanda Monday. Worship assistants are Anthony Carden and Amanda Monday, crucifers; Kelsi Hopkins, Sarah Battaglia, Yves Dushime, Jonathan Hopkins and Emily Battaglia. The Cantor is Mary Kay Atlas.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of his wife, Laurie, by Raymond Ph. Weil; and in loving memory of loved ones by Sue and Chuck Rojek.

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

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