

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship..... 8:00 am and 10:30 am
MONDAY	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	Choir Practice..... 7:00 pm Nar-Anon Family Group 7:00 pm “We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.) 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.) ... 11:00 am
SUNDAY	Holy Communion..... 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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Our Response to God's Goodness

Current Expenses (first line) received May 20 - \$3,126.50

Benevolence Fund (second line) received May 20 - \$130.00

Building Improvements Fund (third line) May 20 - \$168.50

Attendance

May 20: 50 + 38 = 88 Sunday School:

Lessons for Sunday, June 3

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23--3:6

The Holy Trinity

Year B



In God's Word for us this morning...

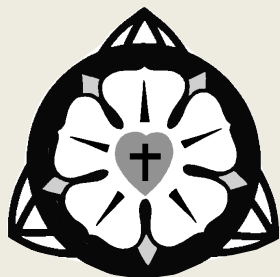
When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Trinity

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WELCOME!

OUR WEEKLY GATHERING to offer praise and thanks to God is the central event of our life together, and we are happy that you have come to take part in it! Guests are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. **ENLARGED PRINT** copies of the liturgy, lessons, and hymns are available at each entranceway. Ask any usher for assistance.

FIRST-TIME VISITOR? Or, would someone for whom you are asking prayer this morning like a gift to remind that he or she was remembered here? Please take a peace candle with you as you depart. The candles are in small bags hanging from the "apple" shelf in the elevator lobby at the southeast entrance to our worship space.

PLEASE ADD YOUR PETITION of need or thanksgiving for yourself, your family, or others to today's prayers by completing a blue "Prayer Concern" card found in the pew and giving it to Pastor Gardner when asked.

OUR BUILDING IS OPEN FOR PRAYER each Wednesday between 7:15 and 7:45 pm. Anyone wishing to use the sanctuary or the columbarium chapel for prayer is invited to do so.

2018: Synod Year of Prayer Memory Verse

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6



Does Life seem Challenging???

**Lifetree Small Group is here for the
Summer!**

Come, Join the Conversation!

**at the Christian Center behind
Zion Lutheran Church, 930 Main St., Huron
7:00-8:00 p.m.
the second Monday of each month.**

Monday, June 11 - Make the Most of Your Life

Monday, July 9th - Friends for Life

Monday, August 13 - Can God Love a Mess Like Me?

**Lifetree Small Group is a casual and welcoming
"conversation cafe" where great discussion is served
up with light refreshments every month.**

**At Lifetree Small Group you're welcome just as you
are. Your thoughts are welcome. Your doubts are
welcome. Come and see!**

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DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES to the Lions Club for recycling and distribution to people in need around the world. A box for your donations is located in the hallway near the church office.

COULD WE HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER? Our church office would appreciate it, especially if you have abandoned your “land line.” Please contact Carol in the church office. Thanks.

LEAVING YOUR CAR in the church parking lot for an extended period of time? Please let the church office know, or, if the office is closed, leave a message. Thank you.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF A PRAYER SHAWL? Betty Roeser has a few that she would love to deliver to someone who could use a prayer and a warm shawl. Just let her know.

Today's Worship

May 27, 2018

In celebration of the Holy Trinity this morning, we will sing by sections “I Bind unto Myself Today” (Hymn No. 450). The tune is called “St. Patrick’s Breastplate;” indeed, ‘tis an Irish melody!

Prelude

Silent Prayer and Office of the Acolyte

Ringling of the Church Bell

“I Bind unto Myself Today,” Verse 1

I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the
same the Three in One and One in Three.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Help support Project Linus at the 2018 Synod Assembly!

Project Linus provides new, handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill and in need of comfort. You can help by making patchwork, knitted or crocheted blankets for Project Linus.

The majority of Project Linus blankets are about 40”X60” (crib size). Blankets could be as large as twin size for teens. Patterns are available at projectlinus.org. Or create 10” X10” quilt blocks for others to make into quilts

All should be free of contaminants. Special care should be taken to ensure that the blankets are free of smoky smells, as well as pet or animal hair.

Start now and bring your creations to Trinity for delivery at the Assembly, June 8.

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” No. 414

Greeting


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

And also with you.

Kyrie (from With One Voice, Setting 5)



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

I would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of you in the Trinity family who helped in any way, or joined us, to make our Open House an overwhelming success. Our combined efforts truly created a wonderful atmosphere for all those who visited Trinity on Pentecost Sunday and it truly was a Spirit-filled day for all! Thanks for helping “SHARE TRINITY”! *Barry Gill*

SHOW YOU CARE and *Share* in the month of June by donating cleaning supplies to Care and Share. The Mission Service Team will be collecting something different each month for Care and Share. Thanks for your continued support of this mission project.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR YOUTH invites sixth-graders through seniors to breakfast and devotion Wednesday, June 6, at 7:15 am, at Castalia Congregational United Church of Christ. Bring a canned good for Grace’s Table.

LIVING WELL AT THE END is a discussion for participants of any age. Along with study of God’s Word, there will be speakers including an eldercare attorney, a representative of a local funeral home, and someone from Stein Hospice. Pastor Stacy Lauer-Scovanner and the people of St. John’s, Union Corners, are hosting the conversation on Thursday, June 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. A free lunch will be provided. RSVP is encouraged, but not required; email Pastor Stacy at stacylauer@gmail.com with your RSVP or your questions. Pastor Gardner plans to attend. Bring your questions, your fears, and your hopes.

MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL COLLECTION DAY is Saturday, June 9, from 8:00 am to noon at the township garage, 316 E Lucas Street, Castalia. Batteries, appliances, and tires will be accepted (12 tire limit; please call road department at 419-684-5549 for additional tire disposal). Computers, printer, or TVs. will NOT be accepted. Secure document destruction without documentation will be available. No commercial businesses please.

COULD YOU SPEND A LITTLE TIME each month paying visits on our shut-ins? Volunteers are needed for this important ministry. Please contact Congregational Care Team Chairperson Betty Roeser for more information: 419 684-7465.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Acolyte..... Lilah Werner
Lector.....Phyllis Nuber
UshersRex Stierhoff, Roy Patterson, Barb Wobser

At 10:30

Acolyte.....
Lector.....Sally Warner
Ushers..... Charles & Judy Howard, Bill Bertsch

May Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft (chair), Alice Bertsch,
Carrie Killingsworth

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

OUR NEXT "SUNDAY JAM" happens Sunday, June 10, at 9:30 am, in the sanctuary. Join in as Adele Hoffman leads you and her helpers in singing and playing some contemporary Christian music favorites!

OUR NEXT MEAL FOR THE RESIDENTS of the Crossroads Homeless Shelter will be June 20. You can help monetarily by writing checks today to Trinity Lutheran Church and noting "Homeless Shelter Meal" on the memo line. There will be a list of food items needed to be purchased and you can sign up to pay for those items on the bulletin board in the office hallway. We will do the purchasing of the items. Volunteers will be needed to prepare the food on June 20, at 1:00 pm and deliver food by 3:30 pm. The meal will be served to approximately 70 people.

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 7, at 7:00pm there will be an Open House follow-up meeting at the church. If you were involved with the event in any way, please join us as we recap our efforts and share our views/stories about the event.

"I Bind unto Myself Today," Verses 2 and 3



I bind this day to me for - ev-er by pow-er of
- I bind un - to my-self to - day the pow-er of



faith, Christ's in - car - na-tion; his bap - tism
God to hold and lead, his eye to



in the Jor-dan Riv-er, his death on Cross for
watch, his might to stay, his ear to hear- en



my sal - va-tion; his burst-ing from the spic-èd tomb, his
to my need. The wis-dom of my God to teach, his



rid - ing up the heav'n-ly way, his com - ing
hand to guide, His shield to ward; the word of



at the day of doom I bind un - to my-
God to give me speech, his heav-'nly host to



- self to - day.
be my guard.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(8:00) Anthem “Blessed Shall They Be” Trinity Senior Choir

First Reading

This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.

A reading from Isaiah, the sixth chapter:

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

6 Thanks be to God.

Dear Trinity sisters and brothers:

Last Sunday, our congregation was truly blessed. On a day celebrating the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit drew a crowd beyond my best hopes to our open house event. Each of you present for the event was an agent of the Spirit in making it such a special event.

There were Trinity people who showed up and likely went home with a new sense of purpose for our congregation and its importance in the combined greater Sandusky and Margaretta Township community. There were old friends with history in Venice and/or at Trinity who enjoyed the displays and the conversations they had, either standing with others, or sitting down and enjoying ice cream. There were visitors from other congregations, some having had their heritage events, but others still in the planning stage for events yet to come. There were visitors who simply came having seen the signs, the newspaper pieces, or other advertising. Folks involved themselves by seeing the displays, singing songs, conversing with one another, taking a look at the special bicentennial items loaned to us by the Sandusky Library, learning about monarch butterflies, and eating ice cream.

Three City of Sandusky commissioners attended. Dave Waddington helped get Sandusky proclaimed a “Monarch City,” and he’s now involved in “saving the bees.” (We’ll have to find out more about that!) Dennis Murray and Dick Brady were also in attendance. Dennis, who acts as the city’s mayor, seemed particularly pleased with our version of a city bicentennial faith heritage event.

I am so grateful to all who put so much hard work into the planning, preparation, and execution of the event. Your smiles spread joy to all who attended. Truly, all I did was cheerlead.

I’ve called this a “year of intention” among us. Last week, our 2018 City of Sandusky Bicentennial Heritage Event at Trinity was truly an “intentional”...and Spirit-driven...in drawing people to our beloved building, and, just maybe, in drawing people closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you helped...if you came...thank you.



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.**

Blessing

The LORD bless you, and keep you: The LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace;

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

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

No. 413

Postlude

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God giving thanks and praise that God has blessed Bob & Nancy Sessler with their 67th Wedding Anniversary, on June 2nd from all their family.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Sandy Paseka and Cindy Bowers in loving memory of their parents, RJ & Rose Huff's anniversary on May 18, and RJ's birthday today.

Psalm 29

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, the eighth chapter:

- ¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if

children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

“I Bind unto Myself Today” Verse 4



Christ be with me, Christ with- in me, Christ be-



- hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be- side me,



Christ to win me, Christ to com- fort and re-store me.



Christ be- neath me, Christ a- bove me, Christ in



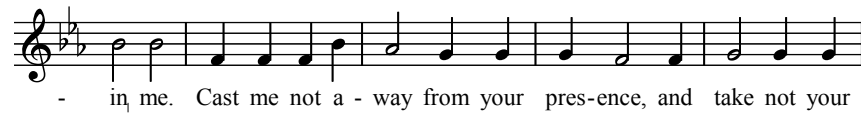
qui- et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that



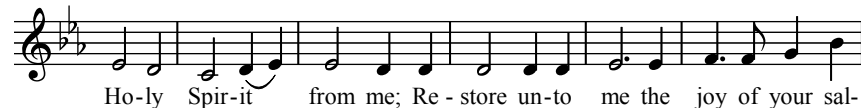
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The Holy Gospel

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy.
Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the
Son who has been sent by God to save.*



- in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your



Ho-ly Spir-it from me; Re - store un-to me the joy of your sal-



- va-tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it.

Parish Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Our petitions before God this morning include:

Alice Kuns, suffering with sciatica;;
family and friends of Barney Oldham, with his passing this week;
our shut-ins, including; Geraldine Watson;
the staff and students of Trinity Lutheran Seminary;
the ministry of Project Share, helping people in need in
Margaretta Township;
Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Bucyrus;
Hope Lutheran Church, Bowling Green

Prayers

We hear the admonition of the apostle Paul:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

And, as we look to the future, together we pray:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out in good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us...

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

“I Bind unto Myself Today” Verse 5



- I bind un - to my-self the Name, the strong Name
of the Trin-i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the
same, the Three in One and One in Three. By
Whom all na - ture hath cre - a-tion, e - ter-nal Fa- ther,
Spir-it, Word: praise to the Lord of my sal-
- va-tion, sal- va-tion is of Christ the Lord.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Song (WOV No. 732)



Crè - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with-

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter:

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Meditation

Reception of Blue Prayer Concern Cards

Hymn “Great Is the Lord”

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Sermon

Great Is the Lord

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith



Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just; by his



pow-er we trust in his name. Great is the Lord, he is



faith-ful and true; by his mer-cy he proves he is love.



1. Great is the Lord, and wor- thy of glo- ry;
2. Great are you, Lord, and wor- thy of glo- ry;



great is the Lord, and wor- thy of praise.
great are you, Lord, and wor- thy of praise.



Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now
Great are you, Lord; we lift up our voice, we



lift up your voice. Great is the Lord!
lift up our voice.



Great are you, Lord!



Great are you, Lord! Great are you,



Lord! Great are you, Lord! Great are you,



Lord!

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Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**