

HIGHLIGHTS



THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2020

Glory to God in the Highest!

Photo taken by Marsha Asente

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, 3:50 p.m.*
September 20, 2020

Michael Kelly, baritone & David Leisner, guitar



Praised as “expressive and dynamic” and “vocally splendid,” American baritone Michael Kelly continues to distinguish himself as a consummate artist, sought-after for his riveting interpretations of recital, concert and operatic repertoire.

David Leisner is an electrifying performing artist, a distinguished composer, and a master teacher. *American Record Guide* cited him as “among the finest guitarists of all time.” He records mostly for the Azica label, his compositions are published primarily by Theodore Presser Co., and he is the Chair of the Guitar Department at the Manhattan School of Music.

Die Schöne Müllerin, Franz Schubert's 20-song cycle about unrequited love, originally for voice and piano, is performed by the duo in Leisner's apt arrangement for voice and guitar. It is one of the most beloved pieces of music ever written.

***Join us at 3:50 p.m. for a special pre-recorded performance by the students of the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society.**

As a way to give back to the community, the artists will share their talents and experiences with students at Firestone CLC and the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society. Our sincere thanks to the Leek Pipe Organ Company for being the season's Outreach Underwriter.



This concert performance will be live-streamed at artsholytrinity.org.

It is our intention to amend details for each concert as pandemic conditions dictate. Please refer to artsholytrinity.org for the most up-to-date information.



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Forever Shall Abide

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to those who fear it.
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.*

– Martin Luther, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 504, vs. 4)



Pastor David

It sometimes feels like there's not much good one can count on in these days. Economic turmoil? Social unrest? Political ineptitude and duplicity? Persistent pandemic? Oh, yes...we've got all those things in spades. And we've had them in earnest for going on six months. And they don't appear to be going away anytime soon. If this is the "new normal" that everyone talks about, then it's not a very appealing environment in which to live and work and play. There really is only so much hurt and anxiety, death and destruction, that we can bear before we simply break down.

It's a good thing that the days' headlines aren't the only story to be told.

I've been at work lately on our annual giving campaign. It's coming later this fall as we consider our financial support for the congregation in 2021. In pondering how we might invite our members (and non-members, for that matter) to continue and even increase their support for Holy Trinity's mission, the concerns of the world around us are weighing heavily on my mind. Some of us have suffered and are suffering deeply during these days. It's not easy to think about support for the work of the church when your job has disappeared or your loved one is sick, even dying. Others among us may not have been touched to the same extent by illness or job loss, but we still must deal with the psychological and spiritual effects of the profound upset around us. That has an impact, too. And how do we realistically plan for the year ahead when we've watched our best laid plans for 2020 get shredded? Maybe getting by day-by-day, week-by-week is the best we can hope for. *insert deep sigh here*

As is often the case for me, I found comfort and a renewed sense of purpose in the Scriptures and hymns.

In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus meets his worshipping but doubting band of left-over disciples on a Galilean hillside. He gives them a mission: "Go. Teach. Baptize." He doesn't sketch out a timeline, or fully develop the tactics for this effort. That's something the disciples will need to figure out for themselves given the places and

peoples to whom they are sent. And, indeed, the early Church did employ a number of different tactics in their going and teaching and baptizing. And the Spirit of God blessed that effort to such an extent that you are reading a church newsletter 2000 years later.

But in addition to that mission, he makes them a promise: "Remember. I am with you always, even to the end of the age." In other words, the Crucified and Risen One goes with the Church in its efforts. They are not just turned loose with no support. Christ himself goes with, works through, and undergirds every effort the Church makes.



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Les Délices is a proud Artist-in-Residence at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Though we cannot be with you in-person this year, we invite you to join us as we:

- **REIMAGINE** the concert experience ...
- **DISCOVER** the delights ...
- Tune in from **ANYWHERE!**

ABOUT OUR ALL-VIRTUAL CONCERT SERIES

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Performance details & tickets at www.lesdelices.org.



Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

In last month’s Highlights, the Renaissance Committee introduced the concept of Invite-Welcome-Connect as a pathway to reversing the slow decline in membership in Holy Trinity. During the month of August, in the Midweek Word, we’ve discussed various ways to participate in the Invite portion of this process.

But, how do we welcome people when they respond to our invitations and just come to a service to ‘check us out?’ As the book Invite Welcome Connect says, “Welcome is the ministry of hospitality, and this essential covers everything from first impressions to follow-up with visitors. Welcome asks the question ‘Do your clergy, staff, and lay leaders teach, preach, and model a theology of welcome and hospitality?’ . . . Welcome extends beyond being nice.” (IWC 51-2)

We need to be intentional in welcoming anyone and everyone who comes into contact with Holy Trinity, whether they are folks who are helping us in the fulfillment of our mission or those who benefit from our mission activities. Everyone wants to feel welcome, but most of us are a bit shy when first placed in unfamiliar circumstances. It is then when we need to take extra care to make them feel comfortable and to let them know we welcome their presence.

So, during the month of September, in the Midweek Word, we’ll be sharing some ideas about how to welcome people as well as some examples of what happens when we fail to.

Finally, for more information, please visit their website at www.invitewelcomeconnect.com. †





Holy Trinity will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, on September 13. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love.

Because of COVID-19, we will not have in person service projects this year. We can still engage in service while physically distancing. We are collecting items for DLM Food and Resources. These items include personal care products (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, razors, body wash, feminine products, etc.), Baby items (diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, bottles, diaper rash cream, etc.), and Laundry items (detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover, hangers, etc.).

You are invited to collect items during the month of August. You may drop items off at the church on Sunday, September 13 at the Park Street Entrance for DLM. Members of the Youth & Education Ministry Team will be present to collect them from 9 a.m. – noon. †



If you are not able to physically drop items off, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation at rmunez@holytrinityakron.org or call/text 330-634-6597 and other arrangements can be made.



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Orff, anyone?

Last fall we were blessed to develop a new instrumental ensemble with six young people, playing Orff instruments (pictured here) to help lead us in worship. We hope to continue this ministry in a safe manner, physically distanced and wearing masks, beginning in October.

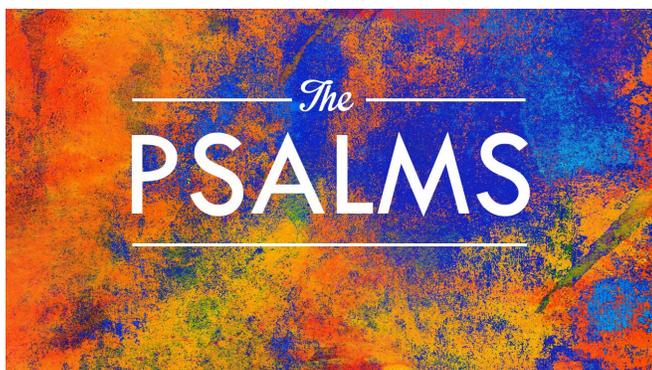
An additional Orff ensemble for adults will be offered as well. Training is available, with no obligation to join. The rehearsal schedule will be determined by interested participants. Please contact Deacon Ruth at the church office to get involved. †



Try Your Hand at Something New

In the absence of congregational and choral singing, Trinity Handbell Choir will take a more prominent role in our worship. Sometimes the entire ensemble will ring together (physically distanced and wearing masks). At other times, smaller ensembles will make offerings of prayer and praise.

We hold rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:30-7:20 p.m. beginning September 10. We welcome new members! Training is available, with no obligation to join. If interested, contact Deacon Ruth at the church office by Labor Day. †



Pithy Quotes on Worship and the Psalms

Ann Loades CBE, Professor Emerita in Divinity at the University of Durham (UK), wrote these gems concerning worship and the use of the Biblical songs, or Psalms:

“We worship God not simply to respond to divine creation and revelation, but to get into the habit of it so that we can go on doing so, no matter what.”

“Human beings need the language and the chant of the Psalms, that priceless gift of Judaism to the world ... if they are going to cope both with human justice and with its very real limitations. They need to be able in worship to rage and grieve if they are going to be able to leave some things to God, and go on living without being held fast by the terrors of what we can inflict on one another.”

“It can be no accident that the book of Psalms ends with one of praise from beginning to end.” †

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, 4 p.m.
October 4, 2020

**Organist
Christa Rakich**



Concert and recording artist Christa Rakich has performed widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. From now through June of 2021 she is Visiting Professor of Organ at Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Rakich studied with renowned Bach interpreter Anton Heiller at the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, Austria. She holds Bachelor's degrees in Organ and German from Oberlin College (Phi Beta Kappa). After receipt of her Master's degree with honors from New England Conservatory, she joined the faculty there, where she taught for many years, serving ultimately as department co-chair. She also served on the faculties at Westminster Choir College, Brandeis University, and the University of Connecticut, and as Assistant University Organist at Harvard.

A prizewinner at international organ competitions, Rakich has received particular acclaim for her interpretations of the music of J.S. Bach. She recorded his Clavierübung III, Leipzig Chorales, and Trio Sonatas. Other organ recordings include *Deferred Voices: Organ Music by Women Composers*, *Transcriptions from St. Justin's*, *Live from St. Mark's Cathedral*, *From the Ashes: Richards-Fowkes Opus 21* in Somers, and *A Tribute to Yuko Hayashi: Richards-Fowkes Opus 14* at Duke University (released in 2020).

IN- PERSON CONCERT NOTIFICATION

In-person attendance is available for this performance. All CDC safety guidelines will be followed. This concert will also be live-streamed.

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Our sincere thanks to the Akron Chapter AGO for being this concert and online workshop co-sponsor.



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Faith Formation

MONDAY-FRIDAY
8 a.m. - Facebook LIVE

Morning Devotions

*Facilitated by Pastor David,
Pastor Lor and Rachel Nunez.*



MON & WED
7 p.m. - Facebook LIVE

BEDTIME STORIES AND PRAYERS
with Miss Rachel

Led by Rachel Nunez.



TUESDAY
1 p.m. - Facebook LIVE



Facilitated by Pastor David.



@ Home September 2020

It's back to school and learning ... remotely, in-person or a hybrid of both. Below is a special blessing for your device regardless of where it is used.

September 6 - Blessing Of The Devices

God, you call us to share your Good News of love, justice and peace with a world in need... You have gifted us with rich resources from scripture, tradition, reason, and experience...

Which have allowed people to develop new ways of listening to the voices of many others, attending to their interests and concerns, connecting with diverse peoples and groups, and engaging them as a people of faith...

We ask your blessing on our digitally-integrated ministries and on the many devices we use to love and serve our neighbors in a changing world.

May they never become distractions from relationships or idols in our hands. May we always remember that your Son, Jesus Christ is the One, True mediator of your love and grace in the wired world. Amen. †

Bedtime Stories & Prayers Returns!

YEA ... Miss Rachel is returning with a new line-up of Bedtime Stories and Prayers! Be sure to join her beginning Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. via Facebook LIVE (and each Monday and Wednesday thereafter).

Sunday LIFT information and suggested activities for September will be included in the Midweek Word.

September 13

Joseph Helps His Family
Genesis 45: 1-25 & 50: 15-21

September 20

The Vineyard Workers
Matthew 20: 1-16

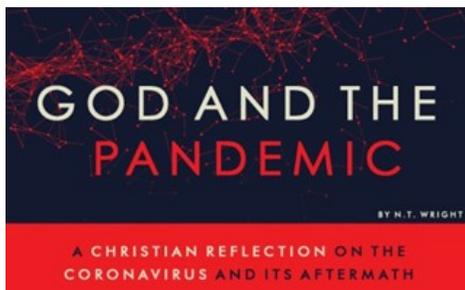
September 27

The Chief Priests
Matthew 21: 23-32



Join Us for Midweek Study!

In times of disaster or crisis, Christians have been notoriously prone to jumping to conclusions about the nature and character of God, what he might be doing or saying in all this, and who is at fault for these great and terrible events.



Embrace a different approach. In *God and the Pandemic*, biblical scholar N.T. Wright will guide you in how to “keep our reactions within a biblical limit” and to read the events in the world through the light of Jesus and the early Christians.

A book that promises to shape our faith now and into the future, *God and the Pandemic* will help you to understand how we are to talk about God, how we are to live in the present pandemic, how we recover from it, and what is the church’s

calling in the midst of it all. www.godandthepandemic.com

Join us each Wednesday at 11 a.m. via Zoom Meeting. Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation at rmunez@holyltrinityakron.org or text/call 330-634-6597 for Zoom Invitation and Instructions. †

Study Schedule for September 2020:

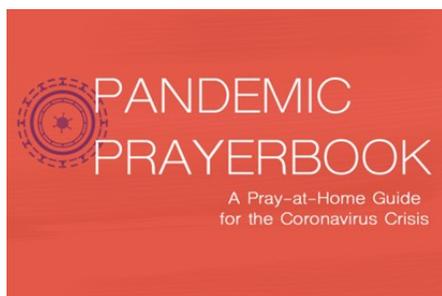
- September 2nd Chapter 3 – Jesus and the Gospels
- September 9th Chapter 3 – Jesus and the Gospels
- September 16th Chapter 4 – Reading the New Testament
- September 23rd Chapter 4 – Reading the New Testament
- September 30th Chapter 5 – Where Do We Go from Here?

The Luther & Lager Hour Returns!

You are invited to join us for the return of the Luther & Lager Hour on Thursday, September 10 at 8 p.m. We gather via Zoom for informal theological conversation based on the writings of Martin Luther. We’ll be starting our fall “term” with a return to the Small Catechism and Luther’s examination of the Lord’s Prayer. And yes...you are welcome (even encouraged) to bring along the lager or other beverage of your choice. Please email Pr. David (dnevergall@holyltrinityakron.org). He will make sure you get the login information you need. †

Friday Morning Devotion Time

Friday morning devotion time is back ... with a new topic. Join us each Friday, 9–9:30 a.m. via Zoom Meeting as we gather to check-in with one another, pray for one another and our



community and bless one another. Devotions are led by Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation. For Zoom access, please contact Rachel at rmunez@holyltrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597.

change the trajectory of the virus, and in the meantime, to change us. Whether you’re serving as a front-line or essential worker or doing your part at home, I hope these prayers give you a new way to keep on keeping on.” – Darcy Wiley, *Pandemic Prayerbook* †

“Whatever your reaction to the Coronavirus crisis, this prayerbook will give you a way to process and lean into this historic moment, letting God do a deep work in you while you pray for him to work in others. In these prayers, we are asking God to

WEDNESDAY
1:30.m. - Zoom Meeting



Facilitated by Rachel Nunez.



THURSDAY
8 p.m. - Zoom Meeting



Facilitated by Pastor David.



FRIDAY
9-9:30 a.m. - Zoom Mtg



Facilitated by Rachel Nunez.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 19
10 a.m. - Zoom Meeting



Faithful Witness

The rescheduled, now virtual Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly is September 11-12 where a new Bishop will be elected. Please keep all potential nominees and pastors who will be named on the ecclesiastical ballot in your prayers.

For in him [Jesus Christ] every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. - 2 Corinthians 1:20

Week of September 6, 2020

As we gather remotely, apart from each other, imprint on our hearts the unity we have in you. Guide our assembly and our voting members. Guide our synod leadership and our ELCA representative ELCA Vice President William Horne. Strengthen our trust in this new process because of the trust we have in your presence and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Be with those whose names have been lifted up and who may be called to serve. May your eternal "Yes" bind us together as one in Christ in whose name we pray. Amen. †

Forever Shall Abide ... continued from page 3

That's been true regardless of the conditions under which the church has labored throughout the centuries. It is still true today.

God's Word forever shall abide. I love Luther's confidence, especially in these days when we're often told that the only thing we can count on is our present turmoil. And sure... these is a deeply difficult time. But this is also a time to remember Christ's promise...a promise made in the blood of the cross and affirmed in a resurrection life. You want something to count on? Something to hope for? This is it: God's Word forever shall abide. That makes these days a great time to be the Church. We have Good News to share and the means by which to share it. I say we take Christ up on his promise, that we roll up our sleeves, and even now, even here, confidently live out the mission to which we are called. Amen? †



Hospice of the Western Reserve, one of the area's few non-profit Hospices, has developed new non-patient contact volunteer opportunities that still help support our patients and their families; we also look forward to the time that in-person volunteer visits can resume. We have started holding virtual training sessions for new volunteers. We would also be glad to speak to your congregation at a service, group meeting, virtually or in person to discuss our opportunities in more depth. (See ad on next page).

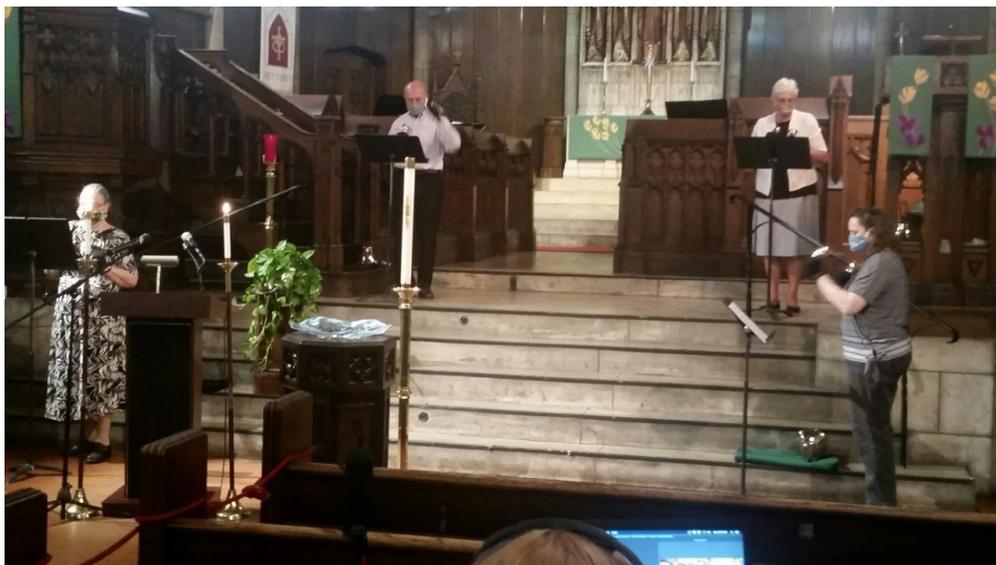
For more information about volunteering with Hospice of the Western Reserve, please contact Joan Ibbett at (216) 970-6201 or at jibbett@hospicewr.org. †



We are recruiting folks for our Media Ministry Technology Team...those responsible for keeping our livestream programming working. No in-depth computer experience is necessary; if you can join a Zoom meeting you can do this job. Bob Foutty will be training us when our new audio/video equipment is installed and ready. Even if you're not sure, come check it out and give it a try. Interested? Please email Bob Foutty at boz1017@gmail.com. †



Oh, the Things We See on Sunday!



Members of Trinity's Bell Choir perform August 23 (from left): Frederica Cohen, John Stefanik, Jacquie Wert and Jennifer Keller.



Rachel Nunez lights the candles at the make-shift lectern on the nave floor.

RIGHT: Pastor David holds a notebook for Allonna Stefanik to follow as signs during the Gathering Hymn on August 23. This was Allonna's last Sunday providing ASL interpretation during worship. Thank you for helping us to provide sign language as part of the worship experience.



ABOVE: Deacon Ruth Anderson demonstrates sign language movements to accompany the Gathering Hymn on August 23.



Ann Lawson, a member of the new Media Ministry Team, is trained by Bob Foutty.

BELOW: Ushers ensure physical distancing for Sandy DeLuca and Bob Keener on August 23.





DLM Food and Resources has been very busy over the past several months!! For the month of July, the ministry served 340 people, 171 being children. For the most recent delivery on August 20, a total of 80 produce/non-perishable food boxes were prepared and delivered. In addition, 15 hygiene boxes were also distributed.

“The need is great right now,” commented DLM Coordinator Darlene Anderson-Katz. “In addition to serving families involved with Project RISE, we are providing food boxes to more and more families each month.

“DLM is still closed to in-person shopping, and no clothing is currently be distributed. But, we hope to begin offering limited clothing in September somewhat like a drive-thru. We’re still working on all the details,” added Darlene.

There are a couple of ways you can support DLM.

VOLUNTEER! Volunteers are needed to help sort, pack and deliver food and hygiene boxes to area families. All CDC safety guidelines are followed. Please contact Darlene if you are able to help, danderson@holytrinityakron.org.

SUPPORT GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. DAY! It’s Sunday, September 13 (see page 5 for details). Please consider donating any of the following items: **personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, razors, body wash, feminine products, etc.), **baby items** (diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, bottles, diaper rash cream, etc.), and **laundry items** (detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover, hangers, etc.). A drive-thru drop-off area will be set-up on Park Street next to the church—no need to get out of your vehicle! Easy, simple and impactful!!! †



Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Robinson CLC for the 2020-2021 school year to provide support to the students, staff and families ... our fifth year!!

As you know, Robinson students will be learning remotely for the first nine-week grading period. So, our support for the start of the school year will focus on the teaching staff ... providing them with the supplies they need to teach remotely and eventually in the classroom. In addition, we are again helping to provide two online software programs students can access from home, one to help with math skills and the other with reading skills. Plus, we will provide a supply of \$5 Dollar Tree gift cards for teachers to use as incentive prizes throughout the school year.

In addition to supporting the school, Holy Trinity will again provide volunteer assistance and added support to the Robinson Family Resource Center. Several volunteered in August to pack and distribute to-go meals to families, and volunteers are needed to help with the same at the upcoming Robinson CLC Virtual Open House Bash on Thursday, September 3 (see below). †

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SAVE THIS DATE!

The Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, October 18 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

More information is forthcoming.

Bios on the candidates for Council and the 2021 Nominating Committee will be included in the October issue of the Highlights. †

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Volunteers are needed to help pack and distribute to-go meals at the Robinson CLC Virtual Open House Bash on Thursday, September 3, 4-6 p.m. at the school. Volunteers will help prepare to-go meals comprised of hot dogs, chips, cookies and bottled water and distribute them to families in the parking lot.

If you are interested in and available to help, please email Sandy DeLuca at sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 703-4870. †

ONLINE CHURCH

Join us online for devotions, prayers, group study and conversations!

Daily Devotions

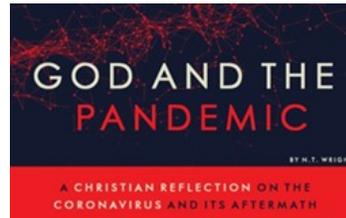


Weekdays - 8 a.m.

Facebook LIVE
(@trinityakron)

Start each weekday in prayer and God's Word. It's a great way to prepare your heart, mind and body for the day!

NEW Midweek Study



Wednesday - 1:30 p.m.
via Zoom Meeting

A book that promises to shape our faith now and into the future, *God and the Pandemic* will help you to understand how we are to talk about God, how we are to live in this pandemic, how we recover, and what is the church's calling in the midst of it all. Contact Rachel Núñez for Zoom access at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org.

Bedtime Story & Prayer



Resumes Wednesday, September 2, 7 p.m.
via Facebook LIVE
(@trinityakron)

Join Miss Rachel for a special bedtime story and prayer to help bring your day to a close. NOTE: This will be held each Monday and Wednesday.

The Luther & Lager Hour



Resumes Thursday, September 10

8 p.m. via Zoom Meeting
Pastor David will host "The Luther & Lager Hour." The discussion will continue on the Small Catechism and move on to Luther's examination of the Lord's Prayer. Contact Pastor David for Zoom

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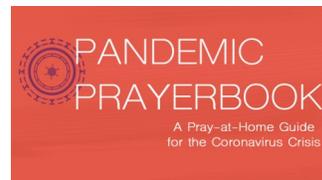
Prayer Meeting



Tuesday - 1 p.m.
Facebook LIVE
(@trinityakron)

Bring your prayer concerns and type them into the comment area. We'll combine all prayer needs, and join in intercessory prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and a blessing.

Devotional Time



Friday, 9-9:30 a.m.,
via Zoom Meeting

In these prayers, we are asking God to change the trajectory of the virus, and in the meantime, to change us. Whether you're serving as a front-line or essential worker or doing your part at home, I hope these prayers give you a new way to keep on keeping on." – Darcy Wiley, Pandemic Prayerbook
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Sunday Worship

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
via Facebook LIVE (@trinityakron)
at holyltrinityakron.org & YouTube

Join us online or in-person each Sunday morning with God! We provide picture-in-picture ASL interpretation. Download the bulletin from holyltrinityakron.org. For the safety guidelines for in-person worship, see page 3 of this newsletter.



Women's Bible Study



Saturday, September 19
10 a.m., Zoom Meeting

Our study will continue from the Gather Magazine Study and we will discuss Holy Time, Session One, on pg. 20. Facilitator is Amy Indorf. BYOB - Bring Your Own Breakfast. Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation, at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org for Zoom access. Digital copies of the study are available if needed.



September Birthdays

'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

- September 1 – Andrew Anacki
- September 3 – Melissa Robison
- September 6 – Katherine Snowball
- September 7 – Bob Keener
- September 7 – John Riemenschneider
- September 8 – LaVerne Mansour
- September 10 – Joseph Heckel
- September 14 – Amanda Mormino
- September 14 – Judy Samuelson
- September 16 – Janet Greaser
- September 16 – Andrew Numbers
- September 16 – Marshall Thomas
- September 19 – Michael Jones
- September 19 – Erin McClanahan
- September 20 – Taylor Kane
- September 21 – Gary Radanof
- September 22 – Tom Baumgardner
- September 22 – Paul Derrig
- September 23 – Donna Darlak
- September 25 – Stephanie Hilton
- September 25 – Fred Spencer
- September 25 – James Wilson
- September 26 – Penelope Esworthy
- September 27 – Logan Hunter
- September 29 – Wanda Clark
- September 29 – Joan Kull
- September 29 – Elaina Oberdorfer

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Ammarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.
NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.



Back to School Prayers and Blessings for Families

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A Prayer for Back to School

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new
New things can be exciting
New things can be scary
New things can be wonderful
New things can be confusing
God, you are always with us
You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing
You are with us every day
And all the time
God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every day, Amen

Prayer for At Home (Remote) Learning

Home is where we eat at the table and sleep in our bed
For now, home is where we do our learning, too
God, please be with me when I learn at home
Help me to understand what to do
Help me to be patient if it gets hard or feels too different
Most of all, help me to feel your love, Amen

A Prayer for Blended Learning

I can learn in many different ways
I can learn at home
I can learn at school
I can learn in both home and school
This year I'll be learning in many different places
Though my body will be in different places, one thing will always stay the same:
No matter where I am, God is with me
No matter where I am, God loves me
No matter where I am, I am God's child, Amen

A Blessing for the School Space Inside the Home

God we dedicate this space as a space for learning
May our minds be quieted in this space
May we be open to learning in this space
May we be curious in this space
Be with us each and every moment we come to our special learning place, Amen



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Your Guide for Sunday Morning In-Person Worship



In-person worship has resumed on Sunday morning with one liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Livestream worship continues for those who are in at-risk populations or who wish to continue to avoid large gatherings. Those attending in person may be seen on the broadcast.



You must observe 6' physical distancing upon entry into and exit from the building and while in the Sanctuary.



Entry to the building will be by the north narthex door only. An usher in the parking lot will direct you to this entrance. Dismissal after worship will be guided row-by-row by the ushers through the door into the office lobby. You are asked to immediately exit through the

office entrance to your vehicle. Both the entry and exit doors will be kept open (weather permitting) to reduce surface contact and increase ventilation.



Hand sanitizer will be located near all doors and throughout the sanctuary. You must sanitize your hands upon entry and after any physical contact.



Upon entry, you will be asked to do the following:

- **Sign-in**—this will assist public health organizations if contact tracing is needed.
- **Have your temperature taken**—anyone with cold, allergy, or flu-like symptoms or anyone

with a temperature of 100° or more should stay home and seek appropriate medical care. Anyone with a temperature of 100° or more will not be admitted.

- **Sanitize your hands**—a hand sanitizing station will be set-up.



Masks must be worn by those not leading the liturgy. Please bring your own mask; only a limited supply will be available at the building. If you cannot or will not wear a mask, please worship at home via the livestream.



Seating in the Sanctuary will be guided by ushers on a first-come, first-served basis beginning from the front of the nave. Family groups from the same household may be seated together.



Additional changes to take note of:

- There will be no congregational singing during the liturgy. There will be other music (vocal and instrumental) offered by the worship leaders.
- There will be no sharing of the peace with physical contact. There will be no celebration of Holy Communion at this time.
- Bibles, hymnals and other printed materials have been removed from the pews.
- There will be no printed order of service provided. An electronic version is available for download on your own mobile device or download it from the website and print it at home to bring with you.
- We will not pass offering plates. Offering plates will be placed near the sanctuary doors (both entrance and exit) to receive our tithes and gifts.
- Restrooms will be available for use; one person at a time will be permitted.
- The nursery will not be open and child care is not available.
- There will be no in-person fellowship or discipleship time.

All public areas and high touch objects/surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after all in-person activities.

Beyond Sunday worship: small groups, ministry teams, committees, and studies are encouraged to continue meeting online.

Groups may meet in the building, if necessary, but must abide by physical distancing and sanitization protocols.

Meetings will be scheduled so that only one group is in the building at a time, and so that the meeting space may be cleaned/sanitized before and after.

This guide will be reviewed, modified and updated on an on-going basis, and as such, is subject to change, even to the point of closing again, should a change in the public health situation demand it. Visit our website for the most current information relating to this guide.

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Vision Statement:

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