

# HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*October 2020*



## **Fellowship & Music**

*Dick Willet attends the newly formed Drum Circle  
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# 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.

It is our intention to amend details for each concert as pandemic conditions dictate. Please visit [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org) for viewing details and safety guidelines up-to-date information.



*Our sincere thanks to the Leek Pipe Organ Company for being the season's Outreach Underwriter and this concert's Corporate Underwriter.*



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



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# And for that ...

Come the middle of October, we'll have been working under Covid circumstances and restrictions for seven months. That's a long time...frankly, longer than I had anticipated when all this erupted back in March. I remember imagining that, somehow, we would be celebrating Easter on a pretty normal basis as long as we could lockdown for a couple weeks to get ahead of the virus.



*Pastor David*

Yeah. Not so much.

And if I sometimes sound a bit frustrated or down, it's because I sometimes am. I miss being with you in person...being close to you for worship and conversation and the side-by-side, hands-on work of our outreach to the community. I am starving for the Eucharist. And I want to sing. My guess is that I'm not alone in any of this...that many of you share these same struggles.

But as hard as it has been, these days have not been without learning and joy and hope.

I am deeply grateful for the work of those who have made (and continue to make) Sunday morning worship possible: those who have assembled and run the technology that gets us online and brings us at least virtually back into the sanctuary, the musicians who enliven our spirits, the assisting ministers and ASL interpreters, and more recently, the ushers and temp takers who enable our safe gathering in-person. Since we went online in mid-March, worship attendance has surged, even by the most conservative measures. Folks from New York, North Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, and other places all over the country are tuning in and joining us for Word and prayer and song. In the month of August alone, more than 400 people per week were part of our Sunday worship. The Word is being proclaimed and shared more widely than before all this began. And for that we give thanks to God.



I am deeply grateful for the continuing community outreach that is reaching our neighbors in need. As I write this, the DLM crew is preparing food boxes for 60 families this week. We just completed a very successful donation drive as part of "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. We have welcomed our Robinson students and families back for a new school year, and equipped their teachers. We continue to support Family Promise both materially and financially. The Word is being enacted in loving service to those who need Christ and us. And for that we give thanks to God.

I am deeply grateful for the work of those engaged in regular study and pastoral care. Classes and visitation ministry have been replaced by phone calls and notes, letters and Zoom and window visits. It's not ideal, to be sure. But the Word is being shared in on-going learning and prayer and genuine concern. And for that we give thanks to God.

I am deeply grateful for the creativity and persistence of those who make Arts @ Holy Trinity possible. At a time when many arts organizations have pulled back their efforts, A@HT offers a full season to online and some in-person audiences, as well as engaging students and others in learning and arts appreciation. So the Word is being sung and played with the beauty that points us toward the divine. And for that we give thanks to God.

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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!**

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## Holy Trinity Welcomes New Singers



Claudia Holen



Hugo Christensen

We are grateful to our Trinity Choir Section Leaders who continue to lead our worship well each Sunday. Our heartfelt appreciation extends to Hannah Good, Emily Hall, Jeremy Howdysshell, and Marshall Thomas for their ministry during the summer months.

In mid-September, we welcomed a new (interim) alto and (interim) baritone to our Quarantine Quartet.

Originally from Rockford, Illinois, mezzo-soprano Claudia Holen graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee in 2019, earning a Bachelor's of Music degree with a Minor in Psychology. She is now a Master of Arts candidate in Musicology at Tufts University. Her most recent appearances include Mr. Barcarole Wags (*The Bremen Town Musicians*; Boston Conservatory), L'Enfant (*L'enfant et les sortilèges*; Boston Conservatory opera scenes), Sister Claire (*Dialogues des Carmélites*; Boston Conservatory), Orlofsky (*Die Fledermaus*; International Performing Arts Institute), Mercedes (*Carmen*; International Performing Arts Institute), and ensemble (*Eugene Onegin*; Boston Conservatory).

An Akron native, Hugo Christensen is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and University of Rochester where he obtained both a voice performance degree and European history degree. From a young age, Hugo sang in his school choirs as well as his local church choir where he also took lessons. While at Eastman, he performed with the Eastman Chorale and was in the chorus for many of the Eastman theater opera productions including *Cendrillion*, *Don Giovanni*, and *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. He also sang the roles of Gorgibus and the Magistrate in Eastman's production of *Signor Deluso*, as well as *Le Fauteuil* in Ravel's *L'enfant et les Sortilèges*. In his free time, Hugo enjoys finding new places in Akron and the surrounding area to explore with his puppy Rutabaga and girlfriend, Claudia.

May God's blessings be upon them as they give voice to our communal song.†

# Having a Hymnal in the Home

*Paul Westermeyer*

Many churches have as a normal practice given hymnals to persons or families at baptisms and at confirmations. Many people have bought hymnals on their own. Hymnals can often be found therefore in piano benches, on pianos, next to kitchen or dining room tables, on nearby shelves or end tables, or on nightstands next to beds. Though not found in all homes, the presence of hymnals in the homes of many people has not been at all unusual. Our current pandemic and its confinement have made those with hymnals happy to have them and some people without them wishing that they had one—all of which raises the question of the value of a hymnal in the home.

Where hymnals tend to be found in homes suggests their value there. Next to tables and beds points to their devotional use at mealtimes and bedtimes. On shelves points to their use as reference books. On pianos points to their use as musical resources for instructional, devotional, and pleasurable purposes. Behind all of this stands the nature of a hymnal.

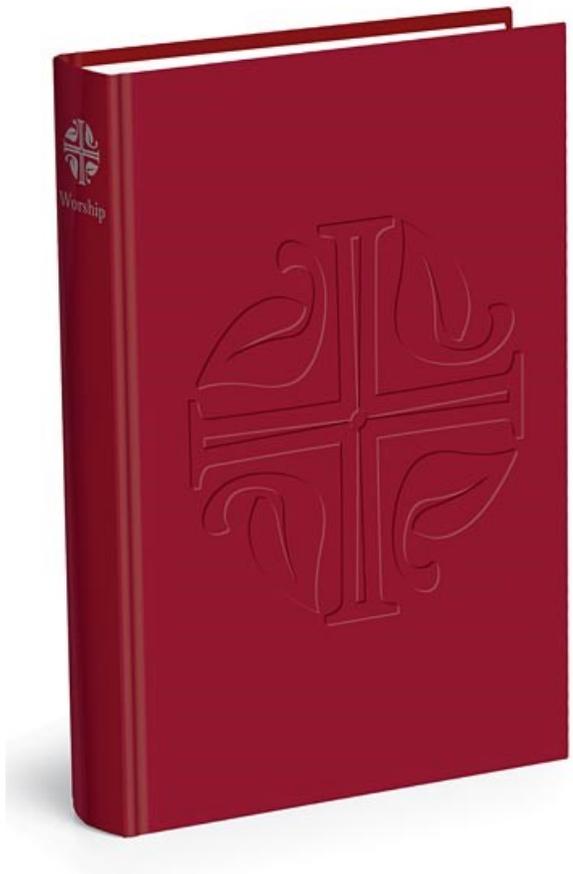
Hymnals are remarkable books. Some of them contain only hymns. Others contain hymns plus worship services and resources. Sometimes a hymnal and prayer book are published as two books. In both cases historical checks and balances of many generations serve to keep what has been found to be worth keeping from across the church's history and around the world. This has inestimable value because it provides important things that our current blinders cause us to forget. This value is increased by additions from our period which later generations may or may not find worth keeping.

A hymnal provides a full-orbed snapshot of the church's song. It include hymns and musical settings for them. Hymns are poems which usually highlight one theme, but invariably weave in related ones. Music is organized sound that moves in relation to us in time. Singing hymns takes us on a journey. When successive stanzas are sung to the same tune, the circular spin forward moves together as known and unknown. The journey does not stop to systematize themes. If you lay out the hymns of a hymnal in a sequential fashion, you get the whole story of God's grace and mercy, while the individual hymns move across the fabric and context of that whole tapestry.

Some prayer books include the whole community's Lord's Day worship around word, font, and table, plus daily morning and evening prayer services for communal and individual use, plus readings and prayers for days and seasons of the year in all of these services. Some books have more or less of this material in various forms. In any case, devotional materials are present, even if there is only a hymnal, because hymns themselves can easily be adapted for devotional use.

Hymns as texts alone or sung with their music provide rich sources for devotion, meditation, and study. Hymnals have few if any rivals—anywhere.

*Paul Westermeyer is Emeritus Professor of Church Music at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he taught, served as the Cantor, and directed the Master of Sacred Music degree program with St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He is also a friend of mine, and someone with whom I seek to reconnect at gatherings of church musicians around the country. I share with you this article in hopes that you are inspired and affirmed in using a hymnal as part of your regular devotional life. There are many resources - Hymnary.org, YouTube, and organizations like The Hymn Society, to name a few - that provide meaningful renditions of beloved hymns for your life of prayer and praise. Rejoice, be glad, and sing! - submitted by Deacon Ruth †*





# Meet the ... Candidates

The following individuals are candidates for Council and the Nominating Committee. The congregation will vote at the semi-annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, October 18, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.



### **Connie Archbold— Candidate for Council**

Connie Archbold has lived in Wadsworth, Ohio for 41 years. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University (undergraduate) and Kent State University (graduate/post-graduate). Connie is a retired nurse practitioner, specializing in geriatrics.

Before retirement, Connie

worked and taught in hospital systems and nursing homes in the Akron and Cleveland areas. Connie is the proud mother of Chad (Amanda) Archbold and Kelly (Brian) Palmer, and the especially proud grandmother to Max, Mia, Will and Katie. Amanda and Katie are also members at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Connie has been involved at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for about eight years and has been a faithful member of the choir since she began attending. Additionally, Connie has volunteered as a home visitor, soup maker, communion bread maker and served on the Pastoral Prayer Team. Connie is the music librarian and recently completed a project to reorganize and catalog Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's music library. †

### **Fred Rieman— Candidate for Council**

Fred was raised in Louisville, Ohio, attended Youngstown State University and was a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is a retired Ohio licensed Funeral Director. He and his wife, Ruth reside in West Akron and have 2 sons, Eric and Tyler.



Fred has been a resident of the Akron area since 1978. He became a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in 1988 and has served as an usher, a member of several pastoral call committees, and chaired the call committee to hire Pastor David Nevergall. †



### **Debbie Ickes—Candidate for Nominating Committee**

Debbie Ickes joined Holy Trinity in 2016 and quickly became involved in the various ministries of the church. She currently serves as Vice President of Altar Guild and is a member of the Worship and Music Ministry Team where she is co-coordinator of Communion Assistants and chair of the Flower Committee. Debbie has been an active member of several

other congregations, including being a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Hiram, Georgia and of Christ Lutheran Church in Marietta, Georgia. In both churches, Debbie was involved with several ministry teams, sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. Locally, her family were charter members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge where she was very active as a youth and later as an adult member. †

### **Jacquie Wert— Candidate for Council**

Jacquie Wert became a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in March 2019. She is a member of the the Worship and Music Team, the HTLC bell choir, the Ernie Liska scholarship committee, the HTLC book club and volunteers regularly for DLM. Jacquie is a retired teacher and has been residing in Cuyahoga Falls for 5 years. She has two children, their spouses and five grandchildren. †



## **Two Additional Candidates**

Two additional candidates for the Nominating Committee are Jessica Foutty and Jennifer Seltzer. Bios with photos will be provided at the Congregation Meeting.

## Valerie Clark— Candidate for Council

Valerie Clark initially joined Holy Trinity in 1967 and became involved with several groups and activities. She and her families moved to Columbus in 1971. Five years later, Valerie returned to the Akron area and rejoined in 1976 Holy Trinity.

Valerie has served on numerous Ministry Teams and committees throughout the years, serving as the chair of Finance, Property, Endowment, Stewardship, Budget, and also served as church Treasurer. She was also the head of Fellowship and Worship where she helped introduce the green hymnals to the congregation, encouraged having female ushers and female acolytes, presented children sermons, helped maintain the cherubim and youth choir robes, and aided with a variety of Advent and Lenten activities. She has also been an active steward during the worship service serving as a reader, greeter, communion assistant and usher.

Additionally, Valerie served as the chair of Education & Youth and was a Sunday School teacher, directed Vacation Bible School, was a Nursery volunteer and a youth group chaperone. And, she also served as the chair of Personnel where she helped to interview new hires, assisted with determining employee benefit packages and numerous other duties. Currently, Valerie is a member of the Nominating Committee and the Personnel Ministry Team.

Valerie is a graduate of Kent State University. She has taught high school English and Journalism classes, provided at-home tutoring, served as a substitute middle and high school teacher, taught GED and led drop-out programs for Summit and Medina schools. For the past 20 years, Valerie has worked for Advantage Aging (formerly Mature Services) as the Compliance Manager for the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program. She retired in June 2017. †



## Tom Baumgardner— Candidate for Nominating Committee

Tom Baumgardner graduated from The Illinois Institute of Technology in 1957 with a degree in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering. His Seminary was Wartburg in Dubuque, Iowa graduating in 1965. Following, he served three American Lutheran congregations, Timothy in Marion, St Peter in Delphos and Advent in Solon before going into intentional interim ministry. Tom was the interim pastor in 14 different ELCA congregations before retiring in 1999. At HTLC, he serves on the Youth and Stewardship committees, teaches an occasional adult class and sang in the choir. Tom and his wife, Joan, have been married since December 1957. †



## Paul Anacki— Candidate for Council

I have been a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for over 40 years and a lifelong resident of the Akron/Bath area. My wife Liz were married at Holy Trinity 33 years ago and we have three children, Andrew, Lexi and Abby who have all been baptized and confirmed here. Our granddaughter Adeline was baptized here as well. Liz's parents, (Jan and George Parry) and grandparents (Earl and Lois Burgner) were also longstanding members of Holy Trinity, so this is like a second home to me. Our son and his wife Marissa were married by Pastor Nevergall in Michigan 5 years ago and our daughter Lexi and her husband Mike had their wedding at HTLC 3 years ago.

I am President of my own manufacturer's representative business, PGA Sales and graduated from the University of Akron with a degree in Business. I enjoy fishing, boating and spending time with my family.

I have been a member of Church Council the past 2 years and throughout the years at Holy Trinity, I have served as a communion assistant, Usher, greeter and helped with Altar Guild by setting up communion with my wife. I was a member of Church Council in the past and served as Secretary and Treasurer while on Council. I have been a member of the Audit and Nominating Committees and even played on the softball team as well. It has been a pleasure being a member of Holy Trinity and forming friendships with many of you through the years and hope to serve as your council member once again. †



## Jacinto Nunez— Candidate for Nominating Committee

Jacinto is a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, where he practices real estate law. Jacinto is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and serves as treasurer of its Real Property Section Council. He has served on the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council. Jacinto received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Akron School of Law. He earned a M.M. in Education and Music Performance from the University of Akron, and a B.M. from the University of Rochester Eastman School of Music, majoring in trombone performance. Jacinto lives in Stow with his wife, Rachel, and his son, Manny. His hobbies include baking, birding, barbequing, and map collecting. †



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

**Sunday, October 18, 10:45 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary - In-Person Attendance**  
**Virtual - via Zoom Meeting**

At this meeting, the congregation will be presented with the 2021 draft budget and vote on Constitution changes. The congregation will also elect Council members and individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee.

*NOTE: Candidates for Council and the Nominating Committee are on the previous pages.*

- For Council, congregation members will elect four (4) to each serve a two-year term.
- For the Nominating Committee, congregation members will elect three (3) to each serve a one-year term for calendar year 2021.

Council recommends the congregation:

- Approve amendments to the model Constitution for Congregations as approved by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.
- Retain By-Law C11.02 and remove By-Law C11.02.01.
- Change the name of the Worship Team to Worship and Music Team according to By-Laws C1.08.01 and C13.08.17

*NOTE: All recommended amendment and by-law changes were mailed to congregation members. †*

### To Participate Virtually via Zoom Meeting

**Beginning October 1, you must register on the church's website, [holytrinityakron.org](http://holytrinityakron.org). Once registered, the Zoom access link will be sent to you along with a meeting reminder.**

**If this is your first time using Zoom, you will need to download it to your computer or mobile device.**

*NOTE: Registering through the church's website is the only way you can receive the Zoom access link.*



*For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:4-6*

In purely transactional terms, connecting with newcomers is "closing the deal" with newcomers to Holy Trinity. But that phrase brings to mind too much the image of a salesman pushing a product. But Jesus Christ is not a product to be "sold" but the beginning of a new life in the Spirit.

And, rather than selling a product, the Connect phase of Invite-Welcome-Connect begins with listening to the newcomer. "Before clergy and lay leaders tell newcomers what the church can offer and do for them, they must first listen to the newcomers' stories, finding out what brought them to visit the church in the first place. This suggestion extends to long-time members of our congregations as well, especially those members who have never been involved with ministry." (IWC 85)

New members bring a wide variety of talents into our midst but it's up to us to listen attentively enough so that those talents are used to the best advantage of them, our church, and those we serve.

For more information about Invite-Welcome-Connect, please visit their website at [www.invitewelcomeconnect.com](http://www.invitewelcomeconnect.com). †

## Candidates ... continued from page 7

### Molly Phelps— Candidate for Council

I was raised in the Lutheran Church first in Illinois, then later moved to Ohio and joined HTLC from 71-77 approx and then moved to Eugene Oregon where I lived for 40 years. I went to school at a small Lutheran college in Illinois, Carthage, my freshman year and then transferred to Kent State to study speech and drama with a minor in English. I taught

English in Japan in the mid 80's and have traveled to the Holy Land, England, Ireland and France, Germany, Spain and also to Costa Rica. I've served on various church committees before narrowing to the Intern committee where I served off and on for over a couple decades, and Liturgical Art, which was newly created. I led that committee for just short of 20 years. †



# ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



Family Promise is not hosting families in rotation due to the pandemic. Holy Trinity was host to two families in our church building last December that went on to stay at the Family Promise Glendora House in west Akron when the pandemic began. Since March, Family Promise has provided shelter to three families at the apartment building at 1100 Copley Road. Three of the building's nine apartments have been completely remodeled and are being used by guest families, with remodeling of the other six in progress.

These families are being supported through the volunteer efforts of the host churches. The Outreach/Social Concerns Team is asking the congregation to help support the three families at Glendora House by purchasing groceries, which will be delivered to them. Our week to provide groceries will begin Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will need enough groceries for each family to prepare themselves meals for one week. A typical grocery list will include basics like cereal, soup, tuna, bread, mac and cheese, applesauce, and canned goods, as well as fresh foods, such as milk, lunch meat, ground beef, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, butter, and eggs. We will also purchase juices, snacks, and some convenience foods for the families, some prepared foods such as rotisserie chicken and ham, and also condiments.

If you would like to help, you may contribute money to this effort, please mark your contribution "Glendora House." If you wish to be a grocery shopper, contact Gregg Loesch for information.



The Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series kicked-off with its first ever live-streamed concert featuring baritone Michael Kelly and guitarist David Leisner. Joining the duo was internationally renowned visual artist Kevork Mourad who provided prepared animation and projected imagery during the performance. And preceding the concert was a special pre-recorded performance by members of the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society. Thank you to Leek Pipe Organ Company for serving as the Outreach Underwriter for the concert season. †



*ABOVE: David Leisner (l) with Michael Kelly live-streamed from New York City.*

*LEFT: Cleveland Classical Guitar Society performance.*

*BELOW: Animation and projected art by Kevork Mourad.*





# 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.

# Sunday LIFT

Living in Faith Together  GenOn ministries

## Gathering Around the Word

**Sunday LIFT October & November 2020**

*Virtual in Community – Intergenerational community building*

Praise is the communication of what is real, a theological statement, and an attitude that includes a variety of feelings. Praise is the most natural response to God. Praise is the gate through which we enter all worship because praise requires that we know who God is and who we are.

In this unit for Sunday LIFT virtual gathering, we will have opportunities to get in touch with the sense of wonder and awe that is basic to praise.

We will meet together via Zoom Meeting on the first and third Sunday of October & November at 11 a.m. For Zoom access, email Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org); call/text (330) 634-6597.

- October 4<sup>th</sup>                      Sharing Joy and Thanksgiving with God (*Psalm 100*)
- October 18<sup>th</sup>                    Praise God, the Creator (*Psalm 29, Genesis 1:1-2:4*)
- November 1<sup>st</sup>                   Praise God for Mighty Deeds (*Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26*)
- November 15<sup>th</sup>                Confession and Pardon in Worship (*Psalm 51: 1-10, Luke 15: 3-7*)



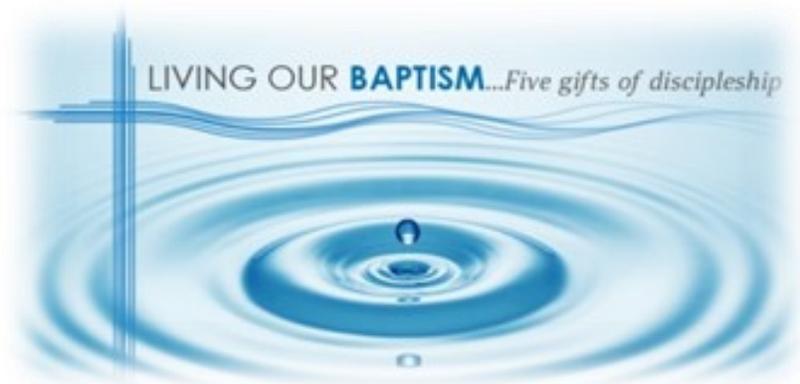
Virtual Coffee Fellowship

And join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday for Virtual Fellowship time at 11 a.m.!

Email Rachel Nunez for the Zoom access.

Dates: October 11 & 25; November 8 & 22.

# Join Us for a NEW Midweek Study!



## New Mid-Week Study beginning Wednesday, October 7 @ 11a.m. on Zoom

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for meeting details, [rnunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holytrinityakron.org)

### Resiliency: Setting Free our Lament

Lament is that raw pain and unresolved grief from deep within. Unexpected turn of events unleashed by the spread of the coronavirus leave us unsettled, weary, and aching for better days. During tough times, we lean on God in ways we never imagined. The ebb and flow of the faith practices found in the Affirmation of Baptism provides a framework which can order our days. These faith practices are referred to as the five gifts of discipleship. Resiliency tips we will explore include OTHERS – Living among God’s People, HOPE – Hear the word, Proclaim good news, and MEANING – Serve as Jesus, Strive for peace and justice. †

- October 7<sup>th</sup> Review Five Gifts of Discipleship rooted in the Affirmation of Baptism
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Lament of Now/Lament of COVID-19
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Lament of Racism & Social Injustice/Lament of Natural Disasters
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Lament of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name your lament)/affirm our Baptism

## The Luther & Lager Hour Continues!

You are invited to join us for the Luther & Lager Hour on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm. We gather via Zoom for informal theological conversation based on the writings of Martin Luther. And yes...you are welcome (even encouraged) to bring along the lager or other beverage of your choice. Please email Pr. David ([dnevergall@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:dnevergall@holytrinityakron.org)). He will make sure you get the login information you need. †

## October Friday Morning Devotion Time



Join us for a weekly check-in during COVID-19 on Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom Meeting. We gather for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom access at [rnunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holytrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 634-6597. †

**WEDNESDAY**  
1:30.m. - Zoom Meeting

Midweek  
**ONLINE**

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, OCT. 17**  
10 a.m. - Zoom Meeting





## Feel the Beat!

A drum circle began meeting in mid-September. This improvisatory group of percussion players gathered on the front lawn for a time of fellowship, music-making, learning, and sharing. To join the fun, contact Deacon Ruth. No experience necessary! †



Photo 1: Andrea Alexander; photo 2: Bob Ethington; photo 3: Joe Moxon; photo 4: Ethan Korvne, Intern; photo 5: JD Sanders. Not pictured is Deacon Ruth Anderson.



Pictured (l to r): John Stefanik and Brad Crock.

## Bell Choir Resumes

In the absence of congregational singing, the Trinity Bell Choir is taking a more prominent roll during worship. The group resumed safely distanced practices in September.

Wish to try something new? Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:20 p.m. Please contact Deacon Ruth Anderson if you are interested. †



Pictured (foreground): Frederica Cohen. Pictured (background, l to r): Deb Zudell-Dicely and Jacquie Wert.



*Amy Indorf helps unload donated items.*



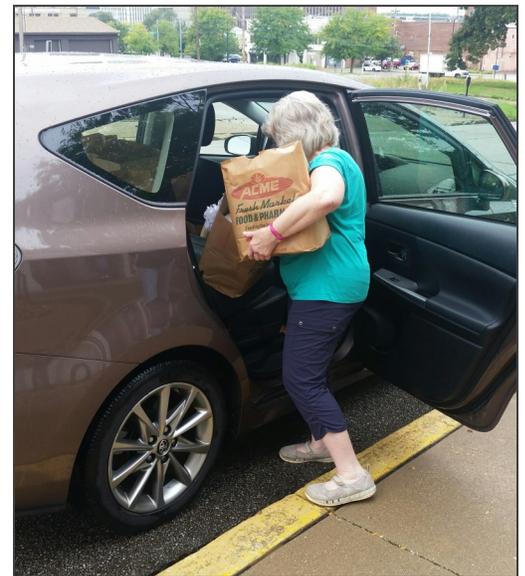
*Members from Faith Lutheran Church deliver bags filled with supplies.*



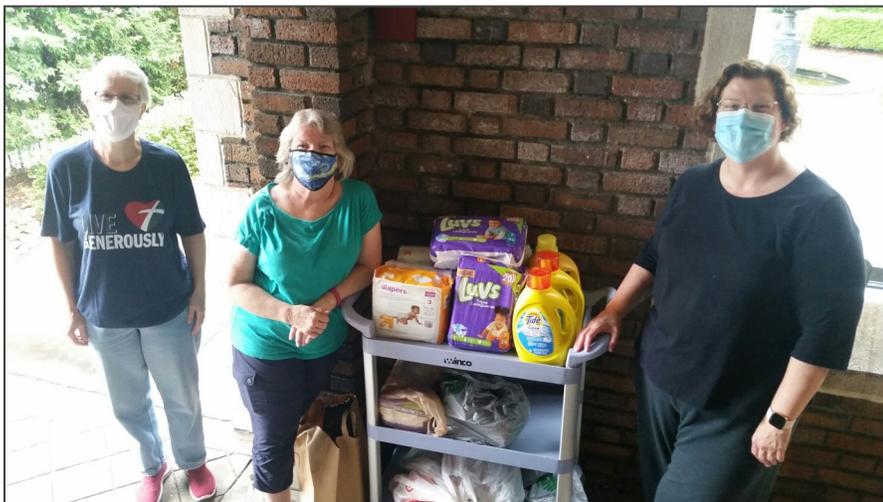
**God's work.  
Our hands.**

donations of personal care products, baby items and laundry supplies to support DLM Food & Resources. Thank you to everyone who contributed ... and a special shout-out to Faith Lutheran Church for their support!! †

Sunday, September 13 was a busy day at Lutheran churches all across this country! Here at Holy Trinity, members of the Youth & Education Ministry Team received numerous



*ABOVE: Diane Chambers helps unload donated items from a vehicle.*



*LEFT: Pictured (from left): Amy Indorf, Diane Chambers and Rachel Nunez stand next to a cart filled with donated items.*



## 2020 Beautification Watch Award!

In recognition of the effort we have shown in keeping our property well maintained, Keep Akron Beautiful has selected Holy Trinity to be a recipient of a 2020 Beautification Watch Award! Thank you Bruce Mansour, Vince Simmons and Gary Radanof for a job well done! †

*Gary Radanof power washes the church sign.*





## Holy Trinity Continues to Support Robinson CLC



*Kathy Tiemann counts out 3-ring binders for one of the teachers.*



*Holy Trinity provided a bin filled with requested supplies for all teachers and intervention specialists.*



*Bruce Mansour and Gary Radanof load boxes of supplies for delivery.*



For the past four years, it has been a privilege for Holy Trinity to partner with the Robinson Community Learning Center (CLC). And, we are thrilled and excited to continue our support again this school year!

For the start of school, we provided all classroom teachers and intervention specialists with a bin filled with requested supplies to use virtually and in the classroom. In addition, we provided the school with supplies of tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and plastic baggies. Along with the supplies, Holy Trinity also paid for the renewal of two online software programs (for all students), one that focuses on reading and the other on math. And lastly, we also contributed a supply of \$5 Dollar Tree gift cards for teachers to use as incentive prizes with students. †



*Pictured (from left): Pastor David, Rachel Nunez, Pastor Lor Breyley and Jacinto Nunez.*



*Pastor David and Manny Nunez place napkins and condiment packets in the to-go containers.*



*ABOVE: Jacinto and Rachel Nunez bag up cookies.  
BELOW: Families stopped to pick-up to-go meals.*

## Drive-Thru Back-to-School Bash at Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is continuing its partnership and support of Robinson CLC again this school year. In lieu of an Open House, Holy Trinity and the Family Resource Center helped to host a Back-To-School Bash, drive-thru style! There were several stations set-up in the parking lot at the school. Holy Trinity members helped to prepare and serve more than 70 hot dog to-go meals to the students and families who came by. Students were also able to virtually meet their teachers and hear from staff about the new school year. †



*ABOVE: Pictured (l to r): Sandy DeLuca, Gregg Loesch, Rachel Nunez, Pastor Lor Breyley and ShaQeria Hunter, FRC.  
CENTER: Pastor Lor talks with a family.  
FAR RIGHT: Pictured (l to r): Pastor Lor, Gregg and Rachel prepare salad bowls and bag bread rolls.*



Holy Trinity is supporting the Family Resource Center at Robinson CLC again this school year by helping to prepare and serve to-go meals each month to students and families. On September 24, more than 100 meals of penne pasta, salad and bread were prepared and distributed. †





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FOOD AND RESOURCES

## Thank You to our AMAZING Donors and Volunteers!

Photo 1: Sisters (l to r) Caitlyn Thurman, Christine Thurman and Amanda Smith.

Photo 2: Amanda Smith (l) and Abby Calderone.

Photo 3: Christine Thurman.

Photo 4: Ann Aakey (l) and a friend.

Photo 5: Owner Nick Bartolone and one of his managers from Cornerstone Market in Munroe Falls who donates produce each month.

Photo 6: New refrigeration units to help keep the dairy and meat products cold.

Photos 7 & 8: Some of the produce donated by Cornerstone Market.



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# 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



**Begins October 7  
1:30 p.m.**

**via Zoom Meeting**

Lament is that raw pain and unresolved grief from deep within. Unexpected turn of events unleashed by the spread of the coronavirus

leave us unsettled, weary, and aching for better days. During tough times, we lean on God in ways we never imagined. The ebb and flow of the faith practices found in the Affirmation of Baptism provides a framework which can order our days. Email Rachel Núñez at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org) for the Zoom access and instructions.

## Bedtime Story & Prayer



**Monday & Wednesday  
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: Each Wednesday, Miss Rachel will share stories from the Bible.*

## The Luther & Lager Hour



**Thursday, 8 p.m.  
via Zoom Meeting**

Pastor David will host "The Luther & Lager Hour." The discussion will be based on the writings of Martin Luther. Email Pastor David for Zoom access at [dnevergall@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:dnevergall@holyltrinityakron.org).

## 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.*

## Friday Devotional Time



**Begins October 2  
9-9:30 a.m., via  
Zoom Meeting**

We gather for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Contact Rachel Núñez,

Director of Formation for Zoom access at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 634-6597.

## Sunday Worship

**Sunday - 9:30 a.m.**

**Facebook LIVE (@trinityakron)  
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](http://holyltrinityakron.org). For the safety guidelines for in-person worship, see inside back page of this newsletter.



## Women's Bible Study



**October 17  
10 a.m., Zoom Meeting**

Our study continues from the Gather Magazine and focused on Holy Time, Session One, on pg. 20. Facilitator is Amy Indorf.

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation, at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org) for Zoom access. Digital copies of the study are available if needed.



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

- October 2 – Michelle Robison
- October 2 – Cathy Snelson
- October 3 – Luke Jones
- October 5 – Anderson Lauf
- October 8 – Madison Lakins
- October 8 – Craig Marko
- October 9 – Daniel Giffels
- October 10 – Gabrielle Carrino
- October 10 – Sandy DeLuca
- October 11 – Logan Butler
- October 12 – Kristin Forbes
- October 12 – Dottie Wise
- October 17 – Bob Foutty
- October 17 – Thomas McCahan
- October 18 – Ricki Ethington
- October 18 – Jacob Raymond
- October 23 – Steven Mitchhart
- October 23 – Marion Spannbauer
- October 23 – Kathleen Walsh
- October 25 – Keara Mitchhart
- October 25 – Eva Wegyrn
- October 26 – Rick Kimble
- October 30 – Mary McCauley
- October 31 – Linda Berthold

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.

# Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Sound System
<b>October 4 9:30 a.m.</b>	Amanda Archbold	Lorin Sickafoose
<b>October 11 9:30 a.m.</b>	Frederica Cohen	Mike Ameling
<b>October 18 9:30 a.m.</b>	Manny Nunez	Dennis Dick
<b>October 25 9:30 a.m.</b>	Bob Ethington	Joe Moxon

## And for that ... ... continued from page 3

And I am deeply grateful for all of you...for those whose daily prayers sustain us, for those whose regular and generous offerings not only pay the bills but allow us to maintain, even expand the mission, for those whose cards and notes and calls to our staff have buoyed our sometimes tired spirits. And in those interactions the Word embraces us. And for that we give thanks to God.

So, sure...it's been difficult. But we have learned and grown and been moved into new ways of being Church by our present circumstances. And hopefully it has been affirmed for us that God is with us and for us no matter how the world swirls on around us. Challenges, Covid or otherwise, are ever before us. That's just the way it is. But it is also true that we are held firmly in divine embrace. And for that we give thanks to God. †



# 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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The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

### Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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