

**Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
Worship Guide  
Service of The Word**

**June 26, 2022**

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

**+HYMN      O Jesus, I Have Promised**

- 1    O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.
- 4    O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.

**SALUTATION**

P:      The Lord be with you.

C:      **And also with you.**

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P:      Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and  
you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of  
your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may  
steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.

C:      **Amen**

## SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**SERMON**            "The Cost of Discipleship"

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     **Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult**

- 1    Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
     of our life's wild, restless sea,  
     day by day his clear voice sounding,  
     saying, "Christian, follow me."
- 5    Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
     Savior, make us hear your call,  
     give our hearts to your obedience,  
     serve and love you best of all.

## **+THE 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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## +THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth’s ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**C: Amen.**

## **+ EXCHANGE OF PEACE:**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

*(Please wave to your nearest worship neighbors)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **+ BENEDICTION**

P: The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C: Amen.**



## **+ SENDING HYMN      He Leadeth Me**

- 1      He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!  
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

### *Refrain*

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

- 2      Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.    *Refrain*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+THE DISMISSAL**

- P;      Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
C:      **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

### Serving at Worship Today

**Lector:** *Marga Conn*   **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*   **Usher:** *George Leonard*  
**Communion Assistant:** *Carol Schutz*   **Altar Guild:** *Joan Cosgrove*  
**CPIC:** *George Leonard*

### Serving Next Week: (7/3)

**Lector:** *Shannon Leifken*   **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*   **Usher:** *Carol Schutz*  
**Communion Assistant:** *Mail Maitilasso*   **Altar Guild:** *Nancy Ambjor*  
**CPIC:** *Carol Schutz*

**This Sunday we welcome Jennifer Foose** as our guest musician today. Thank you for blessing us!

**Pastor Jack will be away on vacation from June 20 – June 27.** Please direct pastoral emergencies to Rev. Fred Becker, who is covering for Pastor. He can be reached at 973-366-2821.

**The altar flowers are given in memory of Daphne Landivik-Larsen**, our mom in heaven, from her loving children, Debbie, Arne, Judy, Chris and Erik.

**Please remain in the sanctuary after worship to participate in our brief Congregation Meeting!** Your input and participation is greatly appreciated.

**A million thanks to our dedicated choir!** They have offered anthems each week even in the absence of a Music Director! We are grateful to Dr. Joanne Schaper, Barbara Selland, and our guest pianists for keeping our talented choir "on its toes."

**Communion Note:** Did you know that the communion trays are configured in a certain way? Cups containing grape juice are in the center of the tray, and cups containing wine are near the edges of each serving tray.

**New Designated Parking Areas.** In light of the growing number of worship attendees with medical conditions, the Council has now designated all upper lot parking places (in front of the main entrance) for handicapped parking and/or parking for those who are medically challenged and can not climb the stairs connected to our rear parking lot entrance. Please be courteous and park in the rear parking lot if you are not medically challenged.

**Offering envelopes are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.** Please feel free to take some of the preprinted envelopes from the back and write your name in the space provided.

**Lectors (readers on Sunday mornings)** are needed and appreciated. Read the assigned Scripture for the day! Sign up sheets are located in the rear of the sanctuary, or ask Pastor Jack for details: [jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.com)

**Opportunities to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from the Ukraine.**

Send your contributions to Lutheran Disaster Response You can donate on the web by visiting [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) and then clicking "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or you can mail checks to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**

**P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

(Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check memo line.)

**RISE UP is collecting toiletries to aid our locals.** Did you know that food stamps do not cover basic toiletry items like soap and shampoo? Please donate items in the special bin located in our church vestibule. For more information, contact Angela Bloshuk at 973-476-0101 or email her at: [riseupangela@gmail.com](mailto:riseupangela@gmail.com)

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on August 3<sup>rd</sup>** - in person or via ZOOM video link only from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack ([jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.com)) about the ZOOM link.

**Clothing Donations:** Please DO NOT drop off clothing at our church vestibule or lobby area. Instead, please place all donated articles in the RED BIN in the rear parking lot of the church. Shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, and linens are accepted as well! Please save winter coats for our fall coat drive.

**Food Collections.** Please note: Please donate only NON-PERISHABLE food items. Do not drop off milk, bread, or various dairy products as these items may spoil prior to public distribution.

**Want to give electronically?** 40% of our offerings now come in via electronic giving sources. To learn more, simply go to our web page at [www.rockawaylutheran.org](http://www.rockawaylutheran.org) and click on the "donate" button. . . then follow the simple instructions. Still not sure? Please contact Donna Gulliksen at: [Donna.Gulliksen@gmail.com](mailto:Donna.Gulliksen@gmail.com) or call her at 973-697-1895. Regular offerings (with date and frequency of your choice) as well as one-time gifts can be established electronically. All transactions are confidential.