

**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide
Service of Holy Communion**



“Pray Frequently”

September 26, 2021

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+HYMN♪ **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 oh, what needless pain we bear--
 all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

SERMON "Pray Frequently"
Part 3 of a three-part sermon series
"How Shall We Live?"

CHOIR HYMN **God Gives Us Love**

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
that we may feast on thee today;
beneath these forms of bread and wine
enrich us with thy grace divine.

- 2 The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n,
the filial joy of heirs of heav'n,
grant as we share this wondrous food,
thy body broken and thy blood.

+THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

P: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for natural wonders of your creation (*local waterways, forests, and natural areas may be named*). Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers (*other roles may be added to reflect your context*). Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Offering baskets will not be passed around. At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in designated baskets in the rear of the sanctuary.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *“In the night in which he was betrayed...”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!

2 To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Lector: Marga Conn **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

Special thanks to all who graciously volunteered to help at our annual Fall Festival. Your labors are always greatly appreciated!

Coffee Hour help needed. Many say we have the best post-worship coffee hours in Morris County! But your help is needed. Please consider donating refreshments, coffee, milk, sugar to help feed the multitude. Thank you!

We are pleased to introduce new video monitors to our sanctuary experience. The work is not yet complete...soon we will enjoy visual aides to enliven our experience and highlight Bible verses. Keep on the lookout for ways we'll utilize these monitors.

Sunday school has officially resumed for the academic year. For more information, please contact Erin Osterhout at 973-615-1026 or eosterhout@optonline.net As in the past, children will start each Sunday with a children's message from Pastor Jack in the sanctuary, then they will proceed to their classrooms for activities/instruction.

Want to donate to assist in the hurricane/tornado recovery efforts? Please consider a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, specializing in long-term recovery relief long after the first responders leave the scene. Every penny goes directly to help the survivors. There are envelopes in our sanctuary for your convenience, or...

Send checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and send to :

Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

Or simply go to:

[Lutheran Disaster Response - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)

Blessing of the Animals service is coming. Join Pastor Jack as he offers pet blessings at our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road in Sparta. The blessings begin at 10:00am on Saturday, October 2...goody bags will be offered to our pets. This blessing is in honor of St. Francis, whose feast day is in early October. For more info: Contact Pastor at jackspartan79@gmail.com

Want to be part of a zany community event involving dogs in Halloween costumes? RISE UP Rockaway s sponsoring a "Howlween Spooktacular". Fun for all ages: live music, tricky trays, food, children's games, and a costume party. Sun., October 10 from 2-4 pm at the United Methodist Church, 1 Hoagland Ave., Rockaway Boro. For more info contact Angela Bloshuk at riseupangela@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to count the offering after church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Joan Cosgrove at (973-691-1705) or speak to her in church. No experience necessary!

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

Did you notice that we are planting a community vegetable garden behind the church? The “harvest” to be donated to our local impoverished. For more info on volunteering/supporting this effort, please contact Shannon Leifken at: shannonleifken@gmail.com or call 973-570-2136.

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.

Did you know...approximately two hundred viewers “tune in” each week through our internet streaming of the worship experience. We are reaching viewers as far as Texas, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Maine and now China! Thanks to modern technology we are living out Jesus’ great commission to proclaim God’s Word near and far (see Matthew 28).

All liturgical wording for our worship services comes from the national office of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and is the standard recommended Lutheran liturgy for all Lutheran congregations across the United States.

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on October 6. Join us at noon...bring a bag lunch. Physical distancing and facial coverings will be mandatory. For those unable or uncomfortable attending in person, the Bible study will be live streamed through the ZOOM format. Please contact Pastor Jack (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! For more information, contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.

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 and click on the “donate” button. . . then follow the simple instructions. Still not sure? Please contact Donna Gulliksen at: 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.

Upcoming Events

- Sun., Sept. 26 Worship – 11:00am
 Rain date for the Fall Festival (1 – 6pm)
- Tues., Sept. 28 Church Council - 7pm in choir room
- Sat., Oct. 2 - Blessing of the Animals at Shepherd of the Hills
 Lutheran, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta - 10:00am
- Sun., Oct. 3 Norwegian Memorial Service 2:00pm
- Wed., Oct. 6 Lunch & Learn Bible Study – noon in choir room
- Sun., Oct.10 RISE UP “Howleen Spooktacular” – 2:00pm – 4:00pm
 United Methodist Church, 1 Hoagland Ave. Rockaway
- Mid October Coat Drive Begins for Market Street Mission

Three-Part Sermon Series “How Shall We Live?”

(Exploring the Book of James)



The New Testament Book of James is most often quoted for its cornerstone verse, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:17). Luther and the Reformers often considered this book a bit too heavy on the “works righteousness” scale as contrasted with the overall NT message (We are saved by God’s grace alone, not by deeds or works). However, the Book of James does, in fact, give sound advice on how we are to conduct our lives as Christians saved through the cross and resurrection of Christ.

Join Pastor Jack as he explores key themes from the Book of James.

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| 9/12 | Part 1 - “Tame the Tongue” |
| 9/19 | Part 2 - “Avoid Selfish Ambition” |
| 9/26 | Part 3 - “Pray Frequently” |

New Sermon Series for October:

“The Lordship of Christ”

Exploring the New Testament Book of Hebrews



The New Testament Book of Hebrews first circulated publicly around 70 A.D. The early manuscripts of the Gospels of Mark and Matthew were shared at about the same time. Here, in Hebrews, the lordship of Christ is emphasized, and Christians can rest assured that they are in the saving graces of Jesus.

10/3 - Part 1 - “Jesus: The Co-Creator of the Universe”

10/10 - Part 2 - “Jesus: The Lord of Mercy and Grace”

10/17- Part 3 - “Jesus: The Lamb of God”

10/24- Part 4- “Jesus: The Eternal Savior”

Discover what these passages mean for everyday Christian life!

Market Street Mission's Annual Coat Giveaway

**If you would like to donate a coat , hat,
gloves or scarf for men, women, or
children in need --please bring it to our
Sunday School classroom.**

Donations accepted 9/26 through 10/17.

**The giveaway will take place on
Saturday 11/6 in Morristown.**



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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – Noon