Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Service of Holy Communion

November 6, 2022

(Note: All wording for the liturgy and hymns will appear on our large monitor screens just above the altar area.)

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRELUDE Minuet by Henry Purcell

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 sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son.

and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P:

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE 🎜

#81

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is the Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the lamb who was slain Has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 🎜

#83

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

SERMON "Weeping now. . . . Laughing Later?"

HYMN Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 🎜

#86

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

Fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

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.

LAMB OF GOD 🎵

#92

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
the bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

- Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

- O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
- O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements Serving Today

Lector: Al Buechler Video: Don Gulliksen Usher: Matt Maitilasso

Communion Assistant: Joan Cosgrove & Ellen Crane
Altar Guild: Ruth Leonard CPIC: Matt Maitilasso
Counters: Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove
Offering: George Leonard & Eugene Randazzo

Serving Next Week (11/13)

Lector: WELCA Video: Don Gulliksen Usher: Matt Maitilasso
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This Sunday we welcome Jennifer Foose as our guest musician. Thank you for blessing us with your gift of music.

Mark your calendars! November 13 is a big day at Holy Trinity! On that day our women will lead our worship service, followed by a brief congregation meeting and a luncheon. Please make every effort to attend!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! – Rehearsals for this year's Christmas program, The Perfect Gift begin Sunday, November 6, at 10:00 AM in the church sanctuary. All Sunday School students in second through eighth grade must attend. Rehearsals continue every Sunday at that time until our performance on December 18.

Special notice regarding our Congregation Meeting of November 13: The meeting will commence at approximately 12:15pm. The agenda will include:

- A vote on the proposed 2023 Spending Plan (budget)
- Election and/or re-election of those eligible to serve on our Congregation Council
- Two minor changes to our bylaws:
 - (a) A Motion to conduct one annual meeting per year, to be offered in November of each year
 - (b) A Motion to change the name of the "Outreach Team" to the "Marketing Team"

Want to use our church building for your group or organization? Please submit your request(s) to our Congregation Council in writing or in email form to our President Joan Cosgrove at least one month in advance of intended building usage. Joan's email is: kikkired@verizon.net Groups are required to complete a Building Usage Agreement form and provide proof of liability insurance coverage listing Holy Trinity as "additionally insured".

For several consecutive Sundays we will incorporate into our liturgy some of the old favorite liturgical pieces, such as "This is the Feast", the "Alleluia" verse prior to the Gospel, and the offertory response. We hope you enjoy this nostalgic blast from the past. Songbooks containing the music will be available for newcomers and others unfamiliar with our liturgical singing.

Worship Songbooks will be distributed to all who attend our worship services. Please return the songbooks to the ushers' table at the conclusion of each service. Thank you.

Did you know that Congregation Council meetings are open to the general public? Non-Council visitors may have voice, but not vote as per our Constitution. Come see what your leaders are up to lately! The meetings are conducted monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the choir room.

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again November 16 "in person" or via ZOOM video link from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack (jackspartan79@gmail.com) about the ZOOM link.

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.

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

Opportunities to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from the Ukraine and to the hurricane survivors. Send your contributions to Lutheran Disaster Response_You can donate on the web by visiting 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

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. Regular offerings (with date and frequency of your choice) as well as one-time gifts can be established electronically. All transactions are confidential.

Collections Update-

Winter hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves will be collected during the month of November.

For more information of these various clothing collections please contact Ellen Crane (973-625-1353).

Please note: Any clothing other than socks, sweaters, flannel shirts and coats should be deposited in our outside clothing bin, located in the rear parking lot.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside our front entrance vestibule. Please do not donate perishable goods, such as milk, eggs, bread, and cheese.