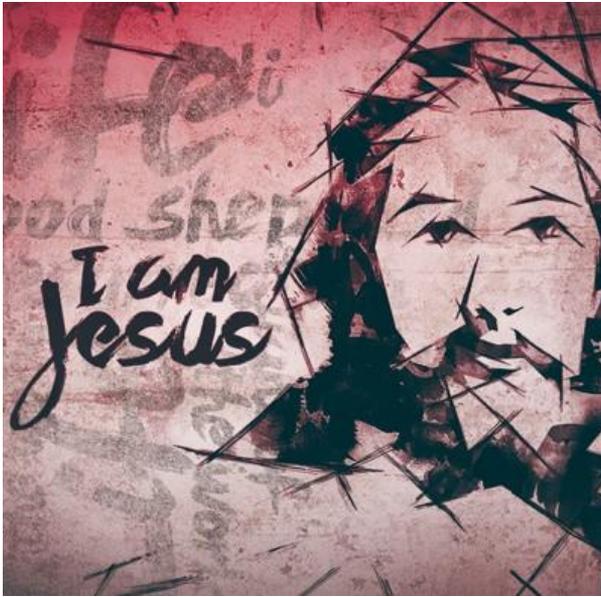


**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide
Service of The Word**



August 8, 2021

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WELCOME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: **in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty
desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God forgives us all of our sins.

C: **Amen.**

+HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

SERMON

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY **Let Us Break Bread Together**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
 let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

+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.**

+ 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

(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.)

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (*Dominic, name/s, and*) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King.
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam.
And silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless.
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son.
And praise the Spirit, Three in One. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P; Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Lector: Al Beuchler **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

Special thanks to Jay Decker, who is presiding and preaching today while Pastor Jack is on vacation.

Need Pastoral Care while Pastor Jack is away? (until August 10). Please contact the Rev. Fred Becker at 973-366-2821 or fredebecker@comcast.net

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

Life “as we know it” is gradually returning to our congregation: Plans are already in the works for Sunday School, coffee hour fellowship, and more. Please read the insert included in this Sunday’s bulletin.

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.

Volunteers are greatly needed to help with our Fall Festival. (see paragraph below) If you can help, even for just an hour or two, please see the sign-up board in the rear of our sanctuary, or contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email at lawnpridenj@yahoo.com

Fall Festival is Coming! Mark your calendars to participate in our annual community Fall Festival, September 25 from noon to 5pm (rain date 9/26, 1:00-6:00). Food, vendors, car show, live band, and more! For more information, contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email at lawnpridenj@yahoo.com. Business sponsors and vendors are being recruited now! CDC guidelines will be followed, especially for masking and physical distancing.

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 August 18. 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

Thurs. July 29 - Blood Drive at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road, Sparta (1-7pm) . For info contact office@sothnj.org

Wed. Aug 4_ - No Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study - pastor on vacation

Sun. Aug. 8 - Worship- 11:00am
Memorial Service for Richard Lillis at 12:30pm in sanctuary

Sun. Aug. 15 - Worship - 11:00am

Mon. Aug. 16 - Fall Festival Planning Meeting in choir room at 7:00pm.

Wed. Aug. 18 - Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study. In person meeting in choir room with ZOOM link option. Noon.

Thur., Aug. 19 - RISE UP Community Meeting- general public invited - 7:00pm in choir room

Sun., Aug. 22 - Worship 11:00am

Tues., Aug. 24 - No Council Meeting; Summer break

Sun., Aug. 29 - Worship - 11:00am

Looking Ahead:

Sun., Sept. 5 - Worship 11:00am
Sept. 12 - Worship - 11:00am
First Day of Sunday School
Post Worship Coffee Hour Resumes

Please Support Our Local Food Closet



Historically, food and toiletry donations begin to decline over the summer months.

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

FOOD

Peanut Butter
Tuna
Macaroni & Cheese
Pasta
Sauce
Canned Fruit

TOILETRIES

Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene Products

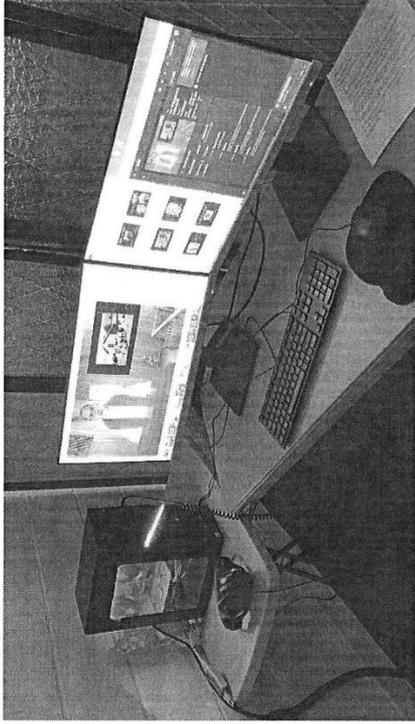
Please bring all donations to our church vestibule.

Perishable items such as milk, eggs, and bread cannot be received at this time.

Milestone: One year of live streaming at HTLC!

The pandemic created a new way of sharing the Word of God with our congregation and others from around the world. We have regular viewers in many states and in countries as far away as China.

We started working on creating a broadcast church service over a year ago and began live streaming on July 5, 2020. We haven't missed one service, so we have broadcast 54 times over a one year period, including special services during Easter Week.

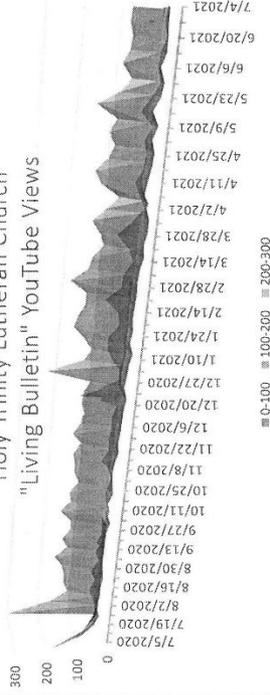


- YouTube (1st year) statistics:
- Total number of 'views': 6,396
 - Average 'views' per week: 115
 - Regular 'subscribers': 57

Technology used:

- Powerful streaming computer
- Auxiliary display computer
- (2) 24" control monitors
- (8) channel audio mixer
- (5) wireless microphones
- (4) closeup cameras
- (2) distance cameras
- (2) Ethernet switches
- (655') Ethernet cables

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