

**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide**

Service of Holy Communion



August 16, 2020

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: **We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope. Amen.

+HYMN **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

- 2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON "Throw Away the Rear View Mirror"

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY 🎵 **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.

+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 catholic 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: God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

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 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(At the invitation of the pastor, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)

+ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

+ SENDING HYMN You are the Way

1. You are the way; through you alone Can we the Father find;
 In you, O Christ, has God revealed His heart, his will, his mind!
2. You are the truth; your Word along True wisdom can impart;
 You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

Weekly Announcements

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

Are your children restless during worship? Our nursery room and Sunday School classrooms are available; one room per family, first come-first serve basis. Please remember to turn off the lights and straighten up when you leave.

Thank you for all your generous financial support to the ministries of Holy Trinity, especially during our COVID-19 building shut down. The ministries continued, even when our building was closed, thanks to your gifts.

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RISE UP Rockaway, Inc. wishes to thank all in the community who have supported the COVID-19 Relief campaign. To date, over \$12,000 was raised to help those economically affected by the pandemic. To donate, simply go to riseupnj.org and click the donate button, or mail your checks to: RISE UP, c/o Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Green Pond Rd., Rockaway, 07866.

First Holy Communion Classes, originally scheduled in March/April, will be rescheduled to this Fall. Watch future announcements for details.

Adult Bible Study – Plans are being discussed for a ZOOM Bible study option for Lunch & Learn Wednesdays beginning in September. There may be an opportunity to gather “in person” with adequate social distancing, facial coverings, state allowances, etc. Please check future announcements for details.

Coming in August

5-Part Sermon Series

“Faith for Troubling Times”



Join Pastor Jack each Sunday morning as he shares the assigned Sunday scriptures from the perspective of faith under pressure. Each week, timely advice comes from the Word of God:

8/2 Don't Focus on the Impossible

8/9 Don't Focus on Fear & Doubt

8/16 Don't Focus on Previous Disappointments

8/23 Don't Focus on HUMAN Solutions

8/30 Don't Focus Solely on YOUR Plans

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All sermons will be archived on our web site as well as on Facebook and YouTube media. Don't miss these encouraging messages!