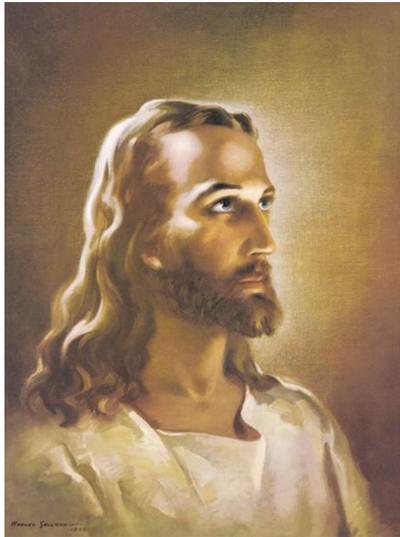


**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide
Service of Holy Communion**



“Who is in Charge Here?”

January 31, 2021

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving God,

C: **we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✚ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

+HYMN **Dearest Jesus, at Your Word**

1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given

draw us wholly up to heaven.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of

yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON “Who is in Charge Here?”

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY 🎵 **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*

+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 God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 PRAYER

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✙ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1 Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

- 2 We are Thine, do Thou befriend us;
 Be the Guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray:
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
 Hear Thy children when they pray;
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
 Hear Thy children when they pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

- P:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

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

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 and Maine. Thanks to modern technology we are living out Jesus’ great commission to proclaim God’s Word near and far (see Matthew 28).

There are people in our community who are need warm winter coats. Currently we need 4 men’s large and 1 woman’s large or x-large winter coats (dark color and washable). For more information please contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.

We are now observing the liturgical season of Epiphany. Our assigned Scripture verses each week illustrate how Jesus revealed his mission and identity to the world in the first century. Question of the day: How is Jesus revealing his mission and identity to us?

2021 Holy Trinity Wall Calendars are available free of charge. Take a few home...they’re available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner (February 17). The ELCA Bishop and the NJ Synod Bishop are recommending liturgies in which no ashes are distributed on foreheads this year in observance of COVID safety protocols. Our “in person” worship will be offered in the sanctuary at noon.

Looking ahead toward the season of Lent. Due to the pandemic and COVID restrictions, the Friday Lenten ecumenical lunches have been canceled for the season of Lent. However, plans are being discussed for an outdoor community Good Friday liturgy at noon at a nearby location. Watch future bulletins for details.

2021 Offering Envelope boxes are now available in the narthex (lobby). If you are a newcomer to Holy Trinity or if you don’t not have a designated box number, please contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.

Did you know: 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.

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

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on February 3.

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 about the ZOOM link.

Clothing Donations: Please place in the RED BIN in the rear parking lot of the church. Also taking shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, and linens!

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.