

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide

Service of Holy Communion



“In God We Trust”

February 13, 2022

Today we welcome guest musicians, Agape Music Outreach,
a local non-denominational ensemble, committed to following Jesus's command:
"Love One Another."

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE: ***Morning Has Broken***, arr. Linda R. Lamb
 Agape Ringers

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+HYMN **I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**
 Introduction: ***Epiphany Processional in G***. B. Semmann

- 1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you.
 Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.
- 2 I am trusting you for pardon, At your feet I bow,
 For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
- 4 I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead;
 Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
- 6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall,
 I am trusting you forever, And for all.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the
 poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the
 renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17-10: Life with God brings blessings; without, brings a curse, the power of death.

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

+ THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26: Nature and demands of discipleship

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he 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.”

SERMON

“In God We Trust”

CHORAL ANTHEM *Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come*, H. Willan

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,
And laud Him, all ye people!
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**Descant from Vocal Descants for the Church Year: Based on Hymns in Evangelical Worship; Augsburg Fortress, 2008*

+THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

P: Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the

examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
In the name of Christ our light

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:** We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
- C:** **Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Dios de la esperanza (May the God of Hope Go with Us)

Argentina folk; text A. Schutmaat

Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y pas!
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,
Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.
Oremos por la paz, cantemos de tu a mor,
Luchemos por la paz, fieles a ti, Señor.

May the God of hope go with us every day,
To a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

* *All Creation Sings #984*, ELCA supplemental hymnal; Augsburg Fortress, 2021

+ BENEDICTION

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
+ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go with Christ into a weary world
Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE : *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, arr. C. Dobrinski
Agape Ringers



Guest Musicians: Agape Music Outreach
Co-Founders and Directors: Linda Clark and Lisa Wichman
Agape Choir; Agape Ringers

Agape Music Outreach, established in October 2018, is a multi-generation, non-denominational group of church musicians who participate once a month in services at different churches in northern NJ and who also give concerts within the community. For more information, visit the Agape Music Outreach website via link: <https://tinyurl.com/berxf67e> or QR code:



Weekly Announcements

Guest Musicians: The AGAPE Group **Lector:** Ruth Ann Greiner
Video: Jonathan Bollard

Today we welcome The AGAPE Group to Holy Trinity to worship with us. AGAPE is composed of talented volunteer local vocalists and musicians who will accompany our hymns and offer special anthems. A free-will offering will be collected as our way of expressing appreciation to AGAPE.

We are now into the liturgical season of Epiphany. The word “epiphany” literally means “manifestation”. The Gospel readings for this season reflect ways in which Jesus’ divinity became revealed to the world in and through his public ministry.

Congregation Council Update: At its January 25 meeting, the Council voted to extend the global mask mandate and to suspend post-worship coffee hours up through the end of February. These decisions will be revisited by the Council at the end of February. At that time, the Council will re-evaluate based on data received regarding infection rates and positivity rates throughout New Jersey.

Free Grief Support Group, sponsored by RISE UP Rockaway is now offered via ZOOM online conferencing. Each Thursday evening through March 3. Sessions run from 7:30pm – 8:45 pm. The facilitator of the group is Ms. Andrea Wasser-Malmud, MSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Cognitive

Behavior Therapist and Certified Grief Counselor. To register for the group, simply email Ms. Wasser-Malmud at: andreamalmud@gmail.com.

We're looking for a few good men. - Have you ever wanted to be in a Holy Trinity production? Too old for the Children's Program? You may be in luck. We are looking for four (4) men of various ages to perform in this year's Lenten play on April 3. If you are interested, please speak to Ruth Ann Greiner after church or call (973-366-3922).

Offering envelopes are now available on the table in the back. We will not be printing individual boxed envelope sets this year. Please feel free to take some of the preprinted envelopes from the back and write your name in the space provided.

Can You Donate a New or Lightly Used Twin Sized Blanket (60"X90") to aid the homeless? Simply drop off the blankets in an area designated for such at our glass enclosed vestibule. For more info: Contact Nisha Zoeller at: nishazoeller@gmail.com This is a Girl Scout Troop 6114 project.

Coffee Hours are temporarily suspended. Due to the increased spike in Covid infection rates, our weekly post-worship coffee hours will be suspended for the month of January.

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

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!

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 February 16 via ZOOM video link only from noon – 1:00pm. .. 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.

Looking Ahead

Sun., Feb.13	AGAPE Guest Musicians/Vocalists visit us for worship
Sun., Feb. 20	Guest musician – Kathy Sacchiero
Sun., Feb. 27	Musician – Barbara Selland
Wed., March 2	Ash Wednesday worship - noon

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