

# **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide**

## **Service of The Word**

**July 24, 2022**

**+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **CONFESSON 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, <sup>☩</sup> 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 not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of <sup>☩</sup> Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

**+HYMN      Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

**SALUTATION**

P:      The Lord be with you.

C:      **And also with you.**

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P:      Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C:      **Amen**

## SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

## Luke 11:1-13

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

## SERMON

- 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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## +THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

- P: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

- P: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources (*local water sources may be named*) and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- P: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

- P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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 & OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

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: The God of peace,  
Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C: Amen.

**+ SENDING HYMN**

**God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven #281**

- 1 God, who made the earth and heaven,  
darkness and light:  
you the day for work have given,  
for rest the night.  
May your angel guards defend us,  
slumber sweet your mercy send us,  
holy dreams and hopes attend us  
all through the night.
- 2 And when morn again shall call us  
to run life's way,  
may we still, whate'er befall us,  
your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
in the narrow pathway guide us,  
never be your smile denied us  
all through the day.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+THE DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Weekly Announcements**

### **Serving Today:**

**Lector:** Carol Schutz   **Video:** Don Gulliksen   **Usher:** Carol Schutz  
**Communion Assistant:** Matt Maitilasso   **Altar Guild:** Nancy Ambjor  
**CPIC:** Carol Schutz

### **Serving Next Week (7/31)**

**Lector:** Marga Conn   **Video:** Don Gulliksen   **Usher:** Carol Schutz  
**Communion Assistant:** Matt Maitilasso   **Altar Guild:** Nancy Ambjor  
**CPIC:** Carol Schutz

**This Sunday we welcome Jim DeSalvo** as our guest musician today. Thank you for blessing us!

**Special Thanks to Al Buechler** who is presiding and preaching while Pastor Jack is away on vacation. We are blessed by his leadership.

**Pastor Jack will be away on vacation from 7/18 to 8/1.** During that time, pastoral care concerns should be directed to The Rev. Fred Becker, who can be reached at 973-366-2821.

**After a considerable break due to the Covid pandemic** we will once again pass around offering plates during the worship experience. If you already give electronically, then simply pass the plate to your nearest worshipping neighbor at the time of the Sunday collection.

**Our Annual Community Fall Festival and Car Show is Coming Soon!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Please contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email him at: [lawnpridenj@yahoo.com](mailto:lawnpridenj@yahoo.com).

**Next Fall Festival Planning Meeting is slated for Monday, August 1 at 7:00pm** in the choir room. Please attend. Many hands make light work!

**Sponsors are being sought for our annual Fall Festival.** If you or your business would like to be a sponsor, simply contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email him at: [lawnpridenj@yahoo.com](mailto:lawnpridenj@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.com).

**Opportunities to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from the Ukraine.**

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](mailto:riseupangela@gmail.com)

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on August 3<sup>rd</sup> - in person or via ZOOM video link only from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack ([jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto: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! Please save winter coats for our fall coat drive.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.