

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

## Service of Holy Communion

October 9, 2022

*(Note: All wording for the liturgy and hymns will appear on our large monitor screens just above the altar area.)*

**WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION 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, † 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 † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

- 1      When morning gilds the skies,  
         my heart awaking cries:  
         may Jesus Christ be praised!  
         When evening shadows fall,  
         this rings my curfew call:  
         may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2      When mirth for music longs,  
         this is my song of songs:  
         may Jesus Christ be praised!  
         God's holy house of prayer  
         has none that can compare  
         with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 3      To him, my highest and best,  
         I sing, when love-possessed:  
         may Jesus Christ be praised!  
         Whate'er my hands begin,  
         this blessing shall break in:  
         may Jesus Christ be praised!

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:**      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
         communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:**      **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** **#81**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Worthy is the Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and  
strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
sing with all the people of God and join in the  
hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and  
might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:**      Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all  
         creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and  
         well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish  
         all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
         and Lord.

**C:**      **Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

### 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#83

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

## GOSPEL READING

### Luke 17:11-19

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**SERMON** "Good Old-Fashioned Praise"

**HYMN** **Blessed Assurance**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

**OFFERING**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
Fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C:** Amen.

**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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## + BENEDICTION

P: God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

## + SENDING HYMN      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty      #543

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### +THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

### *Serving Today*

**Lector:** *Marga Conn*      **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*

**Usher:** *Sig & Barbara Samuelsen*      **Communion Assistant:** *Megan Hatem*

**Altar Guild:** *Barbara Samuelsen & Linda Decker*      **CPIC:** *Sig Samuelsen*

### *Serving Next week (10/16)*

**Lector:** *Joyce Maul*      **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*

**Usher:** *Sig & Barbara Samuelsen*      **Communion Assistant:** *Megan Hatem*

**Altar Guild:** *Barbara Samuelsen & Linda Decker*      **CPIC:** *Sig Samuelsen*

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

**WELCA will be meeting after the worship service today.**

**For several consecutive Sundays we will incorporate into our liturgy** some of the old favorite liturgical pieces, such as "This is the Feast", the "Alleluia" verse prior to the Gospel, and the offertory response. We hope you enjoy this nostalgic blast from the past. Songbooks containing the music will be available for newcomers and others unfamiliar with our liturgical singing.

**Worship Songbooks will be distributed to all who attend our worship services. Please return the songbooks to the ushers' table at the conclusion of each service. Thank you.**

**Fall Festival Debriefing Meeting:** Please join us in the choir room on October 10 at 7:00pm to debrief regarding the Fall Festival. What went well? What can we improve upon? Your input is valued and appreciated.

**Did you know that Congregation Council meetings are open to the general public?** Non-Council visitors may have voice, but not vote as per our Constitution. Come see what your leaders are up to lately! The meetings are conducted monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the choir room.

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again October 19,** "in person" or via ZOOM video link from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack ([jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.com)) about the ZOOM link.

**Looking Ahead: First Holy Communion Instruction will be offered this Fall for all children, grade 3 and above.** Classes are scheduled for the evenings of October 16 & 23, with the actual First Communion Sunday to be October 30. For questions and concerns please contact Pastor Jack at: [jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.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 and to the hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico:** 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 Bloshek at 973-476-0101 or email her at: [riseupangela@gmail.com](mailto:riseupangela@gmail.com)

**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. Regular offerings (with date and frequency of your choice) as well as one-time gifts can be established electronically. All transactions are confidential.

### **Collections Update-**

**Clean and slightly used men's and women's sweaters and flannel shirts** will be collected throughout the month of September.

**Coats for the annual coat drive will be accepted** during the month of October.

**For more information of these various clothing collections** please contact Ellen Crane (973-625-1353).

**Please note:** Any clothing other than socks, sweaters, flannel shirts and coats should be deposited in our outside clothing bin, located in the rear parking lot.

**Non-perishable food items** can be dropped off inside our front entrance vestibule. Please do not donate perishable goods, such as milk, eggs, bread, and cheese.

**RISE UP News:**

**Free** Community breakfasts are offered at the Presbyterian Church, located on Church St. in the Boro. Next Breakfast: Sat., October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 11:00am. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact Jay Decker at [jdecker10@yahoo.com](mailto:jdecker10@yahoo.com)