

# **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide**

**Service of Holy Communion**



**September 27, 2020**

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

## **WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK**

### **+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.  
Amen.

### **+HYMN            Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

3 Tenderly he shields and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Philippians 2:1-13**

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

## **SERMON**

### **QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY♪**

#### **Just As I Am, without One Plea**

- 1      Just as I am, without one plea,  
         but that thy blood was shed for me,  
         and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
         O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
  
- 5      Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
         wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
         because thy promise I believe,  
         O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

## **+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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:** We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

## + SENDING HYMN

## Let All Things Now Living

- 1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

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

**It's Time to "Pretty Up" the Sanctuary a Bit.** Volunteers are needed for just a few minutes after worship on October 4 to move some excess pews and stacked chairs out of the sanctuary (and down the hall in storage) for a cleaner, fresher look during our COVID sanctuary floor plan. A less "cluttered look" appeals to guests and looks much more presentable for our online viewing audience. Thank you!

**Important announcement from our WELCA group (women's group).** Due to the pandemic, we will regretfully cancel this year's Christmas Bazaar. We realize what a huge disappointment this brings to us and to our surrounding community participants, vendors, etc. However, could everyone please consider making a generous donation to WELCA in lieu of the bazaar, so that WELCA's beautiful ministries to the community may continue to be financially supported? Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

**Hurricane Laura Relief Donations** can be made to Lutheran Disaster Response(LDR) in a number of ways:

Online at : <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?erid=b9f2f6d8-3185-4d1c-bb9b-1731f1c8bf77&trid=b9f2f6d8-3185-4d1c-bb9b-1731f1c8bf77>

**or** simply Google "Lutheran Disaster Response"

**or** Mail a Check to LDR at :

LDR

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

**or** Bring a check to church, issued to Holy Trinity, but listing "LDR-Hurricane Relief" in the memo line

**The WELCA Annual Christmas Bazaar has been cancelled for this year.** Please **do not** drop off donated items to the church at this time. We have no place to store them for the next year.

**Readers are needed** for Sunday mornings. Please consider signing up to read on Sunday mornings. The readings will be sent to you before Sunday so you will have plenty time to read over. It's an easy way to serve the church. Your help is much appreciated.

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will resume** on September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**“NOBODY LIKES COLD FEET”** – We are collecting new men and women’s socks for the homeless. All socks must be received by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please place new socks in the box in the rear of the sanctuary.

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

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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.

## Three-Part Sermon Series is Coming Your Way



### **“Representing Christ in Your Daily Life” October 4, 11, & 18**

Join Pastor Jack as he explores key advice from St. Paul in his letters to the Philippians and the Thessalonians:

- October 4 - Title: “Look Forward, Not Behind”**  
According to St. Paul, healthy Christians focus on God’s unlimited blessings and great opportunities for the future. Don’t get stuck in a world of regrets, sadness and broken dreams.
- October 11- Title: “Do the Right Thing”**  
Paul admonishes: Listen to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit and seek kindness and righteousness, especially when others are encouraging different responses.
- October 18- Title: “BE the Example for Others”**  
St. Paul encourages all believers to “walk the walk” of faith, not just “talk the talk”. We’ll explore what that means for contemporary Christians who wish to live out a life of Christian obedience and love.