

**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide**

Service of Holy Communion



August 2, 2020

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope. Amen.

+HYMN **Break Now the Bread of Life**

1 Break now the bread of life,
 dear Lord, to me,
 as once you broke the loaves
 beside the sea.
 Beyond the sacred page
 I seek you, Lord;
 my spirit waits for you,
 O living Word.

2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord,
to me, to me,
as when you blest the bread
by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger
for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food
fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON "Don't Focus on the Impossible; Focus on the Possible"

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY ♪ **If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you
 and place your confidence in him,
 you'll find him always there beside you,
 to give you hope and strength within.
 For those who trust God's changeless love
 build on the rock that will not move.

- 2 What gain is there in futile weeping,
 in helpless anger and distress?
 If you are in his care and keeping,
 in sorrow will he love you less?
 For he who took for you a cross
 will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

+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 catholic 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: God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

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 BLESSING

- P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

+ SENDING HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
with praises overflows!

- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

Weekly Announcements

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

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.

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.

There will be no Vacation Bible School this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We wish our children a safe and happy summer season.

First Holy Communion Classes, originally scheduled for March/April, will be rescheduled to this Fall. Watch for future announcements for details.

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 and click the donate button, or mail your checks to: RISE UP, c/o Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Green Pond Rd., Rockaway, 07866.

Coming in August

5-Part Sermon Series

“Faith for Troubling Times”



Join Pastor Jack each Sunday morning as he shares the assigned Sunday scriptures from the perspective of faith under pressure. Each week, timely advice comes from the Word of God:

8/2 Don't Focus on the Impossible

8/9 Don't Focus on Fear & Doubt

8/16 Don't Focus on Previous Disappointments

8/23 Don't Focus on HUMAN Solutions

8/30 Don't Focus Solely on YOUR Plans

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All sermons will be archived on our web site as well as on Facebook and YouTube media. Don't miss these encouraging messages!