

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

August 28, 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

BAPTISM OF VINCENZO RANDAZZO

+HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life #429

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
 where sound the cries of race and clan,
 above the noise of selfish strife,
 we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you
 still holds the freshness of your grace;
 yet long these multitudes to view
 the strong compassion in your face.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

SERMON "Your To Do List"

HYMN Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

#423

Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken
Worked mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift which You impart

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to ardent service
Your abundant life to share

+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: For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people (*national, synodical, and local leaders may be named*). Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts (*local places may be named*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: For all the saints who confessed God’s name (*especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black*), we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. 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)

CHOIR ANTHEM

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 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: Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: **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 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#370

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

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

Weekly Announcements

Serving Today (8/28)

Lector: Carol Schutz **Video:** Don Gulliksen **Usher:** Shannon Leifken
Communion Assistant: Shannon Leifken **Altar Guild:** Erin Osterhout
CPIC: Shannon Leifken

Serving Next Week (9/4)

Lector: Volunteer **Video:** Don Gulliksen **Usher:** Joan Cosgrove
Communion Assistant: Eugene Randazzo
Altar Guild: Elen Lodato and Kim Dwyer **CPIC:** Pamela Hon

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

Congratulations to Shane and Joanna Randazzo, on the baptism of their son, Vincenzo, at our worship service this Sunday. Blessings to Vincenzo's sponsors, too.

The First Day of Sunday School (Rally Day) will be September 11th. For more information, contact Superintendent Miss Erin at eosterhout@optonline.net

Once again, Holy Trinity will be collecting coats for the annual coat drive. We will be accepting coat donations during the month of October.

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

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

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again September 7 in person or via ZOOM video link from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack (jackspartan79@gmail.com) about the ZOOM link.

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

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 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.

Fall Festival Updates:

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

1. 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
2. We are asking for donations of new items or gift cards for the chance room. Please label the item "Fall Festival" and leave in the blue room. Please call Peggy Hon, 973-697-1391, for additional information.

RISE UP News:

1. The Rise UP monthly community meeting is scheduled for Thurs., August 25 at 7:00pm in the choir room. New volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Jack at jackspartan79@gmail.com
2. **Free** Community breakfasts are resuming this month at the Presbyterian Church, located on Church St. in the Boro. Serving and fellowship will be offered on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00am – 11:00am. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact Jay Decker at jdecker10@yahoo.com