

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

January 21, 2023

(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

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Don Hustad

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✚ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

+HYMN Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning #84

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 guide where our infant redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 angels adore him in slumber reclining,
 maker and monarch and savior of all.

SALUTATION

- P:** The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your
 service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of
 your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON Called in Baptism Part 3: “Called to Proclaim Christ”

HYMN O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! #86

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s Son,
our Lord and master, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!
- 6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way--
today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is he, the King of glory!

+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.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

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: Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

- 1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
 radiant are the heavens high
 where the golden stars are shining.
 All their rays to earth inclining
 beckon us to heav'n above,
 beckon us to heav'n above.

- 2 On that holy Christmas night
 through the darkness beamed a light;
 all the stars above were paling,
 all their luster slowly failing
 as the Christmas star drew nigh,
 as the Christmas star drew nigh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Serving Today (1/21)

Lector: *Ron Mathewson* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*
Usher: *Barbara Samuelsen* **Altar Guild:** *Carol DeMeo*
Communion Assistant: *Lida Bischer & Carol DeMeo*
CPIC: *Joan Cosgrove* **Counters:** *Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove*
Offering: *Volunteer*

Serving Next Week (1/28)

Lector: *Cindy Alvarado* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*
Usher: *Barbara Samuelsen* **Altar Guild:** *Carol DeMeo*
Communion Assistant: *Lida Bischer & Carol DeMeo*
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This Sunday we welcome Lois Buesser as our guest musician. Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.

Due to recently unforeseen circumstances, the Lunch and Learn Bible study of 1/3 has been postponed to 1/17.

How to order flowers to be placed on the church altar. Let Donna in the church office know no later than the Monday before you want the flowers in church and let her know what you would like printed in the bulletin. Donna orders the flowers and they deliver them and bill the church \$30.00. The cost to you is \$30.00. Contact information for Donna in the church office:
Phone number 973-625-0110.

Adult Bible Studies are Now Offered. Join Pastor Jack on the first and third weeks of each month. The Schedule: First and Third Monday nights at 6:00pm At Shepherd of the Hills in Sparta (ZOOM video option). First and Third Wednesdays at noon at Holy Trinity, Rockaway (Zoom video option). We will study Scripture verses related to faith and perseverance during difficult times. Contact Pastor for more details: 908-887-1161.

Looking Ahead: Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14 at noon and 6:00pm at Holy Trinity and at 8:00pm at Shepherd of the Hills, Sparta.

A Praise Band is Starting a Holy Trinity! If you play the guitar, drums, or another musical instrument. Come on board! Youth are encouraged. See Jennifer Foose for more information: jdfoose@gmail.com.

Youth in sixth grade and above are now being recruited to serve as acolytes, ushers, lectors, and communion assistants. The first training session is slated for Sunday, February 11 after the worship service. See Pastor Jack if interested.

Holy Trinity will have a visit with Abraham Lincoln on Sunday, February 25! Watch future bulletins and announcements for details.

Want to have your announcement appear in this bulletin? Please email your blurb to the church office no later than Tuesday at 10:00am for the upcoming Sunday announcement. Email is: htl.church@gmail.com

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

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.

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