

**Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church
Worship Guide**

Service of Holy Communion



“Keeping the Peace”

April 18, 2021

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain and snow.

C: **We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: **We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
[for those newly baptized *at the Easter Vigil/in this holy season*];
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: **We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: **We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

+HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

SERMON "Keeping the Peace"

Part Two of a Seven-Part Series "Delicate Relationships"

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY **When Peace, like a River** *It Is Well with My Soul*

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
 when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
 and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

+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: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

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: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P; Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

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

A Very Blessed Easter season to you and to your loved ones! Easter is a seven-week season, not just one day.

Considering Membership at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jack will offer brief new member/orientation classes after worship on June 6, 13, and 20. For more info contact Pastor at 908-887-1161 or email at jackspartan79@gmail.com.

Special Thanks to those who helped our local impoverished by donating toward our Holiday Wishes Easter Basket campaign. We collected \$500 to aid some of our neighbors who are still struggling amidst the pandemic!

Special thanks to all our volunteers who helped to make the Drive-By Easter Bunny event so much fun and the Holy Week worship services so meaningful. Your efforts were a blessing to everyone.

Fall Festival is Coming! Mark your calendars to participate in our annual community Fall Festival, September 25 from noon to 5pm (rain date 9/26, 1:00-6:00). food, vendors, car show, live band, and more! For more information, contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email at lawnpriidenj@yahoo.com. Business sponsors and vendors are being recruited now! CDC guidelines will be followed, especially for masking and physical distancing.

Volunteers Needed for our Fall Festival: Brief Planning Meeting Scheduled. There will be a brief Fall Festival planning meeting on April 21 at 7:00pm in the choir room and via ZOOM conferencing. This is a huge endeavor and everyone is encouraged to help in some way. For more info, contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email at lawnpriidenj@yahoo.com.

COVID Vaccinations for those 65 years old and older are available on a "fast track" basis. Tired of waiting for an appointment? Contact Grethe Zarnitz at 973-975-9524. Vaccinations will be given at the Rockaway Mall location.

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.

Blood Donors urgently needed. Please consider donating blood at our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road in Sparta. Hours are 1pm - 7pm on Thursday, April 29. CDC guidelines will be followed. Donors will be asked a series of screening questions and will have their temperatures checked prior to eligibility. For more information contact Shepherd of the Hills at 973-729-7010 or email at office@sothnj.org

First Holy Communion News: Due to the COVID pandemic and its restrictions, our first holy communion class will be postponed until further notice. We regret this interruption with respect to family milestones, etc. and pray for your patience and understanding.

Did you know...approximately two hundred viewers “tune in” each week through our internet streaming of the worship experience. We are reaching viewers as far as Texas, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Maine. Thanks to modern technology we are living out Jesus’ great commission to proclaim God’s Word near and far (see Matthew 28).

All liturgical wording for our worship services comes from the national office of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and is the standard recommended Lutheran liturgy for all Lutheran congregations across the United States.

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on April 21. 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 (jackspartan79@gmail.com) about the ZOOM link.

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! For more information, contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.

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.

7 Part Sermon Series Is Coming Soon!



“Delicate Relationships”

Join Pastor Jack as he explores the fragile nature of relationships: at home, school, work, and your neighborhood. Discover Biblical principles for healthy relationships based on the assigned Scripture readings for each Sunday.

4/11	“Beware of Labeling”
4/18	“Keeping the Peace”
4/25	“Making Sacrifices”
5/2	“United, We Stand”
5/9	“Abide in Love”
5/16	“Find Joy”
5/23	“Center Yourself in Prayer”

All sermons delivered “in person” will also be archived on the Holy Trinity, Rockaway web site as well as on YouTube channels for Holy Trinity and for Shepherd of the Hills, Sparta.

Tell your friends!