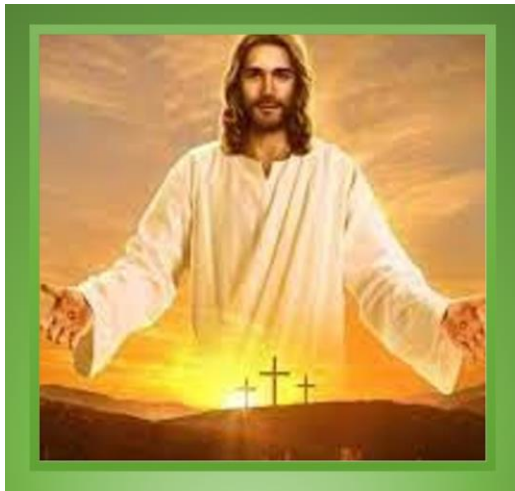


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide

Service of Holy Communion



“Jesus: The Eternal Savior”

October 24, 2021

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+HYMN,♪ Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 hallows all our human race,
 you our head, who, throned in glory,
 for your own will ever plead:
 fill us with your love and pity,
 heal our wrong, and help our need.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of peace;
 hush the storm of strife and passion,
 bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling,
 by your silent hours of pain,
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
 stem our selfish greed of gain.

SALUTATION

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

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the
 darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on
 us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your
 goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

"Jesus: The Eternal Savior"

Part 4 of a four-part sermon series

"The Lordship of Christ"

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Give Thanks"

HYMN OF THE DAY Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
 the Lamb upon his throne;
 hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
 all music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless king
 through all eternity.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--
 behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky
 can fully bear that sight,
 but downward bend their burning eyes
 at mysteries so bright.

+THE PRAYERS

(See "Celebrate" bulletin insert)

P: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(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.)

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: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN Jesus Shall Reign

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Lector: Ellen Crane **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

The Congregation Meeting is Coming Soon! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 7, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will adopt the proposed 2022 spending plan (budget) and elect or re-elect members to serve on our congregation Council. For more information contact Joan Cosgrove at kikkired@verizon.net or call 973-691-1705.

Our Women's Sunday is slated for November 7. Members of our women's group (WELCA) will lead the liturgy, and one of Ruth Ann Greiner's inspirational plays will be presented. You won't want to miss this! For more information contact Marga Conn at tantemarga@outlook.com or call 475-330-4128.

Can You Donate a New or Lightly Used Twin Sized Blanket (60"X90") to aid the homeless? Simply drop off the blankets in an area designated for such at our glass enclosed vestibule. For more info: Contact Nisha Zoeller at: nishazoeller@gmail.com. This is a Girl Scout Troop 6114 project.

Coffee Hour help needed. Many say we have the best post-worship coffee hours in Morris County! But your help is needed. Please consider donating refreshments, coffee, milk, sugar to help feed the multitude. Thank you!

We are pleased to introduce new video monitors to our sanctuary experience. The work is not yet complete...soon we will enjoy visual aides to enliven our experience and highlight Bible verses. Keep on the lookout for ways we'll utilize these monitors.

Sunday school has officially resumed for the academic year. For more information, please contact Erin Osterhout at 973-615-1026 or eoosterhout@optonline.net. As in the past, children will start each Sunday with a children's message from Pastor Jack in the sanctuary, then they will proceed to their classrooms for activities/instruction.

Volunteers are needed to count the offering after church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Joan Cosgrove at (973-691-1705) or speak to her in church. No experience necessary!

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

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.

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, Maine and now China! 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 November 3rd. This popular series meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the choir room. 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.

Upcoming Events

Tues., Oct. 26	Church Council – 7:00pm
Sun., Oct. 31	Reformation Sunday
Sun., Nov. 7	Women's Sunday & Annual Mtg.
Sat., Dec. 4	Annual Community Christmas Bazaar & Santa Visit

New Sermon Series for October:

“The Lordship of Christ”

Exploring the New Testament Book of Hebrews



The New Testament Book of Hebrews first circulated publicly around 70 A.D. The early manuscripts of the Gospels of Mark and Matthew were shared at about the same time. Here, in Hebrews, the lordship of Christ is emphasized, and Christians can rest assured that they are in the saving graces of Jesus.

10/3 - Part 1 - “Jesus: The Co-Creator of the Universe”

10/10 - Part 2 - “Jesus: The Lord of Mercy and Grace”

10/17- Part 3 - “Jesus: The Lamb of God”

10/24- Part 4 - “Jesus: The Eternal Savior”

Discover what these passages mean for everyday Christian life!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
508 Green Pond Road
Rockaway, NJ 07866

rockawaylutheran.org

htlchurch@gmail.com

973-625-0110

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo, jackspartan79@gmail.com

Music Director: Chad Flynn, bariflynn@yahoo.com

Council President: Joan Cosgrove, kikkired@verizon.net

Sunday School Director: Erin Osterhout, eosterhout@optonline.net

Women's Group President: Marga Conn, tantemarga@outlook.com

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – Noon