

# **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide**

## **Service of Holy Communion**



**February 14, 2021**

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

## WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving God,

C: **we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.  
Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
God's love never runs out.  
God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
Hear God say to you now:  
Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

#### +HYMN      **How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**

1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through 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**

### **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Mark 9:2-9**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is

good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**SERMON**            “Course Corrections”

## **QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 🎵      **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1            Love divine, all loves excelling,  
              Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!  
              Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
              all thy faithful mercies crown.  
              Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
              pure, unbounded love thou art;  
              visit us with thy salvation,  
              enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2            Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
              into ev’ry troubled breast;  
              let us all in thee inherit;  
              let us find thy promised rest.  
              Take away the love of sinning;  
              Alpha and Omega be;  
              end of faith, as its beginning,  
              set our hearts at liberty.

## **+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: Merciful God,  
receive the gifts we bring,  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Through this meal unite us as your body,  
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:** O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.  
You are our dearest treasure.  
Go with us now—  
today, tomorrow, every day—  
that we tell the story of your never-ending love  
and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

**P:** The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **+ SENDING HYMN      Beautiful Savior**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+THE DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

**Lector:** Shannon Leifken **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

**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).

**There are people in our community who are in need of winter coats.**

Currently we need 4 men’s large and 1 woman’s large or x-large winter coats (dark color and washable). For more information please contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.

**RISE UP Rockaway, Inc.** is a not for profit, fully-licensed 501-c-3 corporation serving the needs of local impoverished individuals/families. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution toward their mission. (See flyer included in this bulletin)

**Want to participate in RISE UP’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting?** The general public is invited to participate via a ZOOM video conference on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00pm. Please email at [Riseuprockaway@gmail.com](mailto:Riseuprockaway@gmail.com) to request a video link to this meeting.

**Join us for an in-person Ash Wednesday worship service on Feb. 17 at noon.** The ELCA Bishop and the NJ Synod Bishop are recommending liturgies in which no ashes are distributed on foreheads this year in observance of COVID safety protocols.

**Online streaming of the Ash Wednesday liturgy** will take place via a video hook-up with our neighboring church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Sparta. We will NOT offer a live broadcast of the noon Rockaway liturgy, only the 7:00pm liturgy offered in Sparta. To join via the internet, simply click on at 7:00pm to the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH8w\\_r1Rb9HH7i6SD15Tu6w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH8w_r1Rb9HH7i6SD15Tu6w)

Of course, the liturgy will be available in archived fashion on Thursday, February 18.

**Looking ahead toward the season of Lent.** Due to the pandemic and COVID restrictions, the Friday Lenten ecumenical lunches have been canceled for the season of Lent. However, plans are being discussed for an outdoor community Good Friday liturgy at noon at a nearby location. Watch future bulletins for details.

**2021 Offering Envelope boxes are now available in the narthex (lobby).**

If you are a newcomer to Holy Trinity or if you don’t not have a designated box number, please contact Ellen Crane at 973-625-1353.



**Did you know:** 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.

**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.

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 about the ZOOM link.

**Clothing Donations:** Please place in the RED BIN in the rear parking lot of the church. Also taking shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, and linens!

**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](http://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](mailto: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.