

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide

Service of Holy Communion



"Still No Faith?"

June 20, 2021

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

+HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole creation cry,
 "Glory to the Lord on high!"
 Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
 "Praise him, our almighty king!"
 Praise him, angel hosts above,
 ever bright and fair in love;
 sun and moon, lift up your voice;
 night and stars, in God rejoice.

3 Men and women, young and old,
 raise the anthem loud and bold,
 and let children's happy hearts
 in this worship take their parts;
 from the north to southern pole
 let the mighty chorus roll:
 "Holy, Holy, Holy One;
 glory be to God alone!"

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

SERMON

"Still No Faith?"

Part Two of a seven-part sermon series

"The Challenge to Believe"

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

+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: Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of 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: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING O Master, Let Me Walk with You

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

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

We wish a Happy Father's Day to all our dads this Sunday. May God's blessings be with you on your special day.

Our Congregation Council will soon make decisions regarding face coverings during worship, coffee hour resumption, and the start of Sunday School. Please watch future bulletins and emails for specific information.

Special thanks to those who donated shoes toward our "Kind Soles Project." Over one thousand pairs of shoes were collected and will be sent overseas to be given away, repaired, or salvaged to raise money for local congregations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The shoe collection campaign is over...please drop off additional shoes to our clothing bin located near the rear of our building. We ask that you not leave shoes in our vestibule area.

Did you notice that we are planting a community vegetable garden behind the church? The "harvest" to be donated to our local impoverished. For more info on volunteering/supporting this effort, please contact Shannon Leifken at: shannonleifken@gmail.com or call 973-570-2136.

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 lawnpridenj@yahoo.com. Business sponsors and vendors are being recruited now! CDC guidelines will be followed, especially for masking and physical distancing.

Considering Membership at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jack will offer a brief new member class after worship on June 20. For more info contact Pastor at 908-887-1161 or email at 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 on July 7.

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 Here!



“The Challenge to Believe”

Each week throughout the early months of summer, Pastor Jack will refer to the assigned Scripture verses in outlining and exploring the challenge to trust in God and to believe in God’s providence even when adverse circumstances sometimes lead us away from faith... Then, we’ll uncover some sound biblical advice for maintaining unwavering faith amid difficult times.

6/13	“Living by Faith, Not by Sight”
6/20	“Still no Faith?”
6/27	“Believing...Against All Odds”
7/4	“An Impossible Dream?”
7/11	“The God Who ‘Works Out’ Everything”
7/18	“Not Feeling Sufficient?”
7/25	“Look for the Signs”

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!

Please Support Our Local Food Closet



Soon we will enter the summer months when, historically, food and toiletry donations begin to decline.

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

FOOD

Peanut Butter
Tuna
Macaroni & Cheese
Pasta
Sauce
Canned Fruit

TOILETRIES

Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene Products

Please bring all donations to our church vestibule.

Perishable items such as milk, eggs, and bread cannot be received at this time.