

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

August 21, 2022

(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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me."
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON “What is Weighing You Down:

HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,
the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us
from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
to wash my crimson stains
clean in his blood most precious
till not a spot remains.

- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases;
my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases;
he all my sorrows shares.

+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.**

+THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

P: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (*local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named*). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (*congregational leaders may be named*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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 & OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

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: Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #499**

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Serving Today (8/21)

Lector: *Ellen Crane* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen* **Usher:** *Shannon Leifken*
Communion Assistant: *Shannon Leifken* **Altar Guild:** *Erin Osterhout*
CPIC: *Shannon Leifken*

Serving Next Week 8/28

Lector: *Carol Schutz* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen* **Usher:** *Shannon Leifken*
Communion Assistant: *Shannon Leifken* **Altar Guild:** *Erin Osterhout*
CPIC: *Shannon Leifken*

This Sunday we welcome Lois Buesser as our guest musician today. Thank you for blessing us!

Altar flowers are given in memory of Elaine Provost from Joe and Joanie O'Connor.

Once again, Holy Trinity will be collecting coats for the annual coat drive.

We will be accepting coat donations during the month of October.

Looking Ahead: First Holy Communion Instruction will be offered this Fall for all children, grade 3 and above. Classes are scheduled for the evenings of October 16 & 23, with the actual First Communion Sunday to be October 30. For questions and concerns please contact Pastor Jack at: jackspartan79@gmail.com

Communion Note: Did you know that the communion trays are configured in a certain way? Cups containing grape juice are in the center of the tray, and cups containing wine are near the edges of each serving tray.

Offering envelopes are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take some of the preprinted envelopes from the back and write your name in the space provided.

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

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again September 7 in person or via ZOOM video link from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack (jackspartan79@gmail.com) about the ZOOM link.

Opportunities to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from the Ukraine.

Send your contributions to Lutheran Disaster Response. You can donate on the web by visiting ELCA.org and then clicking "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or you can mail checks to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

(Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check memo line.)

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

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! Please save winter coats for our fall coat drive.

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.

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.

Fall Festival Updates:

Our Annual Community Fall Festival and Car Show is Coming Soon! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Please contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email him at: lawnpridenj@yahoo.com

1. Sponsors are being sought for our annual Fall Festival. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor, simply contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email him at: lawnpridenj@yahoo.com
2. We are asking for donations of new items or gift cards for the chance room. Please label the item "Fall Festival" and leave in the blue room. Please call Peggy Hon, 973-697-1391, for additional information.

The First Day of Sunday School (Rally Day) will be September 11th. For more information, contact Superintendent Miss Erin at eosterhout@optonline.net

RISE UP News:

1. The Rise UP monthly community meeting is scheduled for Thurs., August 25 at 7:00pm in the choir room. New volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Jack at jackspartan79@gmail.com
2. **Free** Community breakfasts are resuming this month at the Presbyterian Church, located on Church St. in the Boro. Serving and fellowship will be offered on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00am – 11:00am. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact Jay Decker at jdecker10@yahoo.com