

**Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
Worship Guide  
Service of The Word**

*“Festival of Christ the King”*

**November 21, 2021**

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## WELCOME FROM AL BUECHLER

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### +HYMN,♪      **Come, You Thankful People, Come**

1      Come, you thankful people, come;  
        raise the song of harvest home.  
        All is safely gathered in  
        ere the winter storms begin.  
        God, our maker, does provide  
        for our wants to be supplied.  
        Come to God's own temple, come,  
        raise the song of harvest home.

4      Even so, Lord, quickly come  
        to your final harvest home.  
        Gather all your people in,  
        free from sorrow, free from sin,  
        there, forever purified,  
        in your garner to abide.  
        Come, with all your angels, come,  
        raise the glorious harvest home!

### SALUTATION

P:      The Lord be with you.

C:      **And also with you.**

### + PRAYER OF THE DAY

P:      Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to  
        be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the  
        earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the  
        glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
        who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
        and forever.

C:      **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### John 18:33-37

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**SERMON**

**Al Buechler**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

- 1    Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
      to his feet your tribute bring.  
      Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
      evermore his praises sing.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Praise the everlasting King!
  
- 2    Praise him for his grace and favor  
      to our forebears in distress.  
      Praise him, still the same forever,  
      slow to chide and swift to bless.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Glorious in his faithfulness!

## +THE PRAYERS

(See "Celebrate" bulletin insert)

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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: Holy God,  
the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.  
Come among us now  
and strengthen us to be your body for the world  
through Jesus Christ our 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 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.

## **+ BENEDICTION**

P: God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

**+ SENDING HYMN      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.
  
- 2    Crown him the virgin's Son,  
      the God incarnate born,  
      whose arm those crimson trophies won  
      which now his brow adorn;  
      fruit of the mystic rose,  
      yet of that rose the stem,  
      the root whence mercy ever flows,  
      the babe of Bethlehem.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+THE DISMISSAL**

- P:**      Led on by the saints before us,  
          go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C:**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

**Lector:** Joyce Maul    **Music Director:** Chad Flynn    **Video:** Don Gulliksen

**Special thanks to** Al Buechler who is preaching and presiding during Pastor Jack's absence today.

**Need Pastoral Care while Pastor Jack is away? (until November 28).** Please contact the Rev. Fred Becker at 973-366-2821 or [fredebecker@comcast.net](mailto:fredebecker@comcast.net)

**Christmas Concert is coming soon.** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19 at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. This year's cantata is "Night of Wonder, Night of Joy". Our choir and musicians will be joined by talented vocalists from the community as well as from the Jefferson Township High School Chamber Choir. You won't want to miss this inspirational event.

**Christmas Is Coming!** – This year's Christmas program is "The Colors of Christmas" by Ruth Ann Greiner. Rehearsals are continuing now through December 6. All children 7 and older will meet on Sundays at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

**"NOBODY LIKES COLD FEET"** – We are collecting **NEW** men and women's **WARM** socks for the homeless. All socks must be received by November 28<sup>th</sup>. Simply drop the socks off at our glass enclosed vestibule. For more information contact Ellen Crane at [epc330@verizon.net](mailto:epc330@verizon.net) or call her at 973-461-3002.

**Our Annual Christmas bazaar will be offered on Saturday, December 4.** Vendors, baked goods, lunch, tricky tray, 50-50 raffle, a visit from Santa, and more. For more information, contact Barbara Samuelsen at [basamuelsen@aol.com](mailto:basamuelsen@aol.com) or call 973-586-8454.

**The WELCA Bazaar** will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We are now collecting:

~ we are looking for donations of NEW items or gift cards for the chance room at the WELCA bazaar. Also, if you have a free turkey that you don't have a use for, we would love to include one in the food basket!

~ *GENTLY USED* treasures (*no trash, please*) for Dolly's Room. Please drop off at the church during office hours.

**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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto: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** December 1. 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](mailto: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](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.

### Upcoming Events

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| Tues., Nov. 23 | Church Council Meeting – 7:00pm                                     |
| Sun., Nov. 7   | Women’s Sunday & Annual Mtg.  |
| Sat., Dec. 4   | Annual Community Christmas Bazaar & Santa Visit<br>10:00am – 2:00pm |
| Sun., Dec. 12  | HTLC Children's Play during worship                                 |
| Sun., Dec. 19  | Annual Christmas Concert – 3:00pm in the sanctuary                  |

## New Sermon Series

# “Fear Not!”

What circumstances cause you to shiver in fear? What keeps you up at night? Do fears and anxieties overwhelm you at times? Join Pastor Jack as he explores the themes of fear...and faith... as outlined in our assigned Scripture texts each week.



11/28/21	“Fear Not...We Have Jesus”
12/5	“Fear Not...We are All in this Together”
12/12	“Fear Not...We Have Prayer Support”
12/19	“Fear Not...God Can Do Anything”
12/24	“Fear Not...A Savior is Born”
12/26	“Fear Not...God is in Control”
1/2/22	“Fear Not... It’s a New Year...a New Beginning”
1/9	“Fear Not...Your Baptism is Powerful”
1/16	“Fear Not...Our Lord Brings Joy”
1/23	“Fear Not...The Scriptures Are Fulfilled”
1/30	“Fear Not...Your Enemies Shall Not Prevail”
2/6	“Fear Not...God Will Provide”

This twelve-part sermon series will help to assuage some of your greatest fears and assure you that God will strengthen you... and guide you through...even amid the most frightening times of life.

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