

**Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
Worship Guide**

**Service of Holy Communion**



**October 11, 2020**

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

## WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

### + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.  
Amen.

### +HYMN      **If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

1      If you but trust in God to guide you  
and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you,  
to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
build on the rock that will not move.

2      What gain is there in futile weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in his care and keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

## **SALUTATION**

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

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

## **+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9**

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

## SERMON

### QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

#### HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given  
blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil  
with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness  
melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

## +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: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:** We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

### **+ SENDING Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
as soldiers of the cross,  
lift high his royal banner;  
it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army he shall lead,  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2        Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
          the trumpet call obey;  
          stand forth in mighty conflict  
          in this his glorious day.  
          Let all his faithful serve him  
          against unnumbered foes;  
          let courage rise with danger,  
          and strength to strength oppose.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:**        Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C:**        **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

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

**New Seating Arrangement Approved.** The Congregation Council unanimously approved a new sanctuary floor plan which is more aesthetically pleasing while maintaining physical distancing objectives during our COVID pandemic. Your help is needed: Could you please volunteer a few minutes of your time to re-arrange pews after worship on October 11? As always, many hands make light work.

**The Ladies of WELCA** will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. All ladies of the church are invited. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Physical distancing and facial coverings will be required..

**Save the Date!** Mark your calendar for our Congregation Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, 11/15 immediately following our worship service. The meeting will be offered for in-person attendees as well as for those desiring to join us via ZOOM conference. All ZOOM attendees will have full voice and vote privileges. As with any other congregation meeting, one must be a confirmed, rostered member to cast a vote, and no proxy votes will be permitted. The chief substance of the meeting will be the adoption of the proposed 2021 budget.

**Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 5125** for beautifying the walkway between KDM School and the Holy Trinity parsonage. They added colorful stones to line the pathway and a fresh layer of mulch. Participants were: Emily Shields (a member of our congregation), Sophia Vandermark, Bella Krepps, and Caitlin Sipple. Their advisor was Mrs. Michele Vandermark. Great job girls!

**Coat Drive** We will be collecting washable, used men, women's and children's coats now through October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Crane.

**Lake Telemark Area Yard Sale** will be held on October 17 and 18, 2020, from 9am-2pm. The ladies of WELCA will be setting up a table in front of Holy Trinity on Saturday. Come out and see what treasures they have for you to purchase. Pick-up your map at Tomasini's house, 25 Oslo Drive. Any questions see Ellen Crane (973-625-1353).

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be held on October 21<sup>st</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.

**Important announcement from our WELCA group (women's group).** Due to the pandemic, we will regretfully cancel this year's Christmas Bazaar. We realize what a huge disappointment this brings to us and to our surrounding community participants, vendors, etc. However, could everyone please consider making a generous donation to WELCA in lieu of the bazaar, so that WELCA's beautiful ministries to the community may continue to be financially supported? Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

**“NOBODY LIKES COLD FEET”** – We are collecting new men and women's socks for the homeless. All socks must be received by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please place new socks in the box in the rear of the sanctuary.

**Hurricane Laura Relief Donations** can be made to Lutheran Disaster Response(LDR) in a number of ways:

Online at : <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?erid=b9f2f6d8-3185-4d1c-bb9b-1731f1c8bf77&trid=b9f2f6d8-3185-4d1c-bb9b-1731f1c8bf77>

**or** simply Google "Lutheran Disaster Response"

**or** Mail a Check to LDR at :

LDR

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

**or** Bring a check to church, issued to Holy Trinity, but listing "LDR-Hurricane Relief" in the memo line

**The WELCA Annual Christmas Bazaar has been cancelled for this year.** Please **do not** drop off donated items to the church at this time. We have no place to store them for the next year.

**Readers are needed** for Sunday mornings. Please consider signing up to read on Sunday mornings. The readings will be sent to you before Sunday so you will have plenty time to read over. It's an easy way to serve the church. Your help is much appreciated.

**First Holy Communion Classes**, originally scheduled in March/April, will be rescheduled to next Spring. Watch future announcements for details.

**Are your children restless during worship?** Our nursery room and Sunday School classrooms are available; one room per family, first come-first serve basis. Please remember to turn off the lights and straighten up when you leave.

**Thank you for all your generous financial support to the ministries of Holy Trinity,** especially during our COVID-19 building shut down. The ministries continued, even when our building was closed, thanks to your gifts.

**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.

## Three-Part Sermon Series is Coming Your Way



### **“Representing Christ in Your Daily Life” October 4, 11, & 18**

Join Pastor Jack as he explores key advice from St. Paul in his letters to the Philippians and the Thessalonians:

- October 4 - Title: “Look Forward, Not Behind”**  
According to St. Paul, healthy Christians focus on God’s unlimited blessings and great opportunities for the future. Don’t get stuck in a world of regrets, sadness and broken dreams.
- October 11- Title: “Do the Right Thing”**  
Paul admonishes: Listen to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit and seek kindness and righteousness, especially when others are encouraging different responses.
- October 18- Title: “BE the Example for Others”**  
St. Paul encourages all believers to “walk the walk” of faith, not just “talk the talk”. We’ll explore what that means for contemporary Christians who wish to live out a life of Christian obedience and love.