

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

October 23, 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

BAPTISM OF Kurt, Shannon and Levy Leifken

+HYMN Come, Ye Disconsolate

- 1 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
 come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel.
 Here bring your wounded hearts,
 here tell your anguish;
 earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.
- 2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
 hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
 here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
 "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 🎵

#81

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Worthy is the Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and
strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
sing with all the people of God and join in the
hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and
might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the lamb who was slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#83

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON Two-Part Sermon Series: “The Mystery of Prayer
Part 2: “Humility is the Key”

HYMN **Just As I Am, without One Plea** **#296**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
 but that thy blood was shed for me,
 and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY  **#86**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
Fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P: Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
- C: **Amen.**

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.

LAMB OF GOD

#92

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

- P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN I Lay My Sins on Jesus

#305

- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Serving Today

Lector: Carol Schutz **Video:** Don Gulliksen **Usher:** The Samuelsens
Communion Assistant: Ellen Crane & Marga Conn
Altar Guild: Barbara Samuelsen & Linda Decker **CPIC:** Sig Samuelsen
Counters: Joan Cosgrove & Carol Schutz

Serving Next Week (10/30)

Lector: Joyce Maul **Video:** Don Gulliksen **Usher:** The Samuelsens
Communion Assistant: Ellen Crane & Marga Conn
Altar Guild: Barbara Samuelsen & Linda Decker **CPIC:** Sig Samuelsen
Counters: Joan Cosgrove & Carol Schutz

Congratulations to the Leifken family who will celebrate their baptisms this Sunday: Kurt, Shannon, and Levi. May God bless you in your new walk with Christ.

This Sunday we welcome Charles Stratton as our guest musician. Thank you, Mr. Stratton for blessing us with your gift of music.

Mark your calendars! November 13 is a big day at Holy Trinity! On that day our women will lead our worship service, followed by a brief congregation meeting and a luncheon. Please make every effort to attend!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! – Rehearsals for this year's Christmas program, The Perfect Gift begin Sunday, November 6, at 10:00 AM in the church sanctuary. All Sunday School students in second through eighth grade must attend. Rehearsals continue every Sunday at that time until our performance on December 18.

Special notice regarding our Congregation Meeting of November 13: The meeting will commence at approximately 12:15pm. The agenda will include:

- A vote on the proposed 2023 Spending Plan (budget)
- Election and/or re-election of those eligible to serve on our Congregation Council
- Two minor changes to our bylaws:
 - (a) A Motion to conduct one annual meeting per year, to be offered in November of each year
 - (b) A Motion to change the name of the "Outreach Team" to the "Marketing Team"

If you wish to have a bulletin announcement printed in our Sunday bulletin, please email the announcement to our office at: htl.church@gmail.com no later than the Tuesday prior to the announcement's intended appearance in the Sunday bulletin.

Want to use our church building for your group or organization? Please submit your request(s) to our Congregation Council in writing or in email form to our President Joan Cosgrove at least one month in advance of intended building usage. Joan's email is: kikkired@verizon.net Groups are required to complete a Building Usage Agreement form and provide proof of liability insurance coverage listing Holy Trinity as "additionally insured".

For several consecutive Sundays we will incorporate into our liturgy some of the old favorite liturgical pieces, such as "This is the Feast", the "Alleluia" verse prior to the Gospel, and the offertory response. We hope you enjoy this nostalgic blast from the past. Songbooks containing the music will be available for newcomers and others unfamiliar with our liturgical singing.

Worship Songbooks will be distributed to all who attend our worship services. Please return the songbooks to the ushers' table at the conclusion of each service. Thank you.

Did you know that Congregation Council meetings are open to the general public? Non-Council visitors may have voice, but not vote as per our Constitution. Come see what your leaders are up to lately! The meetings are conducted monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the choir room.

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again November 2 "in person" or via ZOOM video link from noon – 1:00pm. Please contact Pastor Jack (jackspartan79@gmail.com) about the ZOOM link.

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

Opportunities to provide humanitarian aid to refugees from the Ukraine and to the hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico: 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

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.

Collections Update-

Coats for the annual coat drive will be accepted during the month of October.

For more information of these various clothing collections please contact Ellen Crane (973-625-1353).

Please note: Any clothing other than socks, sweaters, flannel shirts and coats should be deposited in our outside clothing bin, located in the rear parking lot.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside our front entrance vestibule. Please do not donate perishable goods, such as milk, eggs, bread, and cheese.

RISE UP News:

Free Community breakfasts are offered at the Presbyterian Church, located on Church St. in the Boro. Next Breakfast: Sat., October 29th from 8:00am – 11:00am. For more information and opportunities to volunteer, contact Jay Decker at jdecker10@yahoo.com