

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion

November 26, 2023

(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

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Johann Walther

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

C: **Amen.**

- 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.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through 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

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON “Judgement Day”

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King

Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

- 2 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King *Refrain*

+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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

Total Praise, , ,

Keith Christopher

Solo: Andy Grilk

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

- P: God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
- 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: Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #352

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Serving Today (11/26)

Lector: *Marga Conn* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*
Usher: *Carol Schutz* **Altar Guild:** *Ruth Leonard*
Communion Assistant: *George Leonard & Matt Maitilasso*
CPIC: *George Leonard* **Counters:** *Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove*
Offering: *Volunteer*

Serving Next Week (12/3)

Lector: *Volunteer* **Video:** *Don Gulliksen*
Usher: *Ellen Crane* **Altar Guild:** *Joan Cosgrove*
Communion Assistant: *Eugene Randazzo & Joan Cosgrove*
CPIC: *Eugene Randazzo* **Counters:** *Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove*
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Christmas gifts for local families. Once again, we are offering Christmas relief to local families in need. Please see the bulletin board in the back of the church for details. Gifts need to be brought to the church unwrapped by December 10. For more information contact Erin Osterhout at: 973-615-1026 or email her at eosterhout@optonline.net.

Do you have ideas for specific building renovations? Please list your ideas on the clipboard at the usher's table (rear of the sanctuary). Your input is greatly needed and appreciated.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is coming soon! Join us on Saturday December 2 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. To volunteer or for more information contact Barbara Samuelsen at basamuelsen@aol.com or call 973-586-8454.

Our Annual Congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 right after the worship service. Please make an effort to attend this brief, yet important meeting.

Were you absent from worship on 10/15 (Generosity Sunday)? Please complete a financial pledge card (located on the usher's table), place your card in an envelope, seal it, and write on the envelope "2024 Pledge". Thank you for your anticipated support!

Today we welcome Lois Buesser as our guest musician. Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.

Considering Membership at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jack will offer a round of Orientation Classes each Sunday from 12:15pm – 1:00pm in his office on Nov. 26. For more information contact pastor at: jackspartan79@gmail.com or call 908-887-1161.

Want to have your announcement appear in this bulletin? Please email your blurb to the church office no later than Tuesday at 10:00am for the upcoming Sunday announcement. Email is: htl.church@gmail.com

Lunch & Learn Bible Adult Bible has taken a short winter recess. WE will reconvene on January 3. The group meets in the choir room on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from noon to 1:00pm. Bring a bag much and a Bible! There is a ZOOM link for those desiring to participate online. For more information, see Pastor Jack.

Donations are being accepted to help with renovating our building (painting, fixing the restrooms, tiling, etc.) Please pray about your generous donation...checks can be written to "Holy Trinity" with "renovation" in the memo section. There is a basket at the ushers table for collections. For additional information, contact Joyce Maul at: joycemaul1705@gmail.com

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 Bloshek 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.

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Four-Part Sermon Series:
“The Second Coming of Christ”



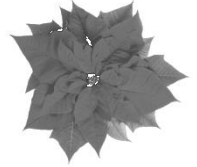
Jesus indicated that he will come back into the world to usher in the “end of the age”. Join Pastor Jack in this informative and inspirational preaching series as PJ unpacks the Biblical prophecies and promises for Christians today!

Part 1	11/12	“Ready...or Not?”
Part 2	11/19	“Don’t Just Stand There”
Part 3	11/26	“Judgment Day”
Part 4	12/3	“Better Days Are Coming”

Order Poinsettias for Christmas

Help decorate our Church for Christmas Eve!

The cost for each plant is \$10.00
Please submit all orders by Dec. 10th



*Make a gift of a Poinsettia in **memory** of,
in **honor** of, or in **celebration** of.*

Your Name _____

In _____ of _____

In _____ of _____

In _____ of _____



of Plants Ordered _____

Check/Cash Enclosed \$ _____

*Please return this form with the your check or cash to the
Church Office or place in the offering plate.*

*All gifts will be acknowledged in an insert in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. Plants
may be picked up after either service.*