

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide

Service of Holy Communion



“Avoid Selfish Ambition”

September 19, 2021

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WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+HYMN,♪ **God of Grace and God of Glory**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal.

SALUTATION

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

SERMON

“Avoid Selfish Ambition”

Part 2 of a three-part sermon series

“How Shall We Live?”

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY 🎵 **In the Hour of Trial**

- 1 In the hour of trial,
Jesus, plead for me,
lest by base denial
I depart from thee.
When thou seest me waver,
with a look recall;
nor from fear or favor
suffer me to fall.

- 2 With forbidden pleasures
should this vain world charm,
or its sordid treasures
spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance
sad Gethsemane,
or, in darker semblance,
cross-crowned Calvary.

+THE PRAYERS

(See “Celebrate” bulletin insert)

P: Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 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

(At the invitation of the pastor, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Lector: Bob Klein **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

Sunday school has officially resumed for the academic year. For more information, please contact Erin Osterhout at 973-615-1026 or eoosterhout@optonline.net. As in the past, children will start each Sunday with a children's message from Pastor Jack in the sanctuary, then they will proceed to their classrooms for activities/instruction.

Want to donate to assist in the hurricane/tornado recovery efforts? Please consider a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, specializing in long-term recovery relief long after the first responders leave the scene. Every penny goes directly to help the survivors. There are envelopes in our sanctuary for your convenience, or...

Send checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and send to :

Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

Or simply go to :

[Lutheran Disaster Response - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://LutheranDisasterResponse-EvangelicalLutheranChurchinAmerica.elca.org)

Blessing of the Animals service is coming. Join Pastor Jack as he offers pet blessings at our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road in Sparta. The blessings begin at 10:00am...goody bags will be offered to our pets. This blessing is in honor of St. Francis, whose feast day is in early October. For more info: Contact Pastor at jackspartan79@gmail.com

Want to be part of a zany community event involving dogs in Halloween costumes? RISE UP Rockaway s sponsoring a "Howlween Spooktacular". Fun for all ages: live music, tricky trays, food, children's games, and a costume party. Sun., October 10 from 2-4 pm at the United Methodist Church, 1 Hoagland Ave., Rockaway Boro. For more info contact Angela Bloshuk at riseupangela@gmail.com

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

Did you notice that we are planting a community vegetable garden behind the church? The "harvest" to be donated to our local impoverished. For more info on volunteering/supporting this effort, please contact Shannon Leifken at: shannonleifken@gmail.com or call 973-570-2136.

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.

Fall Festival is Coming! Mark your calendars to participate in our annual community Fall Festival, September 25 from noon to 5pm (rain date 9/26, 1:00-6:00). Food, vendors, car show, live band, and more! For more information, contact Matt Maitilasso at 973-876-0973 or email at lawnpridenj@yahoo.com Business sponsors and vendors are being recruited now! CDC guidelines will be followed, especially for masking and physical distancing.

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 on October 6. 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) 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 and click on the “donate” button. . . then follow the simple instructions. Still not sure? Please contact Donna Gulliksen at: 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

Sunday, Sept. 19 – Worship- 11:00am

Sat., Sept. 25 Community Fall Festival (noon – 5pm)

Sun., Sept. 26 Worship – 11:00am
Rain date for the Fall Festival (1 – 6pm)

Tues., Sept. 28 – Church Council - 7pm in choir room

Sun., Oct. 3 Norwegian Memorial Service 2:00pm

Wed., Oct. 6 Lunch & Learn Bible Study – noon in choir room

Sun., Oct.10 RISE UP “Howleen Spooktacular” – 2:00pm – 4:00pm
United Methodist Church, 1 Hoagland Ave. Rockaway

Mid October Coat Drive Begins for Market Street Mission

Three-Part Sermon Series “How Shall We Live?”

(Exploring the Book of James)



The New Testament Book of James is most often quoted for its cornerstone verse, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:17). Luther and the Reformers often considered this book a bit too heavy on the “works righteousness” scale as contrasted with the overall NT message (We are saved by God’s grace alone, not by deeds or works). However, the Book of James does, in fact, give sound advice on how we are to conduct our lives as Christians saved through the cross and resurrection of Christ.

Join Pastor Jack as he explores key themes from the Book of James.

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| 9/12 | Part 1 - “Tame the Tongue” |
| 9/19 | Part 2 - “Avoid Selfish Ambition” |
| 9/26 | Part 3 - “Pray Frequently” |



Who Do You Contact?



If you have a question, concern, idea, or gripe to share, why not talk to the following people?

Concern:

Office Administration/ Worship Flowers/Prayer List/Secretarial
Donna MacQuesten at htl.church@gmail.com or 973-625-0110

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral Care
Pastor Jack at jackspartan79@gmail.com or 908-887-1161

Property, Heating, Cooling, Maintenance, Building Use
Matt Maitilasso at lawnpridenj@yahoo.com or 973-876-0973
Eugene Randazzo at erprinting@optimum.net or 201-841-5985
George Leonard at geojleo@yahoo.com or 973-728-6093

Worship, Hymns, Special Worship Services
Joanne Schaper at joanneschaper@gmail.com or 973-986-7838
Joan Cosgrove at kikkired@verizon.net or 973-691-1705

Women's Group (WELCA)
Marga Conn at tantemarga@outlook.com or 973-728-4060

Social Events
Joan Cosgrove at kikkired@verizon.net or 973-691-1705
Shannon Leifken at shannonleifken@gmail.com or 973-570-2136

Church Finances
Irma Lafko at 973-983-9479

Giving Statements, Offering Envelopes
Ellen Crane at epc330@verizon.net or 973-461-3002

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Concern:

Administration/Leadership Issues

Joan Cosgrove at kikkired@verizon.net or 973-691-1705

Donating Goods, Money, Food and Supplies to Aid the Poor

Ellen Crane at epc330@verizon.net or 973-461-3002

Lisa Bischer at ldbischer@verizon.net or 973-766-2417

Local Support for RISE UP and Other Community Relief Programs

Pastor Jack at jackspartan79@gmail.com or 908-887-1161

Sunday School and Youth Programs

Erin Osterhout at eosterhout@optonline.net or 973-615-1026

Online Streaming and Internet Worship Services

Don Gulliksen at donald.gulliksen@gmail.com or 973-935-2680

Community Garden

Shannon Leifken at shannonleifken@gmail.com or 973-570-2136

Fall Festival

Matt Maitilasso at lawnpridenj@yahoo.com or 973-876-0973

Altar Setup/Altar Guild

Judy Randazzo at erprinting@optimum.net or 201-841-5984

Prayer Petitions- Please contact God directly while in your
"24-Hour Prayer Chair"

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