

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Service of Holy Communion

February 18, 2024

*(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**      At Calvary

## +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,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
Forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✚ Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

- 1      Glory be to Jesus,  
          who, in bitter pains,  
          poured for me the lifeblood  
          from his sacred veins.
- 2      Grace and life eternal  
          in that blood I find;  
          blest be his compassion,  
          infinitely kind.

**SALUTATION**

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

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P:**     Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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****1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Mark 1:9-15

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**SERMON**      "Tempted . . . Again?"

**HYMN**                      **Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**                      **#301**

- 1      Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
sinners, ruined by the fall;  
here a pure and healing fountain  
flows to you, to me, to all,  
in a full perpetual tide,  
opened when our Savior died.
- 3      Those who drink shall live forever;  
'tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
break his covenant of blood,  
signed when our redeemer died,  
sealed when he was glorified.

## +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            God So Loved the World...            Lloyd Larson

## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

P:        Jesus, you are the bread of life  
            and the host of this meal.  
            Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
            that all people may know your goodness.  
            Feed us not only with this holy food  
            but with hunger for justice and peace.  
            We pray this in your name.

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: Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: **Amen.**

### + BENEDICTION

P: Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.
  
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### +THE DISMISSAL

- P: Go in peace. Share your bread.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

### Serving Today (2/18)

**Lector:** *Cindy Alvarado*   **Video:** *Jonathan Bollard*  
**Usher:** *Joan Cosgrove*   **Altar Guild:** *Joan Cosgrove*  
**Communion Assistant:** *Shannon and Kurt Leifken*  
**CPIC:** *Shannon Leifken*   **Counters:** *Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove*  
**Offering:** *Volunteer*

### Serving Next Week (2/25)

**Lector:** Ron Mathewson   **Video:** *Jonathan Bollard*  
**Usher:** *Joan Cosgrove*   **Altar Guild:** *Joan Cosgrove*  
**Communion Assistant:** *Shannon and Kurt Leifken*  
**CPIC:** *Shannon Leifken*   **Counters:** *Carol Schutz & Joan Cosgrove*  
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**Special thanks to Jennifer Foose who is serving as our guest musician today!**

**Lunch and Learn Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, February 21 at noon in the choir room. This is an in-person event. However, If you wish to attend via ZOOM internet conferencing please contact Pastor Jack to request a ZOO link at jackspartan79@gmail.com.

**First communion classes are being offered in March.** Join us on the first and second Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. All children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above are eligible. See Pastor Jack for details. Actual first holy communion date is March 17.

**How to order flowers to be placed on the church altar.** Let Donna in the church office know no later than the Monday before you want the flowers in church and let her know what you would like printed in the bulletin. Donna orders the flowers and they deliver them and bill the church at \$30.00 per arrangement. The cost to you is \$30.00. Contact information for Donna in the church office: Phone number 973-625-0110.

**Ecumenical Lunches are Scheduled for each Friday during Lent (starting 2/16)** at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockaway Boro. This year's theme is "Gratitude and Grace". Join us for lunch from noon – 12:30pm, followed by devotions from 12:30pm – 1:00pm. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

**A Praise Band is Starting a Holy Trinity!** If you play the guitar, drums, or another musical instrument. Come on board! Youth are encouraged. See Jennifer Foose for more information: [jdfoose@gmail.com](mailto:jdfoose@gmail.com).

**Holy Trinity will have a visit with Abraham Lincoln on Sunday, February 25!** See the display ad in this Sunday's bulletin for details.



**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](mailto:htl.church@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](mailto: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](http://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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## You're Invited!

Exciting new Building Renovations and Property Repairs are underway! Beginning Feb. 11 at 12:30pm and every Sunday after that (same time) we will have weekly "check in" planning meetings with the Property Team. The meetings will be brief and will take place in the choir room. Everyone is invited to participate... your input is valuable. Learn what is happening...share ideas and solutions...volunteer for a project! We hope you can attend these brief but important sessions!

*For more information contact  
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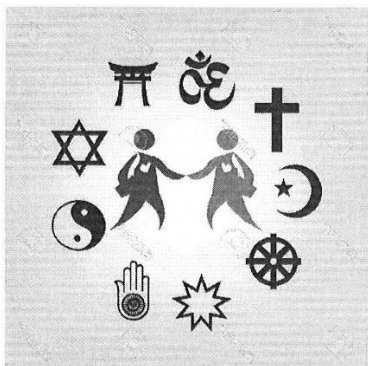
## **2024 HTLC CHURCH OFFICERS**

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# DOING INTERFAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES



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**with Rabbi Bob Carroll**  
*Board Chair of the  
Interfaith Encounter  
Association in Jerusalem*

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Rabbi Carroll holds Orthodox ordination from Yeshiva University, and has served as a consultant and manager for a variety of NGO's working in conflict resolution, interfaith dialog, sustainable international development, and support for active duty and retired military personnel. Rabbi Carroll is also a council member of the International Association for Religious Freedom.

We seem to be living in an ever more polarized society, dominated by voices of anger, resentment, and even violence. When we seem so far apart, how do we join in dialogue, to listen, learn, and understand each other?

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

***Registration Required.***  
***Please RSVP to:***



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