

**Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)**

**May 17, 2020**



*Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.*

*Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live. It will later be posted on our YouTube page ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber))*

*If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.*

*If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office and/or her personal email (see end of document for emails).*

*Our weekly emails are also posted on our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.*

*Listed here is the basic order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns picked by Franklyn that you may either listen to now or later.*

*Congregational responses are in **bold** that you are invited to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking together from where we all are for God's ears and attention.*

*At the end of this document, you will find additional links for other service opportunities and brief announcements.*

**Setting up:** Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

**Introduction:** In Corinth, Paul saw a world brimming with trade, an exchange of ideas, power, politics, art and culture. But the only thing that will endure forever is love.

***We will be going LIVE before beginning the service with time for reflection to allow time for people to join our live feed before the service actually starts. You may also join the service via Zoom which will be going live to Facebook from Pastor Jen's page. (link:***

***<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433383611?pwd=UHdTta3ZyUk9Ua3kxNStLa04rU1ppUT09>***

## **WELCOME**

*You are invited to comment below the video if there are particular prayers that you would like to lift up and have others pray about during the week.*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

**With bright eyes, let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

**With solid devotion, let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

**With humble intention, let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

**With strong voices, let us sing.**

With each new day, we are called to draw closer to the Living Christ, yet, we find ourselves lost and searching and so we pause in silence and self-examination, preparing our hearts to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord, **We see the miracle of your resurrection, yet so often live as though we are still lost in our sins. We rely on our own feeble will, we stay mired in the past, and we refuse that which is too uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Forgive us, and open our hearts again to your freedom. Amen.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow—Christ is arisen! We have a new life, and the old has fallen away. Rejoice that we are truly forgiven, and go out and proclaim the grace that is free and given to all, in the name of the Father, and of the Risen Son and of the Holy Spirit, **amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue (ELW 644)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3KhXP\\_AuRo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3KhXP_AuRo)

- 1) *Although I speak with angels' tongue,  
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
But have no love, my gifts are vain  
As clanging gong or blaring bass*
- 2) *For love is patient, love is kind,  
And never vain with boastful pride  
Love bears all things, all things endures  
All things must end; love will abide*
- 3) *For now we peer at darkened glass;  
Our visions end; our tongues all cease  
In part we know, in part now see  
Then we will see love face to face*
- 4) *The gifts are many, the Body one  
And into one are all baptized  
Beloved, share one heart, one mind  
One hope, one faith, one love in Christ*

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**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, You have shown that all we truly need is to love. Expand our hearts to embrace your world and show ourselves as children of a compassionate God, for the sake of your Son Jesus, **amen.**

**READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1a**

But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you still a more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Purse love and strive for the spiritual gifts.

Word of God, Word of life **Thanks be to God!**

*If you have instruments (or pots & pans), you are invited to play them during this song.*



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### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-31**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW 708)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvOz513Jl8M&list=RDUvOz513Jl8M&start\\_radio=1&t=45](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvOz513Jl8M&list=RDUvOz513Jl8M&start_radio=1&t=45)

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you*

- 1) *Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet  
Master who acts as a slave to them (refrain)*
- 2) *Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race  
Neighbors are nearby and far away (refrain)*
- 3) *These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love  
All these are neighbors to us and you (refrain)*
- 4) *Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet  
This is the way we will live with you (refrain)*

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### NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(You are invited to share in the comments, in your own gatherings and in your thoughts additional prayers)*

We pause in this time of prayer and humbly place before you all that is in our hearts and minds as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need

*A brief silence.*

When our words and deeds are impressive but our hearts are empty, we are useless to others, O Lord. May we learn to begin all things in love, and allow our actions to follow in love of you, our neighbors and ourselves. Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

The world around us is bursting with signs that it was made good, by a compassionate creator. Ignite our zeal to honor and protect this amazing planet on which we live, and to guard against misuse and irresponsible treatment of wildlife and resources. Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Everything that we know, own, accomplish and treasure will all come to an end one day. Teach us again and again that the only thing which truly endures across years, miles, and other barriers is love. May we live fully into the preciousness of life and love. Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Love bears and endures all things, even those times when we doubt our ability to withstand adversity. Grant us your Spirit's strength, and give your healing breath to all who need it, ...(pause) **and for all those who have no one to name them.** Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Your holy saints devoted their lives to loving as Jesus showed love, and we long to reflect this in our lives as well. Join us forever in unbreakable bonds held together by you, dear Creator. Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

*Pastor:* In you we live and have our being, O God. Accept and grant these prayers which we bring before you, by the grace of Jesus Christ our savior, **amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Christ be with you always **And also with you**

*(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling/sending a message of peace to someone)*

**OFFERING** *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org) )*

**Anthem:** “Wonderful Maker” Chris Tomlin and Matt Redman  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iCoV6rDDjs>

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

More than any gifts of wealth or possessions, you desire the loving sacrifice of a humble heart, O God. Bless these offerings as you bless our lives, that we too might be signs of grace to others, and receivers of their blessings to us. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

We may not be able to touch each other during the peace, but we are still called to bring the peace of Christ to the world.

We may not share a common cup, but we are filled to the brim with the Spirit of God.

We may not be gathered in the same place for worship, but we will pray and praise God wherever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**Jesus, may all that is you flow into us.  
May your body and blood be our food and drink.  
May your passion and death be our strength and life.  
Jesus, with you by our side enough has been given.  
May the shelter we seek be the shadow of your cross.  
Let us not run from the love which you offer  
but hold us safe from the forces of evil.  
On each of our dyings shed your light and your love.  
Keep calling to us until that day comes  
when, with your saints, we may praise you forever.  
Amen.**

May we find deeper and deeper meaning in becoming the Body of Christ during this extraordinary time.

## **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.**

## **MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

#### **SENDING HYMN Word of God, Come down on earth (ELW 510)**

- 1) Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending  
Word almighty we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you*
- 2) Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation  
Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation  
Saving word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring*
- 3) Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; word of life, with one bread feed us*



## DISMISSAL

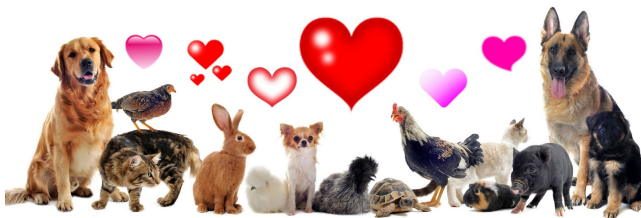
Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

*(The worship has ended, let the service begin)*

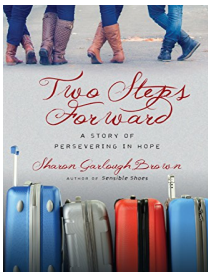
**Worship Notes:** parts of today's worship are adapted from: Gathering litany (Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson, <http://freshlysqueezedliturgy.blogspot.com/>), Confession, Prayer of the Day, Offering Prayer, Prayers of intercession (Clergy stuff resources); Spiritual Communion (Rev. Kim Lille, Rev. Roger Berner, S. African prayer book)

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## Announcements



**“Essential Pets of Trinity”:** We are putting together a video to share the gift of our pets as an essential part of our “care teams” in our own daily lives. Our former office manager, Lorna O’Hanlon has offered to put it together for us. Please contact Pastor Jen to be a part of this project.



**Faith Book Club** will meet again on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (7pm). The next book is “Two Steps Forward: a story in persevering in hope” by Sharon Garlough Brown. It is the sequel to the previous book we read by her. All are invited to join us.

**2020 Graduates:** Please send the name of the graduates in your household so that we may honor them and celebrate with them. Please send their names as well as the place that they are graduating from and what degree (as applicable) to Pastor Jen (please send even if you think she already knows)

**Newsletter:** Since we are sending out regular updates, we will not have a newsletter for May. If there is information that you need, please feel free to contact the church office ([trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjdye1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjdye1@yahoo.com))

**Food Pantry:** As the need grows for those in our community, you are invited to drop off items for Putnam CAP's food pantry. You may either drop them off here at Trinity or at the CAP office on Main Street in Brewster. You can find an updated list of their current needs on their website:

<http://putnamcap.org/index.html>



**Synod Virtual Choir:** The Synod is putting together a virtual choir (I've already signed up). They'll send you instructions, the sheet music and a recording of the music (without voices) to listen to while you video yourself singing. Then it will all be blended together. If you need any help with the recording, please let Pastor Jen know. Here is the link to sign up

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcRbPPH6H-atguAZJn2drFO3ioNIUK3QVWufi8\\_hNaSC\\_Kg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcRbPPH6H-atguAZJn2drFO3ioNIUK3QVWufi8_hNaSC_Kg/viewform)

**Zoom Gatherings:** Each of the gatherings use the same password (410002) except where indicated, but different meeting ids; see below for each of the links. *If you need the links at any time, please contact Pastor Jen ([revjedyer1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjedyer1@yahoo.com) or call/text 518-231-4633)*

#### **Weekly gatherings**

**Monday (5pm) Praying together** (Meeting ID: 785 777 354)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/785777354?pwd=NnJsNmZLQzJDVki1WHBNdlRCdEJYdz09>

**Wednesdays (7pm) Bible study** Meeting ID: 346 900 784)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/346900784?pwd=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZjRVNwMkd2QT09>

**Fridays (10am) Thread & Yarn group** (Meeting ID: 890-6099-7152)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89060997152?pwd=cW15NThGVzA5YUdsYWdKVGJYdVBkUT09>

#### **Sundays**

9:30am **Worship** (Meeting ID: 884 3338 3611)

**Please note different password** (Password: 993550)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433383611?pwd=UHdTaz3ZyUk9Ua3kxNStLa04rU1ppUT09>

10:30am **Sunday School** (Meeting ID: 435 263 0119)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4352630119?pwd=YXo0a241ZkJMMThKb1FSbm5ITEZqUT09>

10:30am **Affirmation** (contact Charlie Germain for link)

12:00noon **Coffee Hour/Fellowship** (Meeting ID: 435 263 0119)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4352630119?pwd=YXo0a241ZkJMMThKb1FSbm5ITEZqUT09>

## Offering

*You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org). Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.*

## Additional Resources

[www.mnys.org](http://www.mnys.org) The Metro NY Synod office will be offering weekly worship opportunities

**news:** Bishop [Paul Egensteiner](#), who was elected to lead the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's](#) Metropolitan New York Synod last year, said many majority-Latino congregations in the city are being devastated by Covid-19. In some, pastors report that 25-30% of the congregation is infected, he said.

The bishop told CNN he's angered by Americans who argue the pandemic has been overhyped.

'You have to be in a very privileged place to be able to say that,' Egensteiner said. 'You either have blinders on, or it's an acute lack of awareness of how this virus is devastating communities.'

New York's Latino population has been hit particularly hard by coronavirus. As of May 6, more than 5,200 Latinos in New York City have died of Covid-19, a higher death toll than any other racial or ethnic group.

It's a trend public health officials and advocates have been warning of across the country as well."

Read the complete [CNN](#) article, here: <https://www.cnn.com/.../new-york-church-coronaviru.../index.html>

Consider making a donation, here: <https://donorbox.org/coronavirus-crisis-bishop-discretionar...>

Donations received will go toward the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports ordained ministers, congregations and lay leaders in times of crisis, such as this.

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) Stay up to date on how the Church continues to serve across the country  
**ELCA presiding bishop issues pastoral message on COVID-19 racism and white supremacy**  
<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8037?fbclid=IwAR1cxCn4lwPrP42Ontf41YuWXPLV57GS2O5gxSuN3OxVdGon3b0TFE4bEW8>

## In Our Prayers

We are particularly mindful of so many who are in need of prayers during this time. You are invited to contact Pastor Jen to add specific names to this list:

### Prayers of Healing

John Reed (friend of Doris O'Toole)

Michael Masucci (Lauren Baldanza's youngest son)

Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

Pastor Marv Henk

### Prayers for those serving in the medical community

Jeannette Baldanza (Dept. of Health)

Lauren Icken (EMT)

Eric Klammer (FDNY)

Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)  
Jeff Von Barga (Putnam Hospital)

**Prayers for essential workers**

Justin Larocchia (Corrections)

**Prayers of the Wider Church**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop of the ELCA) and ELCA staff  
Bishop Paul Egensteiner (Bishop of Metro NY Synod) and synod staff  
Mother Gladys Diaz (deployed Asst. to Bishop for our area)

**Prayers for families who have had loved ones die**

***Families of***

John Lyons (Peter Lyon's dad)

St Peter's Lutheran Church, Manhattan and Pastor Fabian Arias  
(Has had over 40 members who have died during the virus)

**Additional Prayers**

For college students and professors as their semesters draw to a close  
For 2020 graduates that are unable to have commencements