

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)

June 21, 2020



STEP INTO THE SWELL (PETER SINKS IN THE WATER)

by lisle gwynn garrity inspired by matthew 14:22-33 | acrylic on canvas

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/UCBFzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?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 order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns and an anthem picked by Franklyn that you may listen to in addition to our online service

*Congregational responses are in **bold**. 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.*

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.

Unraveled: This year's summer series is about the ways in which our lives are unraveled and the ways in which God weaves them back together again.

Introduction: Walking on water is about more than just keeping focused in faith. It reminds us that even when we are overwhelmed and sinking that Jesus is there to pull us through the chaos.

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 spoken portion of our service begins.

PRELUDE “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” William J. Kirkpatrick

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

Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

Hem us in before and behind.

Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

Weave us together in hope and praise.

God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

In hope and faith we pray

Draw us together and point us toward you.

In hope and faith we worship.

God, you are a God of invitation.

You invited Abraham to follow you.

You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

You invited the children to draw near.

You invited Peter to walk on water.

You invited the tax collector to dinner.

You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

Give us the strength to say yes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pause in our God’s humbling presence to lift up all those ways that we are bound by sin

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God of the wind and the sea,

You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.

You invite us to trust you, but we’d rather trust wind and gravity.

You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that.

You invite us to move—to change and take a risk—

But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt.

Forgive us for our self doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief. Amen.

God beyond all expectations revealed the fullness of his love and grace on the cross and through the empty tomb. Jesus Christ gave all for us that we might live the fullness of life that God has given us. May God's mercy and grace be woven into our lives as we receive the entire forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW 756)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDjwUzUnNpU>

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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GREETING

The grace of our 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

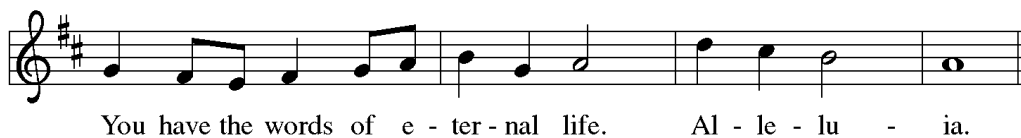
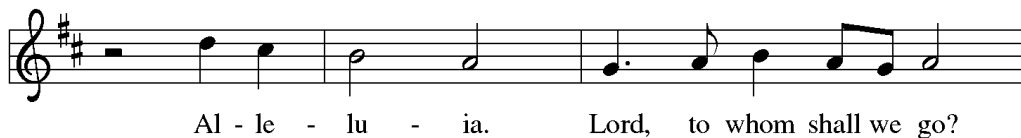
O God of surpassing grace, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

READING: Psalm 77:16-20

- ¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.
- ¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
- ²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33 || Peter Sinks in the Water (*Unraveled by Uncertainty*)

The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the 14th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (ELW 696)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-8NBROOOxQ>

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(You are invited to share in the comments, in your own gatherings and in your thoughts additional prayers. During the prayers, you are invited to write your prayers on strips of fabric to be woven into our art display. Pastor Jen will be adding prayers to our community prayer wheel during this time)

Woven together as your whole Church, we lift our prayers before you, O Lord, for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Son of God, you invite us to come to you amidst the storms of this world. You do not desert us, but reach out your hand in compassion and love. Calm the storms of our hearts and world that your love may prevail. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**

Creator of heaven and earth, the wind and waves obey you; yet, you have entrusted their care to your people. Forgive us our neglect and abuse of your creation. Empower us to be more mindful of the choices that we make that impact the world around us. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**

God of many colors, we are all created in your image, woven into your tapestry of grace. Help us to celebrate the many ways that You seek to reveal yourself. Enlarge our vision that we may take the hands of others, inviting them to receive the gifts of life that you have offered to all. Strengthen our resolve to speak out against prejudice and hatred, to work for justice and peace in your world. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**

God of healing power, we are overwhelmed by the number of lives lost to this disease and the many families who mourn the death of loved ones. Continue to guide the minds of researchers, strengthen the hands of the medical community and grant patience to all caregivers that your love may be revealed in and through them. We pause in this moment to name all those who are in need of your healing grace this day....(pause) and for those who have no one to name them. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**

Nurturing God of grace, we remember and give thanks for the fathers in our lives. May they continue to find ways to express your love to those you have placed in their care. Be with all those who find this day difficult as they are separated from their fathers as well as fatherhood because of distance, death, estrangement and more. Gracious God, **hear our prayer**

Here other petitions may be offered.

Pastor: In the face of our own uncertainties, we offer all these prayers before you, O Lord, for with you nothing is impossible as is revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 in the Facebook feed 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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

ANTHEM: Jesus Saves” Jeremy Camp
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06l2f9KxAk4>

OFFERING PRAYER

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. O Lord, accept these gifts that we offer generously to bless your church, your people, your whole creation in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW 697

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slfqa_741s0

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. [Refrain]

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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 by Pastor Jen Boyd from the following sources: Opening litany (*"Prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org"*); *Prayers of Intercession* (Jennifer Boyd); *Offering prayer* (Rev. Quentin Chin <http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf>);

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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
Diane & Frank Strittmatter (friends of Dorothy Kafalas)
Danielle Nestor
Mary Gerhardt

Prayers for those serving in the medical community

Jeannette Baldanza (Dept. of Health)
Dr. Lauren Icken (EMT, soon to be in Residence @ Albany Med)
Eric Klammer (FDNY)
Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)
Jeff Von Bargaen (Putnam Hospital)

Prayers for essential workers

Justin Larocchia (Corrections)
Kystal Langke (Postal worker)

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

Additional Prayers

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

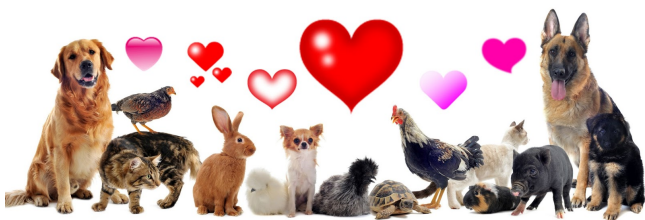
Announcements

Re-open Plans: We have put together a task force to look into what we need to have prepared related to precautions, changes and procedures. We will keep you up to date on what is being done. We are working towards re-opening the building at the beginning of July if things continue to improve.

Bible Study: continues to meet Wednesday nights via Zoom (see link below) that will dovetail with our Sunday morning themes (see next announcement)

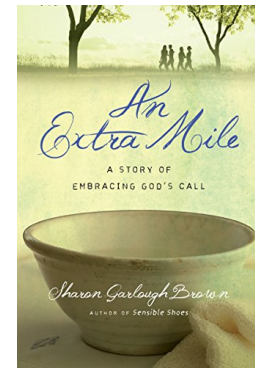
Summer Worship Series: *Unraveled* - What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be? In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. Sometimes we need God to unravel us, for we long to be changed.

This series will explore **12 stories** of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These stories will frame our worship and be used in Bible study. There will also be **a study journal** as well as an **art project**. A separate email will be sent out with more details.



“Essential Pets of Trinity”: Watch for its release coming to a computer near you soon!

Faith Book Club will meet again on Monday, July 20th (7pm) The next book is “An Extra Mile: a story of embracing God’s call” by Sharon Garlough Brown. This is the last book in this series. 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)

Graduation Pictures: Jennifer Morello has offered to put together a video of past and present graduation pictures from those who are a member of Trinity. Please submit your photos via e-mail to jenmorello24@gmail.com

Recycling efforts: Terracycle has discontinued the cereal bag collection so we will not be collecting them anymore at Trinity. Unfortunately, these are not allowed in your regular recycling bins and must be put in the trash. We will continue to collect the beauty products and dental products.

Also, for those of you with returnable bottles and cans, you can go to Carmel Beverage on Rt. 52 in Carmel which is open for returnables, or to Quick and Easy Bottle Returns on Old Route 6 in Carmel. You can find them on FaceBook.

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 (trinklutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjdyer1@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>



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 or call/text 518-231-4633)*

Weekly gatherings

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/785777354?pwd=NnJsNmZLQzJDVk1iWHBNdlRCdEJYdz09>

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=cW15NThGVzA5YUdsYWdKVGVJYdVBkUT09>

Sundays

10:30 **Coffee Hour/Fellowship** (Meeting ID: 435 263 0119) **PLEASE NOTE TIME**

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<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 . Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.

STEP INTO THE SWELL (PETER SINKS IN THE WATER)

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At the start of this chapter, John the Baptist is brutally beheaded. Jesus withdraws from the crowds to a deserted place, yet is followed by the masses—perhaps many of them former followers of John the Baptist. Moved with compassion, he heals the sick and miraculously generates bounty from a meal of five loaves and two fish.

Then, he “immediately” rushes the disciples into a boat, dismisses the crowds, and retreats to a mountain by himself. Perhaps he needs space to grieve John and to grapple with the gravity of

his calling. The crowds and demands of his ministry were surging; in the same way, the waves and the wind begin to batter the boat that had drifted far from shore. If you've ever been in open water during a storm or even high winds, you know the shockwave of fear that pulses through your veins. Yet, as dawn breaks, a mirage beckons to them, casting out words to buoy them up: "Do not fear."

What I find in Peter's response is not a challenge or a profession of doubt, but a willingness to step into the swell, like a trust fall into the unknown. Perhaps in seasons when our sense of certainty and security unravels, our desperation is more likely to convert into courage. Is there something about unraveling that makes us a bit less risk-averse, a bit more willing to try what we wouldn't have dared when everything felt predictable and sure?

Imagine this same scene with no storm, no raging seas, no ghostly glimpse of Jesus skimming the surface. Would Peter have stepped in then? Would he have expanded his definition of what's possible? Would he have experienced the divine so surprisingly, so surely? Would you step in?