

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
August 30, 2020



Welcome as we gather together in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am in our building as well as via Facebook Live. The service will be posted on our YouTube page

(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 (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or her personal email (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

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.*

HYMNS: While we gather for in-person worship, we will not be singing any of the hymns. We will either speak the words responsively and/or listen to the accompaniment. All the words have been included for devotional use.

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: Today's reading is the story of Jesus healing the Gerasene demoniac. But it isn't just the demoniac who is impacted. How can the healing of this one man also provide for healing in his community?

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

“Voluntary in Bb”

John Zundel

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. Please let us know that you are joining us online by commenting

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

For God loves us just as we are.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

For all of us is welcome here—

scars and fears,

depression and doubt,

hope and joy,

light and laughter.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We humbly pause in God's presence to lift up all those ways that we are bound by sin

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,

We admit that there are things we sweep under the rug—

Shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities.

We know that is not what you want for us,

For Jesus loved the healthy and the sick parts of everyone.

With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias.

God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way.

Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others,
simply for being human.

**You long for better, and we long for you. Gratefully we pray,
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 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

612

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

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

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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

Jesus healer of mind and body, we sometimes suffer at the hands of physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Quiet our minds, still our hearts, and empower our bodies so that we may be whole and healed.
Amen.

READING: Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

Happy is the mortal who does this,
the one who holds it fast,

who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say,
‘The LORD will surely separate me from his people’;
and do not let the eunuch say,
‘I am just a dry tree.’

For thus says the LORD:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
I will give, in my house and within my walls,
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 5:1-20 || Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons

(The Unraveling of the Mind)

The Holy Gospel according to mark, the 5th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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

SERMON

Deacon Charlie Germain

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come" 610

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nU_hzNgz-lo

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

3 In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of human-kind

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

(fabric prayers will be added 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.

Lord, we are often not ready for the transformation you bring to our lives. Give us courage to embrace the upheaval of positive changes, even when they cause discomfort and feel unfamiliar. Mighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the herd of swine perished because of the evil spirits, so nature often suffers for sins not its own. Help us see how we have failed to respect and protect the environment in which we and all creatures live, and give us conviction to do better. Mighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the we draw near to a new school year, we are reminded that you are the one who makes all things new, restoring us to wholeness and renewing creation. Be with all schools, teachers, parents and students as they prepare for this new time of learning. Open our eyes to the new things you are doing around us. Mighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

You power casts out the demons which have a hold on our spiritual, mental and physical well-being. Send a special measure of your healing to those who need it most. We pray especially for ... (pause), for those

who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name.

Mighty God, **Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the lives and work of your Church throughout the world, rejoicing that your followers raised up partners wherever they went, to further spread the gospel. May we also inspire others with our witness to your powerful deeds in the world. Mighty 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 a sign of 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

ANTHEM "Jesus, You Are My Healer"

Don Moen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFjbCA4RLJY>

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion given through 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

DISMISSAL

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fcMxl_6xsk

<p>Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.</p>	<p>2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” [Refrain]</p>
<p>1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]</p>	<p>3 Don’t ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge, he’ll not refuse to lend. [Refrain]</p>

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(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”); *Prayer of the Day* (Working preacher); *Prayers of Intercession* (Clergy stuff); *Offering prayer* (Mary Petrina Boyd, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

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Music Notes: John Zundel (1815 –1882) was an organist, composer, arranger, and pedagogue. Zundel was perhaps best known for his hymn BEECHER, widely used in American hymnals with "Love Divine" by

Charles Wesley. He was born near Wuerttemberg, Germany and studied under the violinist Bernhard Molique. In 1840 he travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia, to give a concert on a Walcker organ at the Lutheran Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. It was the first organ concert ever given on Russian soil. Zundel emigrated to the United States in 1847. Employed first at the Unitarian Church of Brooklyn under Reverend Farnley in 1848, he was then hired by Henry Ward Beecher in 1850 as music director and organist for Brooklyn's Plymouth Church. Zundel remained at Plymouth Church a total of 28 years

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Jo-Ann Nestor and family in loving memory of her mother, Barbara Keogh, on her seventh anniversary in heaven. We miss you mom and love you always.

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 Thanksgiving

Prayers of Healing

Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

Pastor Marv Henk

Diane & Frank Strittmatter (friends of Dorothy Kafalas)

Danielle Nestor (ankle surgery)

Mary Gerhardt (hip surgery)

Jill Russo's dad (cancer)

Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)

Danny Brooks (Carol Brooks' nephew)

Ursula Merolla (recently hospitalized)

Ralph DiNarte (friend of George O'Toole)
Brian (friend of Rosemary Gebhardt)
Lynne Caruso and Janna Kreps (friends of Holly Larocchia)
Ethan and Dina (friends of Georgina Marek)
Phyllis Land (friend of Pam Carlson)
Margaret, Elizabeth, Kathie, Larry, and Millie. (friends of Joanne Icken)
Katherine Waldvogel (Dawn Morello's mother)
Lillian Eberhardt (hospitalized)
Loretta Christiano (back surgery)
Corey Pate (friend of Jeanette Baldanza)
Kathie Gibbs (sister in law of Jeanette Baldanza)
Jeff Brown (friend of Doug Noah)
Emile "VInny" Bellissimo (friend of Loretta Christiano)
Burt Pelletier (friend of Peter Gebhardt)

Prayers for those serving in the medical community

Jeannette Baldanza (Putnam Co. Dept. of Health)
Michael Conroy (Putnam Hospital)
Dr. Lauren Icken (Resident @ Albany Med)
Eric Klammer (FDNY)
Holly Larocchia (Arms Acres)
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

Family of

Additional Prayers

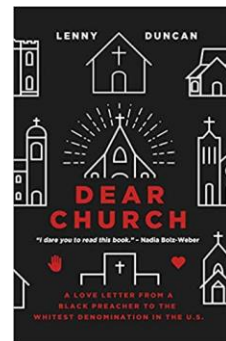
Announcements

Pastoral coverage: Pastor Jen is taking a couple of weeks of vacation (Aug. 24-Sept. 6th). In case of any pastoral emergencies, please contact the Church office. We thank Charlie Germain and Dawn Morello for leading worship over the next two weeks. The services will still be on Facebook and YouTube but there will not be communion offered.

Special Congregational meeting: *Sunday, Sept. 20th (10:30am)* regarding BESP which is being restructured. We are looking at the possibility of being one of the sleeping sites (transportation is being arranged). A letter with more information will be coming soon.

CLOTHING SHED CLOSED: ST. Pauli textile who collects from the clothing shed has closed our shed temporarily. Please discourage anyone from making further donations at this time.

Trinity reads: the church Council is inviting the congregation to join them in reading “Dear Church: a love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the US” by Rev. Lenny Duncan, an ELCA pastor. We have been Invited and challenged by both the Metro NY synod and the ELCA to be deliberate in anti-racism understanding and efforts. A a part of these efforts, we are each encouraged as well to sign the ELCA anti-racism pledge (<https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>). The book is available



through our publishing house, Augsburg Fortress and other booksellers. If you need assistance in obtaining the book, please contact Pastor Jen. We will be hosting discussions of the book in September.



Altar Flowers: Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.

Blood Drive: We will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 29th (12:30pm-6:30pm – note time change). It will be by appointment only and have additional precautions in place. We will include additional information as it gets closer. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be present in the building during the drive (you will not be working directly with the drive, but be available for any questions. If you are able to help, contact Carol Fendt or Pastor Jen.



Bible Study: is on brief hiatus; it will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 9th (7pm). We will be using the theme: “Love is greater than...” We will be using some of the themes in the graphic like: fear, grief, money, etc.

Faith Book Club will not be meeting in August, but will meet again on Monday, Sept. 21st (7pm). The next book is “Strength to Love’ by Martin Luther King, jr. It is a series of short essays that reflect on how his faith informed his work for justice. All are invited to join us;



invite anyone else among family and friends that you think would like to be a part of our discussions as well.



“Essential Pets of Trinity”: Check out our video now on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA>

Recycling efforts: Our Terracycle and returnables recycling efforts are on hold for the time being. We will let you know as soon as we resume them.

Newsletter: Since we are sending out regular updates, we will not have a newsletter sent out. If there is information that you need, please feel free to contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89060997152?pwd=cW15NThGVzA5YUdsYWdKVGVJYdVBkUT09>

Offering

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

Artist's statement



**BEGGED TO LEAVE
(JESUS HEALS LEGION, A MAN POSSESSED BY
DEMONS)**

by hannah garrity

inspired by mark 5:1-20 | acrylic & ink on canvas

Have you ever seen the illustration of equity vs. equality? There is a young child standing next to a young teenager and an adult. They all wish to see over a fence. In the description of equality, they each get a box that is the same size. The adult now towers over the fence, the teenager can see, but the child is still unable to see what's on the other side. In the depiction of equity, they each get a different sized box. Now, all of their heads are peering comfortably over the fence. Why are we afraid of equity?

In the land of the Gerasenes, Jesus shows us what it looks like. He provides healing for an outcast of society, the man shows gratitude, and he evangelizes. This sounds like a moment we would rejoice in. Instead the townspeople beg Jesus to leave. Do they fear scarcity?

But we know that God provides in abundance. Do they fear grace?
But we yearn for God's grace. Do they fear for their safety?
Why do humans fear the radical grace of God? Why did the people of
Gerasene fear Jesus? We laud Jesus' work in the gospel as the work
we must replicate. We teach our children to think of what Jesus
would do. However, time and again history shows us that when we
truly work toward the embodiment of the gospel, humans interrupt
the work. Humans killed Jesus.

— hannah garrity

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