

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
August 9, 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/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 (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: Jesus offers words of peace amidst the disciples' fear and uncertainty. Jesus offers the same to us in our lives today.

Holy Communion (bread only) will be offered for “drive thru” service (9am-9:20am & 10:15am-10:45am) as well as at the end of this worship service. If this time does not work, please contact Pastor Jen.

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 *O Filii et Filiae* Louis Archimbaud

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

So much in life is unpredictable.

Life begins and ends.

The weather changes.

Love surprises us.

Doors close.

Others open.

Life is unpredictable,

But what we can count on is finding God in our midst;

For we gather in God's presence in many places, and all are welcome.

So bring your questions and concerns, your doubts and wonderings,

For in the midst of this unpredictable life, we can predict this:

Love surrounds us.

Let us worship God.

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,

You ask us to follow you, and we respond with logistical questions—

How long? Where to? Will we return?

You ask us to love each other, and we respond with excuses—

I don't know how. We don't see eye to eye.

You ask us to dream and we get stuck in our own heads—

Change will never come. Is it worth it?

You ask us to believe, and like Thomas, we ask for proof—

Unless I see the nails in his hands, I cannot believe.

Forgive us for our small-minded ways.

Open our eyes as you open our hearts.

Unravel our doubt. Unravel our unbelief.

Lead us to rest in 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 *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* (ELW 327)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CF9cTcOm5o>

1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
**singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.**

Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
**pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.**

2 One the light of God's own presence
on the ransomed people shed,
**chasing far the gloom and terror,
bright'ning all the path we tread.**

One the object of our journey,
**one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.**

3 One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
**one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun.**

One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
**where the one almighty Father
reigns in love forevermore.**

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.

Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awaking;
Soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

INSTRUMENTAL

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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

Holy God, let us be faithful witnesses to the power of your love. Let our lives mirror hope in the midst of despair, let our deeds be filled with compassion in a world of bruising indifference, let our words be truthful when misinformation holds center state, let our forgiveness build new bridges of reconciliation. Let resurrection joy linger in our hearts and fill us with courage and hope. **Amen.**

READING: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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: JOHN 20:19-29 || **Doubting Thomas** (*When the Unimaginable Has Happened*)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* (WOV 675)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vd5Wu0k3Ku4>

INSTRUMENTAL

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
No gracious words draw near,
O Christ, Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch Your hands and side,
Nor follow where You trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found.

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

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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

(Pastor Jen will be adding our fabric 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.

You, wonderful God, whose glory the heavens declare
and whose handiwork the whole earth sees;

***be with astronomers and astronauts
artists, photographers and bush walkers.***

You, whose Spirit brooded over the face of the earth
and brought breath to all that lives and grows;

***be with health workers who control viruses and bacteria,
or engineer genes and chromosomes.***

You, for whom truth is not mere facts and figures
but relationship and the gift of eternal love;

***be with those whose science has left them empty
or whose technology has become a slavery.***

You, who give us faith that leads to many doubts
and deep doubts that lead to a larger faith;

***be with all agnostics and those who despair,
and all the pure of heart who hunger for you.***

You, who have created us for fulfilment and joy,
and do not rest while one lost person is in misery;

***be with those who have sought fulfilment elsewhere
or imprisoned by addiction, hatred and violence***

You, who should mother and father forsake us,
cherish us as your very own family;

***be with abused children and street kids,
social workers, magistrates and foster parents.***

You, who when thick darkness covered humanity,
leapt into the night bringing light and joy;

***be with night-shift workers and police,
evangelists, counsellors and pastors.***

You, whose first-born, perfect Child
covered our sins and bore our griefs;

***be with mothers and midwives,
the falsely accused and sorely abused.***

You, who banish fears and bring a new dawn,
who swallow up death in victory;
***be with those who risk their lives for others
and all who today face death alone.***

You, who know our needs before we utter them
and do far more than we can ask or imagine;
***be with us as we offer these prayers
and with all who have forgotten how to pray.***

Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or posted online.

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 *Hymn of Saint Thomas* (O Fiili et Filiae)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJo2uAuTD34>

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Jen will be at the door as you depart to share the body of Christ with you. Please wait to remove your mask and eat it after you are outside.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between yourself and those who are not part of your household as you leave your pew and as you receive the Body of Christ. Also please keep your mask on and do not linger in the building.

SENDING HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGKLMThF2to>

*1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!*

*2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,*

*oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!*

*3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.*

*4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love*

*fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!*

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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 (*Sourcebook of Worship resouces*); Prayers of Intercession (Bruce Prewer <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>) Offering prayer (*Mary Petrina Boyd*, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

Music Notes: Louis Archimbaud (1705 –1789) was a French composer. He was one of the last representatives of the Baroque style of French organ school. Archimbaud was born in Carpentras and educated there in the Carpentras Cathedral school. He became an acolyte, then a singer, and finally, in 1727, organist of the cathedral. He occupied this post until his death in 1789. Ten years before he died the church authorities made him an honorary canon.

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Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Lois Lawrence on her and husband Dave's wedding anniversary and in gratitude for her husband who, with God's help, is a steadfast life partner and father to their two fabulous children.

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)
Helen Cornell (hospice)

Prayers for those serving in the medical community

Jeanette 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

Steve Bradley (Joan Bradley's husband)

Additional Prayers

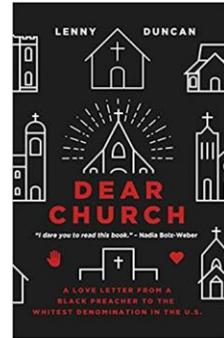
For those affected by Tropical storm Isais
Rescue workers, repair workers

For the victims of the explosion in Syria

Announcements

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. As 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.

Re-open Plans: We are now open for in-person worship. Please carefully read the **Procedures document** to detailed information about what plans are in place and the expectations for those who plan to attend. There are numerous changes that are being made. You can find the document on our website.

Please note: *If you do not feel ready or comfortable to returning to in-person worship, please do not feel pressured or guilty about your decision. We will continue to offer worship on Facebook Live. In addition, if decisions are made by local or state governments regarding this status change, we will follow their guidance.*

Bible Study: continues to meet Wednesday nights via Zoom (see link below) that will dovetail with our Sunday morning themes (see next announcement). We will not meet when Church Council meets.



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 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These stories will frame our worship and be used in Bible study. A *study journal* and an intergenerational **prayer art project** will be a part of this series as well.

Upcoming readings:

August 16: EXODUS 1:22; 2:1-10 Moses' Mother Gives Moses Up So He Can Live

(When Our Plans for Our Children Unravel)

August 23: JOB 28:12-28 Job's Lament & Loss

(Seeking Understanding When Everything Has Fallen Apart)

August 30: MARK 5:1-20 Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons *(The Unraveling of the Mind)*



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzggPTuF8fe3PjPr21gA>

Faith Book Club will not be meeting in August, but will meet again on Monday, Sept. 21st (7pm) The next book is 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.

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 (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>

School supplies: Putnam CAP still plans to help children in the county with their school needs, but are unable to receive the actual items. They are asking for donations and/or gift cards to places like Target, Walmart, Staples and Office Max. They can be mailed directly to them at: 121 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

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

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)

<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.

Artist's statement

GRIEVING THOMAS (THOMAS MEETS THE RISEN CHRIST)

by lauren wright pittman

inspired by john 20:19-29 | graphic image

When the unimaginable happens, we can find ourselves drowning in doubt. We flail, reaching for something to bolster our faith in a sovereign, living God. Here we see Thomas needing tangibility: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." Thomas has just experienced the death of his teacher, close companion, and the long-awaited Messiah. Reeling in grief, Thomas needs a buoy to keep him afloat. Jesus offers Thomas peace, meeting him where he is instead of offering condemnation or a condescending nickname. He welcomes Thomas to do what he needs to find footing, but we aren't told that Thomas actually acts upon the invitation. Instead, he says, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas is separated from Christ in death and all he asks is to

be close to him again. Instead of poking Christ's wounds in doubt, he reclaims relationship with Jesus.

When I visited India, I learned of "St. Thomas Christians." It is said that during Thomas' extensive travels he began several churches in southern India. To this day people proudly identify with his name. These Indian Christians do not define Thomas by his doubt; they define their own faith by his ministry. They know Christ because of Thomas. Thomas moved forward from that place of doubt, and his impact stretched to the far southern tip of India.

I chose to depict Thomas rubbing his eyes as he awakens from his grief to the reality that Christ has not left him. Lotus flowers (a symbol for India) swirl around his head in the waters that image the depth of his mourning. His ministry blooms out of this raw, authentic moment of appropriate doubt. — lauren wright pittman ©