

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
September 13, 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=subscribe)

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.

Introduction: From the beginning of creation, God's primary focus was the nurture of humanity. Once fallen, God continued to love and care for people, healing their shame and forgiving their sin.

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 With **Verdure Clad** from *The Creation* Franz Josef Haydn

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

In the beginning, and now, and forever,
God the Maker, God the Son, and God the Spirit
danced together, worked together, belonged together.

In the beginning, and now, and forever,
God created the earth and its inhabitants — plants and animals and people —
to dance together, work together, belong together.

As one with God’s people in every place and time,
grounded in God’s goodness,
**we join our voices with the trees of the field,
the stars in the heavens,
the mountains and the seas,
to worship together.**

Whatever we have done, and whatever story we tell ourselves about how that affects who we are, there is no place we can hide from God. The One who created us sees the truth, and still calls us into life. Trusting in God’s mercy, we take this moment to step out from our hiding places and be honest with God and ourselves.

Silence for reflection and self examination

From dust and breath you formed us and placed us in the midst of your abundance, O God, and you trusted us to live according to your word. We confess that sometimes, the voices whispering

“you are not enough”

“what if...”

“you could be better”

are louder than yours, and they plant seeds of mistrust. **We have fallen prey to the lie that you are holding out on us, that taking matters into our own hands will bring us more happiness, more knowledge, more power, more success...and that we need to *be* more than we are.**

We admit that we have hidden our true selves, ashamed that we are not good enough for you, for others, or for ourselves.

Forgive us, Creator God, for pulling apart the web of your creation in our quest for more. Forgive us for believing we know better, and so forcing our way into a gift that was not meant for us.

Forgive us, and let your story take root in us, that we may again take our rightful place in the community of your created order. Amen.

Friends, hear and believe this good news: God knows us fully, *and still loves us fully*. There is no place you can go where the grace of God cannot reach. Even now, just as you are, God’s grace is enough, and it is for you. Know that you are forgiven, live as if you are forgiven, and be at peace, with yourself, with God, with your neighbor, and with the world. Thanks be to God who offers us this abundant grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* 684

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= | LT9ZX3M>

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one family with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.

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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

Merciful God, You created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 | |

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening

breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

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: Luke 11:4

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: *He Comes to Us as One Unknown 737*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwH9jIDFFj4>

INSTRUMENTAL

He comes to us as one unknown,

a breath unseen, unheard;

as though within a heart of stone,

or shriveled seed in darkness sown,

a pulse of being stirred,

a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie

and thoughts of day depart;

half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart,
of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home,
a voice to call us home.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth,
for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord,
our Savior and our Lord.

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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

We humbly pause in this time to offer up our prayers before the One in whose image we are created and always hears our prayers. Dear Lord, we bring our prayers before you for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The things which are forbidden are often the most tempting, and we seem to love pursuing them. Stand between us and our shame, that we might choose instead a path of joy and freedom, and live in the grace which you have offered. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all grandparents—those who care for and love their children's children, those who serve as surrogate elder mentors, and those who long for grandchildren

but do not have any. Strengthen ties between generations that each might be blessed and enriched by the other. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving creator, you have given us this great garden of earth to till and keep. May we resist the temptation to exploit and misuse it out of greed or possessiveness, choosing instead to cultivate its beauty and share its fruits equitably and justly. We pray for all those places on this globe that are enduring the ravages of fire, hurricanes, drought and more. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

So many people are burdened with shame over events long past. Help us all to release what no longer serves us and be open to your renewing love. Send your healing to all who need it, especially... for those who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, all courageous preachers of your gospel, lifting up especially our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and our Synodical Bishop Paul Egensteiner. Make us bold proclaimers of grace and mercy. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other petitions may be offered.

Pastor: Receive these prayers and all those which we offer in silence, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. **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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org*)

ANTHEM: “Adam in the Garden” Georgia Sea Island Song, Trinidad Version
<https://youtu.be/tZiC656NmSg>

OFFERING PRAYER

God’s generosity is beyond our imagining, and calls forth our own generosity. As we consider how to respond to God’s gifts with our own, let us pray.

Creator God, you have given us this place where we can thrive by working side by side with you, and called us into relationship with all things. As you have provided for us, so you have asked us to join in your work, and so we bring our offering, the fruit of our labor, as a sign of our gratitude. In giving as you give, may we find ourselves participating in your blessing of the world. 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 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 771*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kJ71FRltvg>

*God, who stretched the spangled
heavens*

Infinite in time and place,

Flung the suns in burning radiance

Through the silent fields of space:

We, your children in your likeness,

Share inventive pow'rs with you;

Great Creator, still creating,

Show us what we yet may do.

*We have ventured worlds undreamed
of*

Since the childhood of our race;

Known the ecstasy of winging

Through untraveled realms of space;

Probed the secrets of the atom,

*Yielding unimagined pow'r,
Facing us with life's destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.*

*As each far horizon beckons,
May it challenge us anew:
Children of creative purpose,
Serving others, hon'ring you.
May our dreams prove rich with
promise;*

*Each endeavor well begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and yours are one.*

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(The worship has ended, let the service begin)

Worship Notes: Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Clergy Stuff (Introduction, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession); Bible Worm/Rev. Terri Peterson (Preparing for worship, confession, Offering prayer)

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Music Notes: *The Creation* is an oratorio written between 1797 and 1798 by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), and considered by many to be one of his masterpieces. The oratorio depicts and celebrates the creation of the world as described in the Book of Genesis. The libretto was written by Gottfried van Swieten. The work is structured in three parts and scored for soprano, tenor and bass soloists, chorus and a symphonic orchestra. In parts I and II, depicting the creation, the soloists represent the archangels Raphael (bass), Uriel (tenor) and Gabriel (soprano). In part III, the bass and soprano represent Adam and Eve. The first public performance was held in Vienna at the old Burgtheater on 19 March 1799. The oratorio was published with the text in German and English in 1800.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Dawn Marinich in honor of her daughter Macie's seventeenth birthday. Happy Birthday Macie and God's blessings 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)

Mary O'Toole (Sister 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

Gary carlson (Family friend of Pastor Jen's)

Additional Prayers

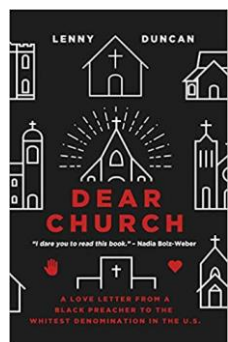
Wildfires out west

Announcements

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

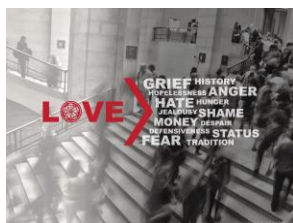


through our publishing house, Augsburg Fortress and other booksellers. If you need assistance in obtaining the book, please contact Pastor Jen. We will be hosting discussions of the book in September.



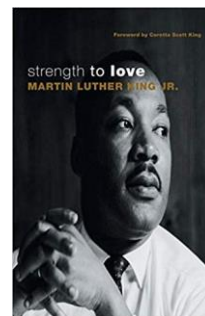
Altar Flowers: Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.

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: Has resumed, Meeting each Wednesday Via Zoom (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.



WELCA: Thursday Morning Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 10 AM to have a Bible study lead by Debbie Lyon and a time to discuss what we would like to do or feel comfortable doing this fall. You can also e-mail Irene Germain at Irene6174@comcat.net or call 845-225-4698 with your thoughts.

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 (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>



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=cW15NThGVzA5YUdsYWdKVGJYdVBkUT09>

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.*