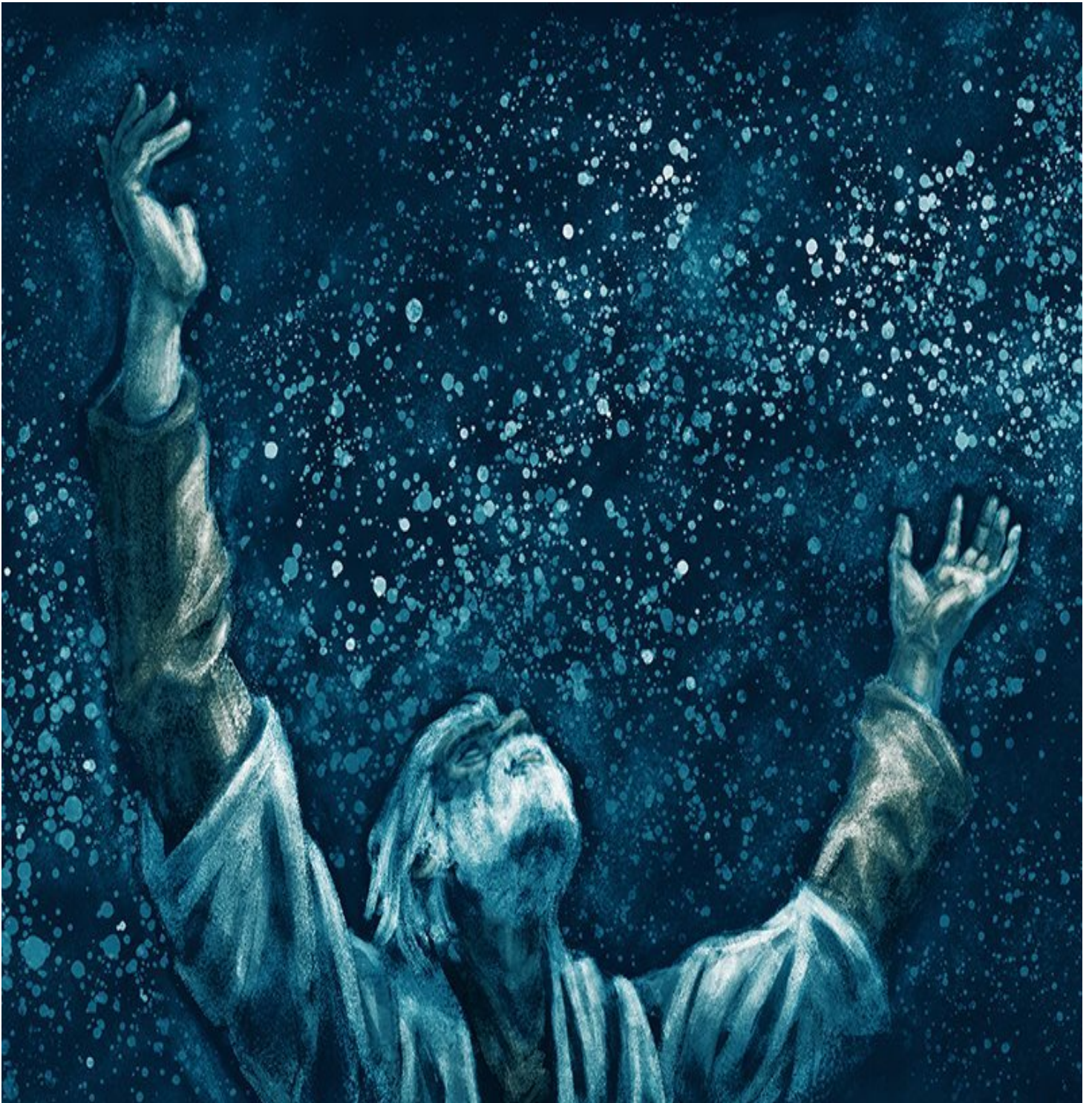


Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
September 20, 2020



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: Abram doubted that God would fulfill God's promise of descendants. But God reaffirmed God's promise, stating Abram's descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Often God's promises are grand, and they are fulfilled in surprising ways.

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 “Sinfonia” from Abraham Bernhard Molique

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

Come — the God of every blessing calls us to worship.

We offer God our thanks and praise.

Come — the God who longs for relationship calls us to worship.

We bring our whole selves, trusting and doubting, to meet the living God.

Come — the God who is faithful to every promise calls us to worship.

We trust God’s goodness and seek to be faithful in return.

Come, let us worship God together.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Before a word is on our lips,

God knows.

Before we are able to articulate our need, our failings, or our desires,

God knows.

There is no place we can hide,

and there is no reason for us to try, because God always meets us with mercy.

And when we are honest about our faults, we find the Spirit makes room for new life to take root in us and for our faith to bear fruit. So let us lift up all those ways that we stand in need of God’s forgiveness and grace.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God who makes and keeps promises,

when we are worried that your timeline and ours don’t seem to match up,

and we get tired of waiting for your promise to come true:

lift our eyes to the stars.

When we have boxed you in to just one nice, manageable way of being God,
uncomfortable with a dynamic, living relationship:

lift our eyes to the stars.

When we have kept our faith in our heads,
rather than living out our trust in you:

lift our eyes to the stars.

When we have narrowed our understanding of blessing,
and our vision of your promise is too small:

lift our eyes to the stars.

Forgive us, and open us to the fullness of your grace.

Amen.

Friends, hear and believe this good news: God's love is beyond our imagining, and reaches even to us, even now, even here. Whatever our fears, anxieties, pains, or pasts, Christ meets us with grace and the Spirit opens our hearts and minds to live at peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN The God of Abraham Praise 831

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZZAp7FzwXg>

The God of Abr'ham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love -
"I Am the One I Am," -
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise!
At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at your right hand.
I all on earth forsake -
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r -
and you my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.

shall guide me all my pilgrim days
in all my ways.
You deign to call me friend;
you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end
through Jesus' blood.

Your promise you have sworn;
I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold your face;
I shall your pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace
forevermore.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

The God of Abr'ham praise!
Your all-sufficient grace

Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
at your command.

The wat'ry deep I pass,
with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness
my way pursue.

The goodly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest.

There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

Before the great Three-One
the saints exulting stand

Text: 6 6 8 4 D; Daniel ben Judah, 1404; trans. by Max Landesberg and Newton Mann, 1885,
alt. Music: Hebrew melody, adapted by Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770.

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

Almighty God, **You long for us to trust that you hold our lives safely in your hands. Reveal the
surprises you have for us in your good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us, in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

and tell the wonders God has done
through all their land.

The list'ning spheres attend
and swell the growing fame
and sing the songs which never end,
the wondrous name.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
to you be glory, might divine,
And endless praise!

READING: Genesis 15:1-6 |

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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 3:8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: Many and Great, O God Are Thy Works 837

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

INSTRUMENTAL

Many and great, O God, are your works,
maker of earth and sky.

Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at your word the waters were formed.;
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,
O Star-abiding One.

Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.

Text: 96 99 96; Wakantanka tuki nitawa; Dakota hymn; para. by Phillip Frazier, 1892–1964.

Music: Dakota Odowan, 1879.

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 pause in this time to humbly lift up our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Often the plans we make look nothing like the amazing future you have in store for us. Keep us open to the unexpected and surprise us with your grace, particularly as we continue to live into this uncertain time. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the days and nights even out and we reach the midpoint of the season, we pause to thank you for the fruits of the earth, the beauty of nature, and our interdependence with this planet on which we live. May we continue to be faithful stewards of all that you have placed within our care. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

When we try to count the stars, we fall short; how easily we underestimate the vastness of your creation. Give us respect for our relative size within the cosmos and awe at the splendor of all that you have made. Help us to see beyond our own lives and to see the ways in which we are connected with all your people. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Be present with those who have given up hope of anything improving in their lives, and compel us to encourage others by the promises you give to all. Send your healing strength to those whom we name today, praying especially for... *pause*), for those who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.** We celebrate all who have played pioneering roles in your earthly church. Give us courage to walk where you lead, even if no one has ever walked that way before. Faithful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other petitions may be offered.

Pastor: Our prayers—and our lives—are safe within your hands. We trust in your faithfulness

and give thanks that you have heard us, for the sake of Jesus.. **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: “You Are the God of Abraham”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtUg3S-c6Ao>

OFFERING PRAYER

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...all blessings. **We thank you, God, for the blessings we see and the ones we don't recognize, for the blessings you pour out on us and the ways you bless others through us. We bring these offerings, the fruit of our labor, as a sign of our gratitude. As we return these gifts to you, we pray you would multiply them into a blessing for the world. In Christ's name. 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 O That I had a Thousand Voices 833

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr4r6DQHytI>

Oh, that I had a thousand voices,
They should be raised to Christ, my Lord!
My hungry soul in Him rejoices
With saints above in sweet accord.
Oh, that I might extol His name
And to the world His grace proclaim!

Let storms but rage, the forest felling,
Let gloomy pines their sighings raise.
But come with me, your voices swelling,
Break forth, break forth in songs of praise!
Y flowers all your splendor lend,
To praise the Lord your efforts bend.

Step forward, ye that life were given,
All creatures with a God-made voice,
And join with me in thanks to heaven.
Rejoice with me, rejoice, rejoice!
Let all exalt His grace in song;
He guardeth you with ramparts strong.

Depart, vain world, with grief and sadness,
Thou shalt no more my heart depress;
My Savior fills my soul with gladness;
He comforts me in all distress.
Be praise and honor unto Thee,
O Lord, throughout eternity!

My soul exalts Thy lovingkindness
Until my final hour is come;
Were I made speechless, struck with
blindness,
And even losing hearth and home,
I should not cease to pray and sigh
And lift my thoughts to Thee on high.

The feeble thanks that I can render,
Thou slightest not, O dearest Lord!
Some day at home in heaven's splendor,
With angels' choir in sweet accord,
My grateful thanks to Thee I raise,
While thousand voices sing Thy praise.

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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: Vertical Worship, previously known as Vertical Church Band, is a contemporary Christian and worship band from Chicago, Illinois as part of the Harvest Bible Chapel. The music collective is from Chicago, Illinois, where they form Harvest Bible Chapel, and they started making music in 2012. They count as their membership, Meredith Andrews, Andi Rozier, Jake France, Jon Guerra, Tara Stutes and Lauren Sweeney-Smith.

Wilhelm Bernhard Molique (1802 –1869) was a German violinist and composer. In 1820, Molique succeeded Rovelli as court violinist in Munich and, after several successful tours, in 1826 he became music director at Stuttgart.[1] His pupils there included the violinist Henry Blagrove and the violinist, conductor and composer Alfred Mellon. Molique was well received on a visit to London when he played his own Piano Concerto No 5 on 14 May 1840. He visited England several other times before settling in London from 1849 until 1866.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Roden in memory of her beloved husband Erich Roden.

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)
John Wills (Back Surgery)

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 Barga (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

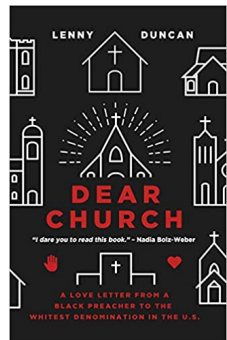
Wildfires out west

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 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.

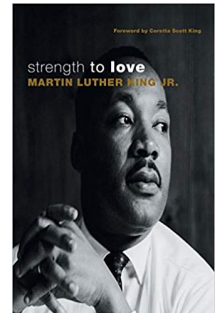
Blood Drive: We will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 29th (12:30pm-6:30pm – note time change). It will be by appointment only and have additional precautions in place. We will

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 (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

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.