

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
September 27, 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: Joseph finally came face to face with the brothers that had done him wrong many decades ago. Here he would face a great challenge—would he avenge himself or would he offer forgiveness and seek reconciliation?

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 “Overture to *Joseph and His Brethren*” Georg Frideric Haendel

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, whether you carry dreams fulfilled or hopes dashed,
whether you are feeling alone in the world or surrounded by friends,
whether today brings delight or uncertainty —
God calls us with love and purpose.

Let us pray.

God, sometimes life seems so complicated...

it would take ages to tell the whole story,

so we trust you know and understand.

As we turn our attention to worship,

remind us that we stand in the long arc of your story,

surrounded by your great cloud of witnesses,

so we need not bear the weight of complexity alone.

Draw us in to your truth,

that we may walk in your way,

and know your abundant life, even now.

Amen.

CONFESSION: A LAMENT FOR BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

God created humanity for community —

community with each other, with the earth, and with the Holy.

Trusting in God’s good purpose and forgiving love,

we admit that we have not lived up to God’s vision for us.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Loving God, you never play favorites.

Looking at your whole creation, you called it very good...and you made us in your image.

Yet we confess that we have not mastered the ability to love everyone. We have made love into a feeling and reserved it for a few, rather than seeing it as a way of living that insists on justice for all. We lament the divisions, the supremacy, the inherent inequity of our way of limited love.

(silence)

God-with-us, you came to live among us, to share our humanity in all its pain and joy.

We confess that too often, our relationships are built on assumptions.

We are not good at listening, or at seeking to understand the other's position.

We assume they know, or feel, what we know and feel, and so our empathy is limited.

We lament the broken relationships in our past and our present,

the misunderstanding and the pain that we have caused.

(brief silence)

God who is Three and yet One, your eternal dance of unity inspires us.

We confess that we have made it a heavenly ideal we never intend to reach on earth.

We see the beautiful simplicity of your Trinity,

and the messy complexity of our family dynamics,

and decide no one would expect us to try.

We lament the strained connections,

the missed opportunities, and the abuse of power

so often marring our family life.

(brief silence)

Compassionate God, we are sorry —

sorry for the hurt we have caused,

to those near to us and those we will never meet.

We recognize that pain, for we share it too.

We ask your forgiveness, and your healing grace.

Show us a more excellent way of love for you, for ourselves, for our neighbor.

We ask for your help, in Christ's name. Amen.

Friends, hear and believe this good news: through Christ, God's grace is for us all. In Christ, the old way has gone and a new way has begun. So let us live like Christ, trusting God's promise and sharing God's abundant love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN You Are Mine ELW 581

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgm9lkTNQmc>

I will come to you in the silence

I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear My voice

I claim you as My choice

Be still, and know I am here

I am hope for all who are hopeless

I am eyes for all who long to see

In the shadows of the night,

I will be your light

Come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you

I have called you each by name

Come and follow Me

I will bring you home

I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing

Healing for the ones who dwell in shame

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free

And all will know My name

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Do not be afraid, I am with you

I have called you each by name

Come and follow Me

I will bring you home

I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom

I am the peace the world cannot give

I will call your name, embracing all your pain

Stand up, now, walk, and live

Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

Text: Type: Words and Music; First Line: I will come to you in the silence
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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

Compassionate God, **You have the power to turn our most foolish acts into something of benefit. Use our lives for your highest good, in spite of our own intentions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 37:2-8, 17b-34 and 50:15-21 | |

Reader 1: ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, **they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.** ⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them,

Reader 2: 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' ⁸**His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?'**

Reader 1: So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, **'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'**

Reader 2: ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying,

'Let us not take his life.' ²²Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, **'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.'**

Reader 1: And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader 2: ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰He returned to his brothers, and said, 'The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?' ³¹Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, **'This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not.'**

Reader 1: ³³He recognized it, and said, 'It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.' ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son for many days.

(Note: (The intervening chapters tell Joseph's saga that results in being in the Egyptian court where his brothers find him during a time of drought)

Reader 2: ^{50:15} Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: **I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you."** Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.'

Reader 1: Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?²⁰ **Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.**

Reader 2: ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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 6:35

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

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW 764

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_deJPl0BDg

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

INSTRUMENTAL

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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 lift up our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

As Joseph found the strength to let go of bitterness toward his brothers, so may we loosen our grip on old grudges and harbored animosity. Bring us into strengthened relationship with those we love. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort all parents who have lost children through active military duty, law enforcement or rescue operations, particularly those who serve amidst our current natural disasters. Soothe their aching hearts with the balm of your spirit. We give you thanks for those who continually put themselves in harm's way out of a sense of responsibility to their country. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Through dreams and visions you revealed your plan for Joseph. May all who experience you in a similar way find purpose and guidance through their visions, and may they use their wisdom responsibly. May the vision for unity amidst division be realized as many speak out for justice in our midst. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Free us from the crippling jealousy and resentment that distances us from those we love. Heal and strengthen ties between parents and children, and between siblings who see the other as rival. Bring a special measure of your spirit to those who need it most, lifting up all those who struggle in body, mind and spirit (pause)... for those who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort us in the assurance that you have brought all those who have died into your loving eternal embrace, and that they await reunion with us in your heavenly kingdom. Renewing God, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other petitions may be offered.

Pastor: Receive these prayers and invigorate us to live out your will on earth, for which we pray through Jesus 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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

ANTHEM: "You Know Better Than I" John Bucchino

<https://youtu.be/BFT5XPnTi2Y>

OFFERING PRAYER

You are a God of abundance — there is always enough in your promise. **We thank you for the ways you provide for us, through the bounty of creation, the Spirit's gifts of talents and skills, and the help of others building us up. We bring our offering and we pray that as we practice giving of ourselves as a sign of our gratitude, you would make us more generous. Empower us to look past our sense of scarcity, and toward the blessing you are pouring out through these gifts — blessings of justice and love, for ourselves and for others. We ask 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 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW 707

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCeD0LYcHFA>

Lord of Glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew

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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: *Joseph (HWV 59)* is an oratorio by Georg Frideric Haendel completed in the summer of 1743. *Joseph* is composed to an English language libretto by the Reverend James Miller, based on Apostolo Zeno's Italian language. It received its premiere performance that following Lenten season on 2 March 1744 at the Covent Garden Theatre. The libretto is hard to read without background context because the audience of Handel's oratorios was very familiar with the stories of the Hebrew Bible and would have known the whole story of Joseph as part of their cultural knowledge.

John Bucchino (born 1952) is an American songwriter of both lyrics and music, an accompanist, a cabaret performer, and a teacher. He has been called "super-talented". Stephen Schwartz said his songs have "insightful lyrics and gorgeous melodies", "rich harmonic textures and subtle...inner voicings." His music has "beautiful intricacies."

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Kathie and Larry Ruhs in celebration of the thirteenth birthday of their youngest granddaughter, Aubrey Lynn Iglehart and by Lois Lawrence is gratitude for every breath of life. Happy Birthday to our sweet granddaughter and may God bless 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)

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 Lang (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)

Thomas Tazza (friend of Peter Gebhardt)

Richard Avy (Husband of Judy Avy and Friend of Fred & Pamela Carlson)

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

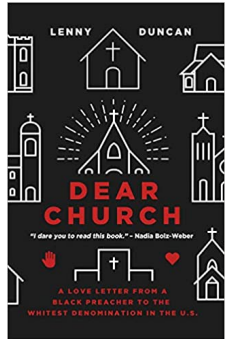
Announcements

Pet Blessing: Sunday, Oct. 4th is the Commemoration of St. Francis and so we will be having a blessing our our pets once again. You are invited to bring your pet (or a picture) for a short

service at 2pm. Please note: we will be meeting in the Upper parking lot. In addition, I will be available for drive-thru blessings before (1:30pm) and after the short service (until 3pm).

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 gathering - va Zoom- on Monday, Oct. 26th via Zoom. The link will be sent out with the bulletin on that Sunday



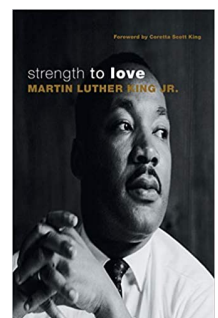
Altar Flowers: Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.

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: We had some great conversations at our last book club gathering about the book, "Strength to Love" by Martin Luther King - there is so much that is pertinent to today that we thought we needed to discuss



more. This will give everyone a chance to read the book before we meet on Monday, Oct. 19th.

The chapters are fairly short, but jam packed with much food for thought - you may want to just plan to read a chapter or two a week to let it all sink in.

LWR Baby Kit drive: We will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits which are sent by LWR to areas in need around the world and USA. Thrivent has given a \$250 Action Grant toward this project.

We are asking for items to be brought to Trinity or shipped to Trinity so we can make the kits up on Sunday, Oct. 11 after church service. You can buy on line if you like and ship to Irene Germain, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6 , Brewster, NY or you can give a donation toward the drive. Please let me know what items you are contributing so I know what more we need.

We need the following:

3 crochet Blankets or bought baby blankets
between 36 and 52 in. square

52 cloth diapers

36 hand towels

**Clothing items in size 6 months to 24
months can be gently used:**

24 sleepers without feet, gowns or
top/pants sets

14 t-shirts

10 jackets or sweaters – can be home made

18 pairs of socks

Irene Germain – Irene6174@comcast.net or 845-225-4698 or text 845-260-5385

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.