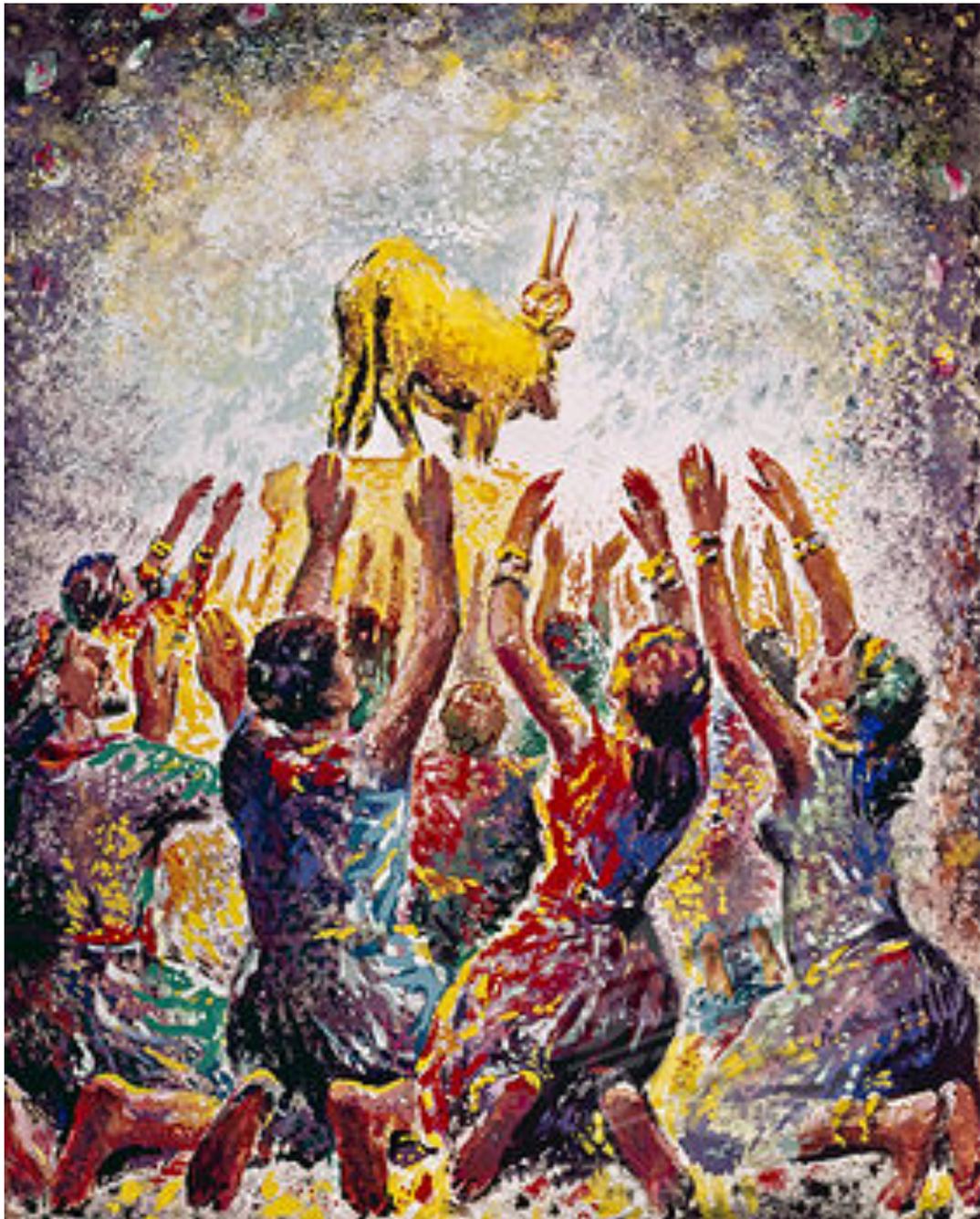


Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church  
October 11, 2020



*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](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](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or her personal email ([revjedyer1@yahoo.com](mailto: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:*** The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn't been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they knew—the gods of Egypt. When God's wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.

***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** “Lord, Help Me to Hold Out” and “Where Is Your Faith?”  
James E. Cleveland

## **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**

God calls us —

**out of our fear, out of our complacency, out of our careful control —  
to worship.**

What is the worship God desires?

**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly.**

To seek the kingdom even when it is not yet visible.

**To trust God’s faithfulness.**

So come. Turn your attention away from all the seductive voices of this world,

and toward the One whose promise endures.

**Let us worship God together.**

## CONFESSION

As humans, we all get things wrong sometimes.

**God knows our failings, and yet is still faithful, continually choosing love.**

When we are honest about the ways we fall short of God's call,  
**we can find healing in our relationship with God and one another.**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, let us pray.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Holy God, your presence is awe-inspiring and your power is overwhelming.

**We are quick to praise you for the ways you reveal yourself in our lives, for we are grateful that you lead us, care for us, provide for us.**

We confess that we have a harder time in the in-between.

**In between big moments, in between thunderous appearances, in between quiet whispers, we don't really know what to do.**

We would prefer a God we can see, a God we can shape and mold...

**dare we say it? a God we can control, so we know where you are at all times.**

We admit that those in-between moments, the ones that stretch on, that make up most of our lives, are hard on our faith. Forgive us, God.

**Forgive us for our limited vision and our faltering faithfulness. Forgive us for trying to manage our fear by domesticating your vastness in our ideologies and images. Forgive us for making worship more about what makes us feel good in stressful times, rather than the worship you desire. Turn back to us, and turn us back to you. Renew us in right relationship with you and with ourselves that we may learn again to live as your people. We ask in the name of the perfect One who embodied your presence and who promised to be with us always, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Friends, hear and believe this good news: God always chooses love, because God is love. God always chooses relationship, because God is community. Knowing this, we can live as God's people, forgiven, loved, and free. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN Lord of All Nations ELW 716**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbZ55vUu5mM>

Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
**to love all people, every race;**  
and in each person may I see  
**my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.**

Break down the wall that would divide  
**thy children, Lord, on every side.**  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
**let Christian love bind warm and true.**

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
**by loveless act and thoughtless word.**  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
**will crucify my Lord anew.**

## **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

Give me thy courage, Lord to speak  
**whenever strong oppress the weak.**

Should I myself the victim be,  
**help me forgive, remembering thee.**

With thine own love may I be filled  
**and by thy Holy Spirit willed,**  
that all I touch, where're I be,  
**may be divinely touched by thee.**

Text: © 2008, International Liturgy Publications

### **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 do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

### **READING: Exodus 32:1-14 | |**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears

of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it

forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**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 23:34**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

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

### **SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: My Song Is Love Unknown ELW 343**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-24kpujXfs>

### **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

My song is love unknown,  
**my Savior's love to me,**  
love to the loveless shown  
**that they might lovely be.**  
Oh, who am I that for my sake  
**my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

He came from his blest throne  
**salvation to bestow;**  
the world that was his own  
**would not its Savior know.**  
But, oh, my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
**who at my need his life did spend!**

Sometimes we strew his way  
**and his sweet praises sing;**  
resounding all the day  
**hosannas to their king.**  
Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
**and for his death they thirst and cry.**

We cry out, we will have  
**our dear Lord made away,**  
a murderer to save,  
**the price of life to slay.**  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes  
**that he his foes from thence might free.**

## INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

If life no house, no home  
**my Lord on earth might have;**  
in death no friendly tomb  
**but what a stranger gave.**

What may i say? Heav'n was his home  
**but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

Here might I stay and sing --  
**no story so divine!**

Never was love, dear King,  
**never was grief like thine.**

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
**I all my days would gladly spend!**

## 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 pause to humbly offer up our prayers before God for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

So often we miss the mark, just as the ancient Israelites did, when we look to other sources to fill our need for you, O Lord. Forgive us for all the foolish ways in which we fail to trust you, and gently lead us back onto the path that leads to life. Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

As our Jewish sisters and brothers celebrate the gift of your holy word, we rejoice that we have also received the words which proclaim your promises of never-ending love and eternal life for all your people. Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes this world seems full of danger and fury, with storms and conflict raging around us. Give us peace in the middle of the tempest and assure us that your presence has never left us. Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Help those who have been misled by cults and harmful ideologies to find their way back to your life-giving grace. Be with all who feel abandoned or isolated, and send your healing spirit to those whom we name this day... (pause) for all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or die, we belong to you, O Lord. Assure us of the promise of your resurrection, and when our time on earth is finished, unite us once more with all your saints in light. Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

*Pastor:* Receive our prayers into your merciful arms, for the sake of Jesus our savior and friend. **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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org))*

**ANTHEM: "Give Me a Clean Heart" James Cleveland**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLXeqvVsQ\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLXeqvVsQ_s)**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, You long for us to worship you with acts of loving kindness. Bless these gifts we offer to your service and for the benefit of all your children in need. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 Word of God Come Down on Earth ELW 510**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= zj-iU921Ao](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zj-iU921Ao)

Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heaven descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heaven to die,  
crucified for our salvation,

saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Contributors: Johann Ahle, James Quinn, LIEBSTER JESU

*(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, Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession); Bible Worm/Rev. Terri Peterson (Preparing for worship, confession)

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**Music Notes: James Edward Cleveland (1931 –1991)** was an American gospel singer, musician, and composer. Known as the King of Gospel music, Cleveland was a driving force behind the creation of the modern gospel sound by

incorporating traditional black gospel, soul, pop, and jazz in arrangements for mass choirs. Throughout his career, Cleveland appeared on hundreds of recordings and earned 4 Grammy Awards. He was the first gospel musician to earn a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1984. For his trailblazing accomplishments, he is regarded by many to be one of the greatest gospel singers that ever lived. He is best known for his gospel classics, "Lord, Help Me To Hold Out," "Peace Be Still," "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired", "The Love Of God," "God Has Smiled On Me" and his soul stirring rendition of Gladys Knight & The Pips "You're The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me." Our "Praise Ye the Lord" responsory is also his.

**Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by** Cindy Simon in memory of her beloved husband, John, on the anniversary of his going home to the Lord on October 10th five years ago and in memory of his birthday on October 22nd. You are missed John, everyday!

### **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)

Jill Russo's dad (cancer)  
Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)  
Danny Brooks (Carol Brooks' nephew)  
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  
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***

Lorraine Cornell (Doris O'Toole's mother)

### **Additional Prayers**

### **Announcements**

**BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE:** Thank you to all who donated at our September 29, 2020 blood drive held here at Trinity. We collected **93 units of blood**, of which 77 were whole blood and 8 units were double red cells. It was a great community event. Thanks to Caitlyn, Pastor Jen, and Georgina Marek for their support and publicity efforts that helped make this drive one of the most successful ever, and thanks also to Dorothy Kafalas for being available in the church office during the entire drive to any Hudson Valley Blood Drive personnel or donors. **Next blood drive: 2021, Tuesday March 2 at Trinity.**

### **Trinity's Vision: *Sharing the Peace of Christ***

In the coming weeks, you are invited to join the Church Council in brainstorming ideas related to our vision of sharing the peace of Christ. In the midst of today's world, how might we bring a sense of hope-filled peace into the lives of others? Who in your life might need to experience the peace of Christ? We will be making very tangible efforts to live out this vision and we need everyone's commitment to living it out!

**Christmas services?:** In looking at a variety of ideas related to how we might celebrate Christmas faithfully and safely, we are seeking your input. We need to have a sense of how many people might attend any in-person Christmas eve or day services. Please go to: [Christmas in-person worship](#) and take a very short survey. If you are unable to do this online, please contact Pastor Jen. *Your input is valuable and needed!*

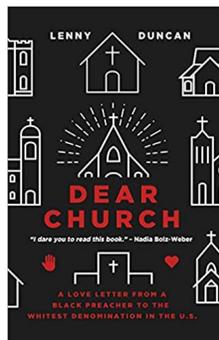


**Congregational meeting:** On **Sunday, Nov. 1st (10:30am)** we will gather once again (virtually & in-person) to discuss the possibility of being a sleeping site for the emergency shelter. We hope to have a member of the current board to help answer questions. Watch for a letter to be sent out soon with more information.

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

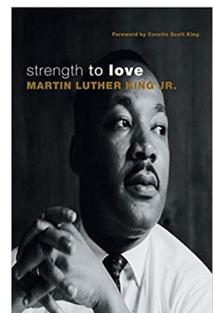


**Altar Flowers:** Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.



**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 book club gathering about the book, "Strength to Love" by Martin Luther King - there is so much that is pertinent to 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.



last  
today

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.

## WELCA Fall 2020

**We will be meeting on the following Days:**

Oct. 22 – 10 AM – work on service projects

Nov. 5 – 10 AM -Bible Study lead by Irene

Nov. 19 –10 AM - work on service project

Dec. 3 – 10 AM- Advent study led by Pastor Jen

Dec. 17 – 10 AM Advent study led by Pastor Jen

**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](mailto: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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org) . *Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.*

Dear Friend,

***“When you can’t change the direction of the wind – adjust your sails,” a quote from inspirational writer, H. Jackson Brown, Jr.***

### ***Thanksgiving***

We learned this week that our supermarket partners cannot permit food drives this year. This will have a devastating impact on the delivery of our Thanksgiving Basket Program. Modifying time-tested processes isn’t going to be easy but it’s essential that we acknowledge the limitations and adhere to all health and safety guidelines.

A difficult decision has been made to accept donations of ***turkeys only*** every Monday through Friday at the CAP office during November. We’ll be reaching out to several local service organizations to ask for their help with pies, rolls and butter: items that can easily be handled without the need for additional manpower.

*Adjusting our sails means that we are asking for donations of turkeys and \$25 grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving by November 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure that families receive these cards in time to shop for themselves.*

The end result will be families enjoying delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meals as plentiful as what we’ve provided in past year.

### ***Holiday Toys***

Holiday Toys presented us with a similar dilemma. How do we safely ensure all our children receive gifts at the holidays? Adequate space for this program has always been a challenge, but this year it is particularly daunting. There isn’t a place we know with enough space to accommodate this program and at the same time ensure a safe environment with room to guarantee social distancing for all involved.

Another difficult decision was reached to distribute store gift cards to the parents for the purchase of gifts for their own children. Our modest goal is to guarantee that each child receives \$50 worth of gifts. Sufficient time must be allotted for parents to shop around, search for the right items, take advantage of sales, perhaps order online and wait for holiday delivery.

*Another sail adjustment as we ask you to please make your CAP monetary holiday donation by November 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Holiday gift cards will be distributed with the Thanksgiving Baskets.*

Your monetary donation will be used for the purchase of an assortment of gift cards, allowing parents a choice of stores for their holiday shopping.

Your gift is vitally important and so very much appreciated. As a convenience, you can donate online by clicking on the DONATE button at the top of this page.

We know that you share with us a genuine concern for the well-being of everyone in our community. You are the ones who put the wind in our sails. Together, we can do this.

*The wind has changed direction.*

*Let’s all adjust our sails and create new traditions this holiday season!*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**