

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church  
December 6, 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:*** Israel had strayed and was exiled. But God was not done with her yet. God promised the Holy Spirit, which would bring dreams and visions of a life far better than this.

*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**      **“If with All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me”**      **Felix Mendelssohn’s *Elijah***

## **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 is gracious and merciful,

God is loving and compassionate,

**God is the one who brings a blessing.**

Come with all your heart to prepare God’s way

**for the Holy One is in our midst,**

**pouring out the Spirit on all.**

Come, O come, God, and be with us.

**We are longing for your presence**

**in the midst of all that is going on this year.**

Our preparations look different,

**our plans are scaled down,**

**our hopes and dreams and visions uncertain.**

Still you promise, though.

**You promise that when we turn to you,  
we will find you were already here.**

You promise to come and dwell with us,

**to open our eyes and hearts to see and know your grace.**

We pray this day that you will be faithful to that promise,  
and help us to be faithful to your call in return

**that we may indeed rejoice in the name of the One who is coming in the  
flesh.**

## **CONFESSION**

We humbly pause in this time, in the presence of our loving God, to offer  
up all that weighs heavily upon our hearts, seeking Christ's mercy and  
grace

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Through the shadows, we hear your voice of grace and mercy, Holy One.

**You call all people to yourself, and we are unprepared.**

We confess that rending our clothing is easy, for we are accustomed to  
performing outward displays.

**Rending our hearts is harder. We do not want to feel exposed — not  
even to you, and especially not to the others you call.**

We admit that we are wary of your spirit being poured on all flesh, that  
we are not sure about *those* people we don't know, who are outside our  
community speaking your word to us.

**We confess that we'd like your visions and dreams to be safe and  
confined to the story we already know and love, that children can act  
out while we snap photos — and edit them — to show our friends.**

Rending our image is hard, O God. Allowing others to speak words that challenge our image of you is harder.

**Forgive us. Give us courage to be honest with you and one another, and to find your blessing in the midst of that truth. We ask in the name of the coming Christ. Amen.**

God knows our every weakness and still loves us and upholds our life. May our sins be forgiven, our past forgotten, and our hope restored in the name of our incarnate savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN Comfort, Comfort Now My People ELW 256**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=119C58F3dnQ>

## **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

"Comfort, comfort now my people;  
**tell of peace!" So says our God.**

Comfort those who sit in darkness  
**mourning under sorrow's load.**

To God's people now proclaim  
**that God's pardon waits for them!**

Tell them that their war is over;  
**God will reign in peace forever.**

For the herald's voice is crying  
**in the desert far and near,**  
calling us to true repentance,  
**since the reign of God is here.**

Oh, that warning cry obey!  
**Now prepare for God a way.**

Valleys, rise to greet the Savior;  
**hills, bow down in humble favor.**

### **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
**and the rougher places plain.**

Let your hearts be true and humble,  
**as befits God's holy reign.**

For the glory of the Lord  
**now on earth is shed abroad,**  
and all flesh shall see the token  
**that God's word is never broken.**

Text: by Johann Olearius, 1611-1684 (PD). Translated by Catherine Winworth 1827-1878.

### **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.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Embracing through Returning (peace)**

How do we embrace the mystery?

**We remember the prophet Joel who spoke of weeping and mourning in the face of destruction.**

His words are still hard to hear.

**We remember his brutal honesty in the midst of chaos.**

Through Joel we hear God calling us to return with authentic hearts ready to change.

**On this Second Sunday of Advent God meets us in the mystery of peace**

**ADVENT CAROL: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," (ELW 257, verse 2)**

### **INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
**embracing all things far and nigh**  
in strength and beauty come and stay  
**teach us your will and guide our way**  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
**Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Steadfast God, You never abandoned your people when they were at their lowest. Hold your promises before our eyes that they might shine brighter than any darkness which threatens to overcome us, for the sake of your son Jesus. Amen.**

**READING: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29**

Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

**God's Spirit Poured Out**

Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**Footnotes**

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 11:13**

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



If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, the Very Thought of You ELW 754**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62J434N0w1c>

**INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

Jesus, the very thought of you  
**fills us with sweet delight;**  
but sweeter far your face to view  
**and rest within your light.**

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
**nor can the mind recall**  
a sweeter sound than your blest name,  
**O Savior of us all!**

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
**O Joy of all the meek,**  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
**How good to those who seek!**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE**

O Jesus, be our joy today;  
**help us to prize your love;**

grant us at last to hear you say:  
**"Come, share my home above."**

Text: CM; Jesu dulcis memoria, ca. 12th cent.; attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

Contributors: ST. AGNES

*We ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the baptism and worship service. Following the service is the more appropriate time. Thank you.*

## **PRESENTATION**

*(Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.)*

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Helena Erminia Cusano

*(The minister addresses the parents.)*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?  
Parents: We do.

*(The minister addresses the sponsors.)*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Helena in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

*(The minister addresses the assembly.)*

People of God, do you promise to support Helena and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly: **We do.**

*(The assembly stands.)*

## **Profession of Faith**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and

resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## **Baptism**

*(The minister pours water on the candidate's head, saying:)*

Helena Erminia Cusano, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*(Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:)* Sustain Helena with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*(The minister, parents, and sponsors mark the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and say:)*

Helena, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift that you have given them. Help them live as teachers and examples of your love and grace.



Strengthen them in the covenant of their own baptism so they may continue to grow in the faith given to us through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*(A candle for the baptized is given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says: )*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*(The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.)*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Children of the Heavenly Father" (instrumental only)**

## **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.*

In the season of tinsel and twinkling illusions, grant us a deeper joy that endures throughout these days, the burning promise of our coming savior. God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

In the spirit of St. Nicholas, use us to minister to those in need, providing for their lack without seeking recognition or thanks, but only the fulfillment of recognizing our connection with all of your children. We especially lift up the newly formed shelter ministry that begins this week; be with all the churches, volunteers and staff as they offer a place of welcome. God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

The earth is forgiving, even as its Creator is, renewing what has been depleted and repairing what has been damaged. Make us partners in the recovery of this planet from the ravages of our abuse and neglect, and accept our repentance for all that we have done. God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

When we lose our visions, we are tempted to give in to despair. Rekindle your light within those who have given up, and work through us to reach out to the lonely, sad and discouraged. Send your healing spirit to all those who need it, especially... .. *(Pause)* all who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

With Nicholas, bishop of Myra, and all your faithful saints, we join our voices with the heavenly chorus praising the One who delivers and delights our hearts with the promise of eternal life. God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or in the comments.*

*Pastor:* Our eyes await the fulfillment of all your promises, the answer to all our prayers: your Son, our Lord, 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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*)

**ANTHEM: “Rend Your Heart” Abigail Miller**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9BdE91IFdg>

## **INVITATION OF STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER**

In the beginning, God entrusted the world to us, placing the responsibility of its care and nurture to each of us. We are called upon to be wise and faith-filled stewards of the earth and its resources, material assets, our personal gifts and our relationships with family, friend and stranger alike. We offer now our first fruits back to God to continue the work of God’s kingdom.

**You call us to return to you with all our hearts, and to give our lives to your service. Accept these offerings of love and use us as your servants to bring your light of mercy to all 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 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK3KJTyUqX0>

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Words and Music; First Line: Lord, listen to your children praying  
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Contributors: Ken Medema

*(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, Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer); Bible Worm/Rev. Terri Peterson (Preparing for worship, confession); Dave Moors(Wreath lighting); Pastor Jen Boyd (Invitation of stewardship)



**Music Notes:** The Paul and **Abigail Miller** family have been blessed to minister in Christ-honoring music for many years. Abigail has been writing and composing original songs to worship the Lord ever since she came to know Him as Savior at the age of seventeen, resulting in eight released albums since 2001. Abigail and Paul have been married for over twenty-three years and have been blessed with eleven children. Paul has been saved since he was 19 years old and has a heart for sharing the gospel and encouraging God’s people through teaching and preaching. The Millers traveled with their family in full-time evangelism for over seven years, ministering from coast to coast in the United States, and in some areas of Canada. They currently live and serve in Wisconsin, where and they occasionally travel to other churches to minister.

*Elijah* ,Op. 70 is an oratorio by **Felix Mendelssohn** depicting events in the life of the Prophet Elijah as told in the books 1 Kings and 2 Kings of the Old Testament. It premiered in 1846 at the Birmingham Festival.

<b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup></b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Jo-Ann Nestor</b>	<b>Connie Lanotte-Boldish</b>

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Sullivan in loving memory of her sister-in-law, Barbara Sullivan; also given in celebration of the Baptism of Helena Erminia Cusano, daughter of

Maryann & Arthur Cusano by Irene & Charles Germain. 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**

Barbara Grispin

Brian (friend of Rosemary Gebhardt)

Burt Pelletier (friend of Peter Gebhardt)

Corey Pate (friend of Jeanette Baldanza)

Danielle Nestor (ankle surgery)

Danny Brooks (Carol Brooks' nephew)

Emile "Vinny" Bellissimo (friend of Loretta Christiano)

Ethan and Dina (friends of Georgina Marek)

Jeff Brown (friend of Doug Noah)

Jill Russo's dad (cancer)

Joseph Percacciolo

Katherine Waldvogel (Dawn Morello's mother)

Kathie Gibbs (sister in law of Jeanette Baldanza)

Lillian Eberhardt

Lois Lawrence

Loretta Christiano (back surgery)

Lynne Caruso and Janna Kreps (friends of Holly Larocchia)

Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)

Margaret, Elizabeth, Kathie, Larry, and Millie. (friends of Joanne Icken)

Mary O'Toole (Sister of George O'Toole)  
Pastor Marv Henk  
Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)  
Thomas Tazza (friend of Peter Gebhardt)

### **Prayers for those serving in the medical community**

Jeanette Baldanza (Putnam Co. Dept. of Health)  
Michael Conroy (Putnam Hospital)  
Dr. Lauren Icken (Resident @ Albany Med)  
Eric Klammer (FDNY)  
Holly Larocchia (Arms Acres)  
Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)  
Jeff Von Bargaen (Putnam Hospital)

### **Prayers for essential workers**

Kystal Langke (Postal worker)  
Justin Larocchia (Corrections)

### **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***

Hedy McCloskey

### **Additional Prayers**

### **Wedding Anniveraries**

### **December Birthdays**

Helga Siebern	12/2	Lisa Ulrich	12/4
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READINGS	
<b>Dec 6</b> God's Promised Spirit Second Sunday of Advent	<b>Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 (Luke 11:13)</b> Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit.
<b>Dec 13</b> Spirit of the Lord upon Me Third Sunday of Advent	<b>Isaiah 61:1-11 (Luke 4:16-21)</b> The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news, liberty, and to make an everlasting covenant.
<b>Dec 20</b> Jesus' Birth Announced Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>Luke 1:26-45 [46-56] (Psalm 113)</b> Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David.

## Announcements

**Special Christmas music:** anyone who would like to play/sing special music for our Christmas services, please contact Franklyn. They can be pre-recorded and sent to the church office.

**Advent Devotions:** As we mark the days until Christmas, you are invited to use the included (attached) devotional guide for the coming weeks. They center around the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel and the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. If you would like a physical copy, please contact the church office to have one printed off for you.

**Advent Meditation service:** As a part of the season of preparation, we invite you into an brief time of worship and meditation each Monday of Advent at 7pm (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14,21). We will spend time in prayer, music, silence and reflection. We will light a new candle on our Advent wreaths each week around the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Each of you are invited to either make/use your own wreath or a combination of

any 4 candles. The service will be livestreamed from Zoom (see link below)

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**Outdoor Christmas Caroling:** You are invited to join others as we share the joy of the season with your favorite Christmas carols. We will gather in the lower parking lot on **Sunday, Dec. 20th (4pm)** for a time of singing and socially-distant fellowship. We hope to have a firepit along with candles to celebrate; wear your "finest" and warmest Christmas apparel! We will be streaming this gathering.

**Christmas Services:** As with many other things, Christmas will be a bit different due to the pandemic. Please find the schedule and information for each of the services below. Any in-person service will only be held if we keep in the yellow zone. If we are moved to orange or red by the day of - we will go to all virtual services. All the services will continue to be



streamed to Facebook and YouTube. Watch for a couple of special surprises coming as well.

**Holy Communion** will be offered at the in-person services as well as 20 minutes before and after each service.

**Christmas Eve In-Person service (7pm only).** Everyone will need to **pre-register** for this service as we are only able to have 50 people present to maintain our safety procedures. See the link to register or you may contact the church office. For anyone who gets put on a waiting list, we will be streaming the service to Fellowship Hall where folks may watch the service with others. Please note: there will be no singing at this service, but we will be making music available for people to use at home.

**Christmas Day In-Person service (10am)** We continue our tradition of gathering on Christmas day to celebrate the birth of Christ. While this service has often been smaller in size, if you plan to attend (and you haven't in the past), please let the church office know so that we may plan accordingly.

**Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols (Dec. 27th)** will be streamed only with a special service offered by Bishop Paul Egensteiner and the Metro NY Synod. The link will be sent out that week and posted on social media. There will be no in-person service that day.

## **WELCA Fall 2020**

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

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

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

## **Brewster Emergency Shelter at Trinity**

We will have the Brewster Emergency Cares emergency shelter at Trinity for 4 weeks this winter. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer to cook meals, serve meals and stay overnight. The guests arrive at 9 PM receive an individual wrapped hot dinner, sleep overnight and eat a light breakfast and receive a to go lunch and leave at 6AM. A paid supervisor stays up all night. We are still waiting for a finalized calendar as to the weeks we will have the shelter, but hope our first week will be Dec. 28 to January 4.

If you are willing to help in any way, please email me at [irene6174@comcast.net](mailto:irene6174@comcast.net) or text me at 845-260-5385 or call at 845-225-4698.

Irene Germain

## **Help Support Trinity's Emergency Shelter Weeks**

We will be having a drive to fill the need for different items we will need for the weeks we have the Brewster Cares Emergency Shelter at Trinity. We have received a Thrivent Grant for this. A box to collect them will be in the narthex along with a jar for monetary donations. The following items are being asked for:

- **Juice bottles – apple, orange or mixed fruit in individual bottles or 64 oz. bottles**
- **Granola bars**
- **Breakfast bars- oatmeal, fruit or similar**
- **Coffee, tea , hot chocolate**
- **Liquid antibacterial soap**
- **Antibacterial hand wipes and antibacterial hand sanitizer**
- **Spay bottles antibacterial cleaner**

- Disposable masks
- Paper towels
- Quart and Gallon Zip lock bags

Irene Germain – [Irene6174@comcast.net](mailto:Irene6174@comcast.net) , 845-225-4698

### **Tappan Zee Conference Friends:**

Grace Lutheran Church invites you and our members to join us in creating a conference version of Silent Night. Shawn Chang -- Grace's music director will make the magic happen but here is the timeline to make it happen

- People complete Google [HERE](#) by November 29  
<https://forms.gle/2pGeHqXQ75eCNkp4A>
- You will receive email with recording by December 1
- You need to return your recording by December 8
- Link of completed recording will be provided on Dec. 18

Please share this information with those from your congregation you think would like to join this conference virtual choir....

Peace,  
Pastor Ann

The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer  
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Grace Lutheran Church - Interim Pastor  
917-923-9520 (cell phone)

914-472-4252 (church office)

**Wednesday Bible study:** We begin a new series for our mid-week study series. It is a study from the ELCA that marks the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Lutheran Church. Each week (at 7pm), we will look at women's leadership in scripture with the themes of proclaiming, reforming and celebrating. If you are interested in more information and/or would like to join the study, please contact Pastor Jen to be put on the email distribution list. The Zoom link is listed here in the bulletin.

**Pocket Prayer Quilts:** Recently after worship, Marilyn Platt brought me a box. In the early days of the virus, she was looking for something to do and came across these Pocket prayer quilts. Into the middle of each of these 2 inch squares is sewn a small plastic cross along with a prayer on the back for God's peace to be in their lives. ([How to Make a Pocket Prayer Quilt | a Shabby Fabrics Tutorial](#)). She finished these back in April, but when I started talking about our vision about Sharing the Peace of Christ with others, she thought about the connection with this small quilts.

We are looking to make more of these for folks to give out or leave in their daily travels as they encounter both people they know as well as those they don't know. We can make the prayer to go with it (will also be including a Bible verse with our contact info). Let us know if you are willing to make some of them.

### **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!

**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.



**Altar Flowers:** Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to put flowers on the altar, please sign up on the new flower chart that has been placed in Narthex, call, text or email me. You can call me at 845-277-8012; text me at 914-506-0298 or email me at [kathieruhs@aol.com](mailto:kathieruhs@aol.com).

Poinsettias for the altar are limited in quantity and have been already been purchased by congregation members who had given me money in the spring for Easter Lilies. I regret that there are not more available for purchase. Our florist was unable to supply them to us this year.

Peace to you all and be well,  
Kathie

**LWR Kits:** We at Trinity have collected and made many Lutheran World Relief Kits. Due to Covid many collection points in different churches were not operating. This week Crossroads Camp in NJ was open to bring kits to. From there they will go to LWR headquarters in Maryland and from there around the world where needed.

From Trinity they received:

Baby Kits 38

Quilts 5

School Kits 63

Personal Care Kits 72

Thank you to all who helped in the past year.

## Irene Germain



**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](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjdyer1@yahoo.com](mailto: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>

### **Offering**

*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) . *Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.*