

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
December 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 via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>)

The service will be posted on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber)

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

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: Without fanfare, an angel announced the coming of a baby to Mary. While she waited, she took the opportunity to seek out her support community and prepare for the child's arrival.

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

Shepherd Me O God

Marty Haugen

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

From generation to generation,
God's world-changing grace passes —
**one to another, telling the story
and sharing the hope.**

Come to hear the story again,
and be transformed by the Living Word,
**the power of God's presence
in our midst.**

Loving God,
you send messengers to young girls
and fill old women with your Spirit,
you speak through songs and dreams,
and even when we are perplexed
you entrust us with your Word.
May we, today,
believe there will be a fulfilment of your promise.
May we, today,
have the courage to take the next step

even when the whole path is unclear.

May we, today,

be ready for your disruptive blessing

for us and for the world.

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

O God, Christmas is so close now,

but our bodies carry both excitement and concern.

We do not know what lies ahead,

or how to navigate all the uncertainties.

We don't feel like we're surrounded by a cloud of your presence,

but rather by a cloud of stress that obscures our vision.

We hear Mary's words of trust in your constancy and her song of your upside-down kingdom,

and we confess that we might just want something "normal" instead, even if normal wasn't that good.

Forgive us for holding so tightly to the way things were that we cannot grasp the opportunity to step into your future.

Remind us again that nothing is impossible with you, so all we need is to take the first step, and you will reveal the rest along the way. Fill us again with your grace, and make us ready to say "let it be according to your word." We ask in the name of your Living Word, Jesus the 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 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness ELW 251

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKzdz90bHnE>

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my savior's praise!
you looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
with mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
the ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich
sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
sing glory to the holy one,

give honor to the word,
and praise the pow'r of the most high,
one god, by all adored.

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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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Embracing through gratitude (love)

How do we embrace the mystery?

We remember Mary, anxious and uncomfortable, walking toward love.

We remember her words of gratitude and praise in the face of worry.

Mary encourages us to fall open to our God with thankfulness.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent God meets us in the mystery.

Thanks be to God.

ADVENT CAROL: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," (ELW 257, verse 6)

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer

O Sun of justice, now draws near

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of surprises, **You blessed Mary and Elizabeth with the gift of holy children, and they faithfully embraced your calling. Give us peace and joy as we await your coming among us, in the form of a humble baby—our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

READING: Psalm 113

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-56

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."^[a] But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the

Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

*(The Magnificat, Holden Evening Prayer, Marty Haugen,
sung by Pastor Jen)*

And Mary said,

*“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.*

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;*

*he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

He has helped his servant Israel,

*in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came ELW 265

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UibY8twQTOQ>

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:

"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,

and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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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.

God who has created and is creating,
through all of history you have been making things new.
Your vision of justice and peace, compassion and community,
has always been and will always be.
Remember your mercy, O God,
and fulfil your promise of new life for all.

In this season when we prepare for your coming among us in the flesh,
we pray for all who cannot afford to wait any longer for justice —
for those yearning for peace;
for those facing holidays with an empty stomach;
for those whose physical and mental health is suffering;
for those whose Christmas list asks only for a safe place to call home.
Remember your mercy, O God,
and fulfil your promise of new life for all.

We pray too for those at the other end of the Magnificat —
for the rich, that they may learn true generosity;
for the full, that they may know the gift of emptying;
for the powerful, that they may use their position to do justice;
for the proud, that they may experience wonder and extend grace.
Remember your mercy, O God,
and fulfil your promise of new life for all.

We give you thanks, living God,
for your faithful people who have taught us your way.

For those who have recognized your work in our lives,
offering encouragement and blessing when we most needed it.
We thank you for friendship unconfined by generation,
for voices that cause our spirits to leap,
for the family of faith that nudges us to the next step on your path.
Remember your mercy, O God,
and fulfil your promise of new life for all.

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

Pastor: Nothing will be impossible with you, and so we ask for the blessing of trust that we might follow wherever you lead, in the name of the One who is making all things new, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Christ be with you always, **And also with you**
(you are invited to share a sign of peace with those who are with you, by commenting in the Facebook feed as well as by calling/sending a message of peace to someone)

OFFERING *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

ANTHEM: “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory” Marty Haugen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_Lmt5OVFko&list=PLnlj23OKG8pWuF3Kzl1Xi7NY_hfWMJaYe

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 long to see your people treated fairly, and for all to have their needs provided. Bless and use these gifts for the work of your just kingdom throughout the world, that all might see and know your love and mercy. 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

SENDING HYMN Canticle of the Turning ELW 723

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXyGh1MW2OM>

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the
Depths Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might, put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn *Refrain:*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone

Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never ears
There are tables spread, ev'ry Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn *Refrain:*

Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
Who is turning the world around *Refrain:*

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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. Also please keep your mask on and do not linger in the building.

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

Music Notes: Mary Haugen was born December 30, 1950 in Wanamingo, Minnesota. He was raised in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Minnesota, and became a member the United Church of Christ. He writes contemporary hymns and liturgical music for the Lutheran church. Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and an M.A. degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Haugen pursues a career as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. The majority of his compositions are published by GIA Publications. His works include two settings of the liturgy for Lutheran use, "Holden Evening Prayer" and "Now the Feast and Celebration", and settings of the Catholic Mass, including the "Mass of Creation". He has also composed other works including liturgical settings, choral arrangements, sacred songs, and hymns, including "Gather Us In", "Eye Has Not Seen", "Canticle of the Sun", "We Are Many Parts", "We Remember", "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn", and "Shepherd Me, O God", as well as psalm settings and paraphrases.

Haugen is a performing musician, and has recorded a number of CDs. He holds a position as composer-in-residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Maureen and Marc Sergio in celebration of their daughter Brianna and son in law's fourth wedding anniversary (12/16); and in loving memory of her mother, Elsie McCloskey's birthday (12/22) and by Joanne & Don Icken in loving memory of Wilfred & Caroline Icken and Joseph Goscinski.

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

Tony Morello

Michael Cesare

Stan Rogers

Michael & Sue Stringer (Covid)

Mary Torlish

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)

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)

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 Barga (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

Delores Ceasrine

Additional Prayers

December Birthdays

Freyja Smith	12/15	Susan Megaro	12/19
Susan Kolar	12/15	Tyler Lee	12/19
Vivienne Howard	12/16	Keira Markert	12/20
Barbara Von Bargaen	12/17		
Inez Arrigo	12/17		
William Groundwater	12/18		
Karen Nicoletti	12/19		

READINGS

December 20	NL315: Spirit of the Lord upon Me Third Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26-45 [46-56] (Psalm 113) Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David.
December 24	NL316: Jesus' Birth Announced Fourth Sunday of Advent	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] (Psalm 96) Birth of Jesus.
December 25	NL317: Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:8-20 (Psalm 123:1-2) Shepherds visit the infant Jesus.
December 27	NL319: Simeon and Anna First Sunday of Christmas	Luke 2:21-38 (Psalm 131) Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace.
January 3	NL320: Boy in the Temple Second Sunday of Christmas	Luke 2:41-52 (Psalm 2:7-8) Jesus in the temple at age twelve. He is in "his Father's house."

Announcements

2021 Pledge forms: If you haven't had a chance to do so, please feel out the attached pledge form and return it to the church office as soon as possible. This will enable our Finance committee and Church council to begin planning for the new year.

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 worship, singing and socially-distant fellowship. We hope to have a firepit along with candles to celebrate; wear your "finest" and warmest Christmas apparel, decorate your vehicle! We will also be offering a short prayer service with Holy Communion as a part of this gathering. We will be streaming this gathering.

Longest Night Service: The weekly Advent Meditation service will be expanded on **Dec. 21st (7pm)** to be a special ***Blue Christmas*** service. In the midst of the chaos of our world, we gather around the light of Christ that brings hope, peace, love and joy. We will gather via Zoom and be streaming the service to Facebook. A special bulletin will be sent out in advance.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83079290091?pwd=YjZlZkxqYnBLcmc2Rmt0SmVtYkgzdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 7929 0091 Passcode: 051478

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,83079290091#,,,,,0#,,051478# US (New York)

Christmas Services: As the numbers continue to increase in our area, we have decided to offer only virtual worship services for the time being. While we mourn this change, we are prioritizing the health and safety of our faith and surrounding communities. This was a heart-wrenching decision to make. Our upcoming Christmas services are as follows:

Christmas Caroling Service with Holy Communion
(see separate announcement)

Virtual (pre-recorded) Christmas pageant will be made available on YouTube by Christmas eve

Virtual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (7pm) We will be streaming this service live on Facebook.

Holy Communion will be offered via drive-thru this night at 6:30pm-6:50pm as well as 8pm- 8:20pm

(if these times do not work for you, you can make arrangements with Pastor Jen

Zoom Christmas Day Blessing service (10am): *Come, all ye faithful* from your homes and join in a time of fellowship and worship on Christmas morning. We will gather virtually together around our trees to share in a time of blessing, prayer and music. We will gather via Zoom from our homes to celebrate the birth of Christ. Watch for more information coming soon.

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 separate service offered at Trinity this day.

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 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

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Metro NY Synod "The Lutheran New Yorker" gratitude issue is now available to read on line. Enjoy our **NEW** digital edition of *The Lutheran New Yorker*! This **Gratitude 2020** edition will feature a message from our **Bishop** and **leaders**, an article with suggestions about how we can **care for those most in need during this time of year**, and recommendations and ideas for celebrating a **Digital Christmas**.

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: 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.

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.

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 (trinklutheranoffice@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=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZiRVNwMkd2QT09>

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.*