

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
January 17, 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. *As we remember our baptisms today, you are invited to have a bowl of water with you.*

Introduction: Jesus was busy teaching, healing, and performing miracles throughout the land. Unfortunately, the ones who failed to see God working through him were the people of his own hometown.

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 “Nimrod” from Enigma Variations Edward William Elgar

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

Listen! The good news of God’s grace is all around.
Even now, the Spirit is fulfilling God’s word in Christ —
and we are the Body of Christ.

Listen beyond your amazement
and hear the truth of Emmanuel
weaving between the lines
**and beneath the shallow pride
and behind the pieces we understand.**

Come, with hearts and minds open,
and meet the Word made flesh.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION

We humbly pause in this time, in the presence of our loving God, to offer up all that weighs heavily upon our hearts, those things done and left undone, said and unsaid, all that which separates us from the love of God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Lord, we love to praise you, to proclaim your wonders and count our blessings.

We are so grateful for all you have done for us.

We confess that is what we want: for you to do things for us.

And when we hear that your good news prioritizes those who need your tangible justice-creating grace, more than our desire to feel good about ourselves, we confess that we don't like that very much. We admit that, if we're being honest, we're a little uneasy about the mission you state, worried that our privilege might be in danger as you lift up and heal and set free in this world, not only in spirit. Forgive us for our self-centered view of your work that tempts us to join the crowd headed toward the cliff. Open our hearts and minds, and turn our lives to embody your good news for the poor. We ask it in your name. Amen.

Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored fully into your relationship with God revealed in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ELW 254

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeUF8iO4UQ8>

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;

let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, **your vision of good news is broader than we can see. We pray this day that you would move us past our expectations and entitlement, toward our proper place in the story of your grace transforming the world. May we not simply speak well of you, but follow your way of liberation and healing for all. Amen.**

READING: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith for ever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
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 4:14-30

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: Holy Spirit , Ever Dwelling ELW 582

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0Uq-vkiAio>

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit;
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship,
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

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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 of mercy and justice, we lift our hearts and voices in praise, for you have done wondrous things. You provide for your creation and your

people, You heal and teach, Your gift of freedom is for all. In gratitude we come, amazed and hopeful. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

We bring our prayers for the captives — those in prison and those working their way through the justice system, those imprisoned by injustice, greed, or selfishness, those bound by expectations, broken relationships, or their past. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

We bring our prayers for those who cannot see clearly — whose vision is narrowed by their own desires, whose sight is clouded by certainty and pride, whose lenses do not allow them to look toward the full truth. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

We bring our prayers for those who do not believe they are worthy of your favor, who have come to believe the lies about who is deserving of love, who have found themselves tethered to old stories. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

We bring our prayers for those who long for good news — for those awaiting test results, for those living with illness, pain, and treatments, for those in poverty even in our own community. We pray especially this day for those that we name before you, those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

Gracious God, grant that your Church may be anointed with your Spirit to be a tangible, living embodiment of your grace that changes the world. May our life together be good news for the poor and release for the captives. May our witness point people to your love. May our praise translate into faithfulness to your story that is farther-reaching than anything we can imagine.

We ask in the name of the One who brought your Word to Life, Jesus the Christ. **May your word be fulfilled today.**

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

Pastor: Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

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

ANTHEM: “The Spirit of the Lord God Is Upon Me” Brenda Geneau

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfT4mcE_XJg

INVITATION OF STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

We walk in the brilliance of Christ’s glory – the glory of love and grace that shines upon us. May we reflect God’s glory in the ways that we live daily. May these gifts today be an expression of our faith and trust in the One who gives all.

As Jesus offered his whole life to you, so move our hearts to dedicate all we have to your service. Bless these tokens of our gratitude for all that we have been given in this life, and of our desire that all may be fed, clothed, and freed from the things which bind them, by the power of your Holy Spirit. 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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN Lead on, O King Eternal ELW 805

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzlponYvF30>

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

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

Music Notes: **Brenda Geneau** was born and raised in North Western N.B., Canada, Brenda is the fourth of nine children born to the late Mr. Lawrence Geneau and his wife Rita. She is fluent in both official languages. She started singing at the young age of ten and was lead singer for their family band for several years. In 1985 Brenda moved to Ontario to pursue her musical dream.

On January 26th, 1989 God used a song to reveal His love to Brenda where she had a life changing experience that led her to devote all her time and energies to writing and singing Gospel music. In 1995 Brenda released her first recording entitled "His Love Never Dies". In September of 1997. Brenda was quite excited to see her Christian album being played among artists like Brooks and Dunn, Trisha Yearwood, Lorrie Morgan, Alan Jackson and many more.

Edward William Elgar's *Variations on an Original Theme* consists of 14 movements based on his friends' and colleagues' names. Variation 9 refers to Augustus J. Jaeger, who was employed as music editor by the London publisher Novello & Co. He was a close friend of Elgar's, giving him useful advice but also severe criticism, something Elgar greatly appreciated. Elgar later related how Jaeger had encouraged him as an artist and had stimulated him to continue composing despite setbacks. Nimrod is described in the Old Testament as "a mighty hunter before the Lord", Jäger being German for hunter.

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

In Our Prayers

We are particularly mindful of so many who are in need of prayers during this time. You are invited to contact Pastor Jen to add specific names to this list:

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Healing

Charlie

Thomas Tazza (Friend of Peter Gebhardt)

Sigrid Allen (rehab)

Larry Ruhs

Rev. Paul Walther (Friend of Fred and Pam Carlson)

Robert Grillo

Bonnie Boyd (Pastor Jen's Mother in Law)

Tony Morello
Michael Cesare
Stan Rogers
Mary Torlish
Barbara Grispin
Brian (friend of Rosemary 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)
Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

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 (White plains Hospital)
Jeff Von Bargaen (Putnam Hospital)

Prayers for essential workers

Kystal Langke (Postal worker)

Justin Larocchia (NYPD)

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

Additional Prayers

January Birthdays

Luke Morello 1/11

Alexandra Alam El Din 1/13

Dunlin Stathis 1/13

Sarah-Marie Alam El Din 1/17

READINGS

January 17	NL322: Sermon at Nazareth Second Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 4:14-30 (Psalm 146) Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman).
January 24	NL323: Fish for People Third Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 5:1-11 (Psalm 90:14-17) Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people.
January 31	NL324: Healing on the Sabbath Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 6:1-16 (Psalm 92) Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples.

Announcements

2021 Offering envelopes are available to be picked up. Please contact the church office to make arrangements. If you need them mailed or delivered, please let us know that as well.

Annual meeting: Our Annual Congregational meeting will be taking place on Sunday, Jan. 31st. Watch for details coming soon regarding on how people may participate. It will happen after worship on that morning.

At this point, we are unsure if we will be able to meet in person in addition to Zoom. We will be making a decision the week before the meeting. If you are unable to do Zoom but would like to participate in the Annual meeting, please contact Pastor Jen as we are exploring ways that you can be connected.

Wednesday Bible study: will begin a new study on Jan. 6th (7pm), reflecting together on the book, "Everyday Spirituality: discover a life of hope, peace and meaning" by Bishop Jim Hazelwood. You can find more information about the book

here: <https://www.everydayspiritualitybook.com/442603225>

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.

Brewster Emergency Shelter at Trinity

We will be having the Brewster Emergency Cares Shelter at Trinity for the following weeks:

January 25 to January 31

February 15 to February 21

March 15 to March 21

We need people to volunteer to provide cooked meals, serve meals, provide bag lunches and to be an overnight sleep host.

If you are willing to help in any way please e-mail me at Irene6174@comcast.net or text me at 845-260-5385 or call me at 845-225-4698.

You can also sign up for the Trinity shelter weeks or any of the shelter weeks by going to the Brewster Cares NY website:

<http://brewstercaresny.org>

Hit the menu in upper right

Hit Emergency shelter

Irene Germain

Help Support Trinity's Emergency Shelter Weeks

We will continue to collect items for the shelter. They can be dropped off at church during Trinity's office hours. Monetary donations can also be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church with shelter entered in the memo line.

- Juice bottles –apple, orange or mixed fruit in individual bottles or 64 oz. bottles
- Granola bars
- Breakfast bars –oatmeal, fruit or similar
- Liquid antibacterial soap
- Antibacterial hand wipes and antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Spray bottles antibacterial cleaner
- Paper towels

Irene Germain – Irene6174@comcast.net , 845-225-4698

CLOTHING SHED OPEN: The shed has re-opened and is now accepting donations. Clothing items only (including belts, purses, shoes), stuffed animals and linens (no pillows). Please do not leave any other household, electronics and other such items.

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!



Altar Flowers: The flower chart for 2021 is posted in Narthex but sadly we are not able to attend service at this time, the good news is You can STILL adorn the altar of our Lord by contacting me by phone (845-277-8012 or 914-506-0298), text (914 #) or email at kathieruhs@aol.com! Sadly until I hear from you, flowers will Not be placed on the altar. The price is \$30 for one person or \$15 each for two people. You can pick them up during week when office is open, call before coming! You may also contact me and I will meet you at the church to pick them up. Please contact me ASAP, thank you! May God bless you with good health and happiness in this new 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 (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjdye1@yahoo.com)

Food Pantry: As the need grows for those in our community, you are invited to drop off items for Putnam CAP's food pantry. You may either drop them off here at Trinity or at the CAP office on Main Street in Brewster. You can find an updated list of their current needs on their website:

<http://putnamcap.org/index.html>



Zoom Gatherings: Each of the gatherings use the same password (410002) except where indicated, but different meeting ids; see below for each of the links. *If you need the links at any time, please contact Pastor Jen (revjedyer1@yahoo.com) or call/text 518-231-4633)*

Weekly gatherings

Wednesdays (7pm) Bible study Meeting ID: 346 900 784)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/346900784?pwd=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZjRVNwMkd2QT09>

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.*