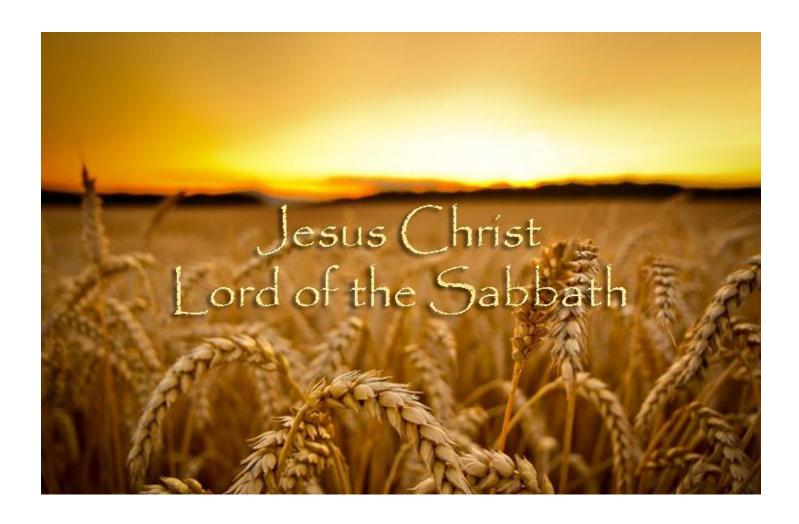
# Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church January 31, 2020



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 (revjedyerl@yahoo.com).

Our weekly emails are also posted on our website <a href="http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/">http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/</a>.

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:** Jesus ruffled feathers by eating and healing on the Sabbath. But he knew the laws had outgrown their purpose. It was time for God's laws to serve people, and not the other way around.

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 "Lamb of God" Twila Paris

#### **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

Christ calls us by name, to come with him and learn, and to go out with his good news.

Christ calls us by name,

from all sorts of places, tasks, and backgrounds.

When it feels like things are changing faster than we can adapt, when our inner thoughts are a struggle,

when our emotions swing and we don't know how to respond:

Christ calls us by name

to worship, and be transformed by mercy and grace.

#### **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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive only ourselves —

our neighbors know there is more than the image we project, and God already knows the truth of our hearts and lives.

When we are honest with ourselves, each other, and God, there is room in us for the Spirit to do a new thing and for our faith to bear fruit in the world.

Holy God, you call us into community that both nurtures and challenges us to live as your Body.

We confess that we love to be fed and comforted by your word and your Church, but we don't want to be challenged. Forgive us when we have tried to apply your law to others without knowing it well enough to live it fully ourselves.

Merciful One, you invite us to grow in every encounter with your Living Word.

We confess that sometimes our questions are not asked in good faith, but rather as a self-righteous display. Forgive us when our desire to justify ourselves leads us to make others into props in our story, rather than seeing them as fully human made in your image.

Gracious Spirit, you show us a still more excellent way.

We confess that we want you to conform to our way instead, for the way of love and justice demands too much of us. Forgive us for confining you to our expectations.

May your forgiveness guide our repentance,

that we may turn once again to your way of life in all its fullness, for the whole creation. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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 to God who graciously comes to us as Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## GATHERING HYMN Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways Lord ELW 772 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X--TqAFCDQ4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X--TqAFCDQ4</a>

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

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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

Mighty God, You gave the law to free your people, not sink us further into bondage. May we seek your Spirit of truth in all that we do, that our lives may glorify you always, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen

#### **READING: Psalm 92**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!
The dullard cannot know,
the stupid cannot understand this:
though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction for ever,
but you, O LORD, are on high for ever.
For your enemies, O LORD,

for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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 6:1-16**

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord

One sabbath<sup>[a]</sup> while Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful<sup>[c]</sup> on the sabbath?" Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?"After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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

#### **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HErzJ6eR5XM

As the grain of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bead; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, When may we share the presence of your love.

As the grain of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bead; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

Let this be a foretate of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.

As the grain of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bead; So may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

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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

Loosen our grip on the letter of the law and how we can use it against others. Instead, open us to the spirit of your law of love, which knows when and how to act on behalf of justice. As we gather in our Annual meeting, may our reflections and decisions reflect your will. God of truth, **Hear our prayer.** 

Reform unjust systems and shatter structures of power which trample upon the people they were intended to serve. May your ways be our ways, and may we find new paths forward by your power. God of truth, **Hear our prayer.** 

As grain provided for the needs of the disciples, so have you provided all that we truly need for life. Join us with the land and creatures who exist alongside us and free us to live in harmony with them. God of truth, **Hear our prayer.** 

Be with those who have lost jobs and other sources of livelihood, assuring them that their needs will be provided. Send your Spirit of healing to all those who we know need it, especially for the guests at the shelter, for those that we name before you, those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God of truth,

#### Hear our prayer.

Our true home lies in heaven with you, where all the saints of all the ages glorify you eternally. Inspire us to live each day fully here on earth, in assurance of that time when all will be reunited in your love. God of truth, **Hear our prayer.** 

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, 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)

ANTHEM: "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" Twila Paris <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuJqXfUbOw8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuJqXfUbOw8</a>

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.

You desire offerings of gratitude, O God, but you desire honest hearts even more. Bless these gifts and turn us toward your mercy, that our lives might reflect it as we head into the world in the power of your 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 Come, We That Love the Lord ELW 625 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmbqN0yiT4I

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;

we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Text: Aaron Williams' New Universal Psalmodist, 1770 Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) ST..Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go, in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God!

(The worship has ended, let the service begin)
All members are asked to clink of the link in the announcements to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom.

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,); Pastor Jen Boyd (Invitation of stewardship);

Music Notes: Twila Paris is a contemporary Christian music singer, songwriter, author and pianist. Since 1980, Paris has released 22 albums, amassed 33 number one Christian Radio singles, and was named the Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year three years in a row. Many of her earlier songs such as "He Is Exalted", "We Will Glorify", "Lamb of God", and "We Bow Down", are found in church hymnals or otherwise sung in church settings. She was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in May 2015.

**Today's altar flowers are given by** Don and Joanne Icken in loving memory of his mother, Caroline Icken.

#### **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**

Brigette Fick (Sister of Barbara Roden)

John Wills (Surgery on Jan 28th)

Kristin Foley and David Murray (Daughter and son in law to Maxine Foley) 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

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 Lawerence

Loretta Christiano (back surgery)

Lynne Caruso and Janna Kreps (friends of Holly Larocchia)

Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)

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 Bargen (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**

## **February Birthdays**

Luke Loftus	2/1	Lauren Baldanza-Giacomelli	2/4
Scott Dzibela Sr	2/1	Ashley Hansen	2/6
Nicole Morello	2/3	Jennifer Gerfen	2/6
Ursula Merolla	2/3	John Gerfen	2/6
Wendy Healy	2/3	Aldona Gasiunas	2/7
Dowlette-Mary Alam El Din	2/4	Lois Lawerence	2/7

## **READINGS**

February 7	NL325: Raising the Widow's Son Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:1-17 (Psalm 119:105-107) Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain.
February 14	NL329: Transfiguration Transfiguration of Our	Luke 9:28-45 (Psalm 36:5-10) Transfiguration,

	Lord	healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction.
February 17	NL330: Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62 (Psalm 5:7-8) Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
February 21	NL331: Good Samaritan First Sunday in Lent	Luke 10:25-42 (Psalm 15) Parable of the Good Samaritan
February 28	NL332: Lament over Jerusalem Second Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (Psalm 122) The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.

### **Announcements**

**Ash Wednesday/Lent:** Precautions are still in place as we plan for our Lenten season; we are looking at alternative ways for us to be "marked with the cross of Christ". Resources will be made available to download

and/or to pick up. Worship on Ash Wednesday will be virtual at noon and available to watch as you are able throughout the day.

**Support Fair Trade:** Pastor Jen has set up a fundraiser through Servv international which offers gifts and other items from around the world that support fair trade. It's never been easier to change a life for the better. Now thru April, when you buy handmade gifts and home decor using the web link below, 20% of your purchase will be donated to Trinity to use for our outreach ministries. Individual orders will be shipped directly to you.

You'll do a world of good by supporting this Serry & Earn fundraiser. This is our custom SERRV & Earn web link: <a href="mailto:serry.org?a=TrinityLutheranChurch">serry.org?a=TrinityLutheranChurch</a>. Share with family & friends, post on social media, etc. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jen

**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:** We will be meeting following worship to review 2020 reports, discuss & vote on the proposed budget and elect new members to the Church Council. Please plan to attend - we will begin gathering at 10:30am with a start time of 10:45am.

### **Meeting link:**

Topic: Trinity's Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Wednesday Bible study:** On Feb. 3rd, Dawn Morello will be leading our mid-week study while Pastor Jen takes some time off. All are invited to join via Zoom.

**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:

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 <a href="Irene6174@comcast.net">Irene6174@comcast.net</a> or text me at 845-260-5385 or call me at 845-25-4698.

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 <a href="mailto:kathieruhs@aol.com">kathieruhs@aol.com</a>! 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 (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) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/346900784?pwd=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZj">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/346900784?pwd=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZj</a> RVNwMkd2QT09

## 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: <a href="https://www.trinitybrewsterny.org">www.trinitybrewsterny.org</a>. Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.