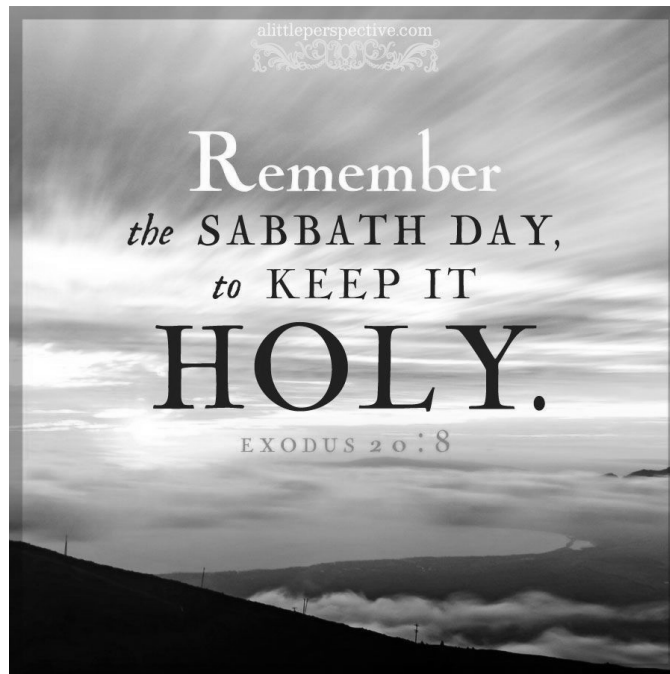


# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Brewster, NY*



*July 4, 2021*

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost*

*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](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> .

***Precautions:*** Wearing masks is optional for those who are vaccinated, but we ask that you continue to maintain distance if you are unsure of someone's vaccination status as well as when you are around children not from your own household.

***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:*** Today's theme is: *Grace once a week* which lifts up the importance of the Sabbath. This is more than a “thou shalt” commandment and rather a gift of grace. The series is based on the book, “*Grace in a tree stump: Old Testament stories of God's love*” by J. Ellsworth Kalas

***Check in:*** Please make sure that you have checked in with the usher that we may maintain our contact tracing list if it becomes needed.

***HYMNS:*** We are back to fully singing the hymns and hope to return the hymnals to the pews soon. In the meantime, there are a few hymnals available in the narthex for those who read music.

## **Prelude**

*“Voluntary #8” by William Selby*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain  
majesties

**God’s word of grace fills the spacious skies**

The amber waves of grain remind us of God’s abundant care

**Above the fruited plain is God’s eternal joy when we follow  
the path of truth**

In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good

**Let our songs rise, and let God’s praise be heard from sea to  
shining sea**

### **CONFESSION**

Amidst our celebrations, we pause to reflect on the ways that  
we may more fully live together as God intends. We name the  
ways in which we have not reflected God’s love and grace in  
our lives.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

God of all grace, **we confess that we are captive to sin and  
cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what  
we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole**

**heart, soul, mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as our selves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we have delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*"O Day of Rest and Gladness" ELW 521*

O day of rest and gladness, O day of Joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
On you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;  
On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
And thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The church its voice up raises to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: German melody, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.: adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zun Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833  
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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 of all worlds, **guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all your people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

*Please be seated*

## + WORD +

### **Reading: EXODUS 20:8-11**

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Word of God, word of life!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 12:1-8**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the

sabbath.’ He said to them, ‘Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice”, you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.’

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

**SINGING OF GOD’S GRACE** (tune: “Amazing Grace”)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

Creation complete with seven days  
God offers rest to us  
Commanded to keep holy ways  
That grace may nurture all

*Music:* W. Walker, Southern Harmony; *Text:* John Newton (vs.1 ), Jennifer Boyd (add’l vs)

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O God, You Made the Sabbath Day"* Tune ELW 565

Text Carolyn Winfrey Gillete

O God, you made the Sabbath day,  
Your gift, your law, your healing way.  
You also made, within each heart  
A longing for this day apart.

You gave your children, long-oppressed,  
Your freeing gift of Sabbath rest.  
You give us Sabbath freedom, too:  
Our lives are more than work we do!

Life's sacred rhythm seems long gone;  
The world, unblinking, carries on.  
Your Spirit calls us! Slow our pace  
That we may hear your word of grace.

Christ Jesus lives! He makes us new!  
On Sundays now, we worship you.  
With hearts uplifted, joy restored,  
Your church goes out to serve you, Lord.

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Biblical References: Luke 13:10-17, Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:15; Acts 20:7;  
2 Corinthians 5:17

Suggested tune: TALLIS CANON ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night") 8.8.8.8



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, we 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**

*God of love and mercy, You have lavished your creative might  
on this land, giving us an abundance of natural beauty and  
resources.*

**Lord, may we always remember that this earth is yours and we are its caretakers. Guide us that we may use what you have given us with care and thanksgiving.**

*God of love and mercy,* You shower us with mercy not condemnation, with love not hate, with acceptance not fear.  
**Lord, may we always remember that justice is more than law. Give us the wisdom to see injustice disguised as "protection," and the courage and knowledge to challenge such laws.**

*God of love and mercy* You have blessed this land of ours with more riches than most of the world can comprehend, and with an energy and vitality that can produce wonders and marvels.  
**Lord, may we always act to share our wealth, taking the gifts you have given us to the world, reaching out to friend and foe, alike.**

*God of love and mercy* You have blessed this land, making it a great and wonderful place to live and work and play.  
**Instill in us the humility which comes from the knowledge that we have done nothing to deserve the blessings we have.**  
Sensitize us to the dignity of all people that we may respect their individuality of culture and spirituality.  
**Lead us to understand their needs within the context of their lives.**  
Supply us with the wisdom to assist them without imposing our customs upon them.  
**Continue to direct and enlighten us that we may be servants to the world and all peoples**

*God of love and mercy, as we transition to familiar ways of life, we are mindful of all those who continue to deal with the effects of the pandemic in body, mind and spirit*

**Comfort all who are hurting and those charged with their care**  
We pause now to pray for all those in our hearts and on our lips (pause)...as well as **those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.**

*Hear our prayers, God of love and mercy*

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

*Pastor:* Into your most gracious hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your generous love and grace revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE OF THE LORD**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later 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:**

*“Remember the Sabbath”* by David Huntsinger and Kristin Wilkinson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjP5ZuaubR4>

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

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. We humbly offer before you that which you have entrusted to us

**Accept the first fruits of time and toil that we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation and your people; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

When the time was right,  
**God sent Jesus to be among us.**

Born into this life,  
seeing Your grace revealed in all things,  
**he laughed with those who laughed,  
and mourned with those who mourned.**

Through Your love, he healed the sick,  
**he welcomed the outcast,**

he challenged those in power,  
and the structures that kept them there.

**And he called us back to Your love.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**the Christ laughs and cries,**  
heals and welcomes,  
**challenges and loves,**  
**again and again and again.**

We have been told that,  
on the night before he was taken  
to be tortured to death on a cross,  
Jesus sat with his disciples,  
and ate with them, in a meal of remembrance.

Jesus took a loaf of bread,  
asked Your blessing upon it, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take this – all of you – and eat it.  
This is me. My Body. Given for you.  
Each time you eat it, remember me.”

Close to the meal’s end,  
he took a cup filled with wine,  
asked Your blessing upon it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take this – all of you – and drink it.  
This is me. This is my promise in my life's blood -  
poured out for you and for the world.”

Each time you drink it, remember me.  
So we, his disciples,  
eat bread and drink wine – and remember.

### **We come that we may remember**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Receive this bread;  
feed on it with thanks;  
it is the gift of God to sustain and nurture;  
it is Jesus incarnated and given for us.

Drink this wine with thanks;  
it is the gift of God to bring us joy;  
it was a hard won battle;  
it is Jesus poured out for our redemption.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution of Communion:** *You are invited to come forward as you are ready and able to receive the Body & blood of Christ (pre-filled cups). Please return to your seat before partaking of the bread & wine.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*"Bread of Life, Our Host" ELW 464*

Bread of life, our host and meal,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Christ by faith, to see and feel,  
Feed us with your love.

Bread now break and wine now pour,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore;  
Feed us with your love.

Grant forgiveness in the feast –  
Jesus, feed us –  
For the greatest and the least;

Feed us with your love.

Thank you for this gift we share.

Jesus, feed us.

Save God's children ev'rywhere;

Feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Madeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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*Please stand as you are able*

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace! **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**+ SENDING +**

**Mission and Ministry Announcements**  
**Blessing**



*The assembly stands*

## **SENDING HYMN**

*“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”* ELW 888

O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain;  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O Beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than  
life:

America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and ev’ry gain divine.

O Beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears,  
America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

### ***Postlude***

*“Lesson in C”* by William Selby

## **Worship notes:**

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: *Call to worship* (Source book of worship resources, vol. 1); Prayers of Intercession (Lisa Frenz. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission); Confession, Prayer of the Day, Post-communion prayer (ELW, setting 2) Invitation of stewardship/Offering prayer (All Creation Sings liturgies) Eucharistic prayer (Richard Bott's "Communion Liturgy for Advent."); Invitation to communion (**Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>); Introduction, Additional verse to Amazing grace, (Pastor Jen Boyd);

## **Music Notes:**

**William Selby** (1738–1798) was an early American composer, organist and choirmaster. Born in England, he emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts. In 1774 he became the organist at Trinity Church, Newport. Three years later, Selby became organist at King's Chapel in Boston where he organized the first colonial music festival. William Selby was the third known son of Joseph and Mary Selby of London. Beginning at the age of 17 he held several positions in London as organist. Selby's surviving works include two voluntaries and one Fugue for the organ, a lesson in C for the harpsichord, and an anthem for Thanksgiving Day. In addition to his musical endeavors, he managed a grocery and liquor shop.

In 2010, 3ABN celebrated its 25th anniversary, choosing for its anniversary theme “The Pillars of Our Faith.” The kickoff event was set in the historic city of Battle Creek, Michigan, where singers, musicians, and choirs performed the first live performance of the Pillars of Our Faith album. These artists included **songwriters David Huntsinger and Kristin Wilkinson**, and singers Reggie and Ladye Love Smith, Nathan Young, and two large choirs.

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are given by:  
Lois Lawrence in gratitude for our freedom and for those that  
fight for freedom everywhere!

Scheduled to Serve Today, Sunday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Time	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:30	Ralph Rudolph	Dawn Marinich

### **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**

- Dawn Morello, called to serve First Lutheran (Bronx)
- Stephanie (Jenkins) Luedtke, awaiting call and ordination
- Birth: 6/7 Luke Aaron Kafalas, great grandson of Dorothy Kafalas

### **Prayers of Healing**

- Joe Baldanza
- Kyle Smith-Kayler
- Madeline (Jeanette Baldanza's cousin)
- Josh Myers (Stage 4 Lung Cancer-Nephew of Carol Brooks)
- Bruce & Joan Strong (Cousin of Sigird Allen)
- Matt Donovan (Dan's son)
- Ralph Rudolph (Back pain)
- Pastor Tim Kennedy

- Devon Elise McCaffrey (Covid- Maxine Foley Granddaughter)
- Joseph Laird
- George Moreno (Connected to Caitlyn Felder)
- Jo-Ann Nestor (Broke her arm)
- Brigette Fick (Sister of Barbara Roden)
- Kristin Foley and David Murray (Daughter and son in law to Maxine Foley)
- Charlie
- Thomas Tazza (Friend of Peter Gebhardt)
- Sigrid Allen (rehab)
- Bonnie Boyd (Pastor Jen's Mother in Law)
- Tony Morello
- Michael Cesare
- Mary Torlish
- Barbara Grispin
- Brian (friend of Rosemary Gebhardt)
- 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)
- Lois Lawrence
- Loretta Christiano (back surgery)
- 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 (White Plains Hospital)
- Dr. Lauren Icken (Resident @ Albany Med)
- Eric Klammer (FDNY)
- Holly Larocchia (Northwell Health)
- Lisa Schuldt (White Plains Hospital)
- Jeff Von Bargen (Putnam Hospital)
- Shannon McDonnell

### **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)

### **Additional Prayers**

## **July Birthdays**

Bob Andren, July 2

Maureen Sergio, July 2

Brian Stringer, July 2

Michael Stringer, July 2

Debra Harlin, July 4

Bradley Johnson, July 5

Pattie Kapp, July 6

Bill Torlish, July 7

Kimberly Andren, July 10

Joseph Bettcher, July 12

Franklyn Commisso, July 14

Ken Von Bargaen, July 14

George Zhang, July 14

Flo Rothenberger, July 15

Solomon Bettcher, July 20

Erin Conroy, July 22

Jane Lee, July 24

Joy Baggetta, July 25

Joanne Dzibela, July 25

Michael Langke, Jr., July 26

Cyndi Bertone, July 27

Douglas Noah, July 30

Bryan Knapp, July 31

**Congratulations High School Graduates:** We ask God's blessings upon the young people who will soon be graduating from high school and are on to new ventures. If your student is not included in this list, please send their information to the church office.

**Megan Capecea**, (Mahopac) will be attending SUNY-New Paltz, studying Secondary Education with a minor in creative writing

**Kelly Conroy** (Carmel) will be attending Fairfield University

**Clarissa Cuomo** (Brewster) will be attending Case Western University (Nursing) and will be on the pole-vaulting team

**Jake Groundwater** (Carmel) will be going to SUNY-Potsdam

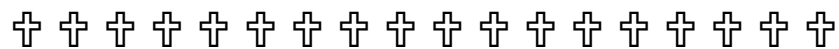
**Melanie Klammer** (Carmel) will be going to University of Delaware (Nursing)

**Macie Marinich** (Brewster) will be going to West Point Academy (International Affairs and Defense & Strategic Studies)

**Kristina McKenzie** (Brewster) will be going to Dutchess Community College

**Tyler O'Toole** (Carmel) will be going to Ithaca College (Film Arts)

**Winter Stathis** (John Jay HS) will be attending University of Arizona (Biology, pre-veterinary)





<b>TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services</b>			
<b>July &amp; August 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
July 4	9:30	Ralph Rudolph	Dawn Marinich
July 11	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	Lois Lawrence
July 18	9:30	Charlie Germain	Dorothy Kafalas
July 25	9:30	Don Icken	Dorothy Kafalas
August 1	9:30	Ralph Rudolph	
August 8	9:30	Jo-Ann Nestor	
August 15	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	
August 22	9:30	Lois Lawrence	Don Icken
August 29	9:30	Charlie Germain	

<b>Upcoming Readings</b>			
<b>July 4</b>	Grace Once a Week	Exodus 20:8-11	Matthew 12:1-8
<b>July 11</b>	Gracious Commandments	Deuteronomy 5: 1-7	Mark 12:28-34
<b>July 18</b>	God's Unlikely Choices	Deuteronomy 7:1-8	Mark 10:35-45
<b>July 25</b>	One More Grand Chance	Judges 16:18-30	John 21:15-19
<b>August 1</b>	Grace and God's Love for the Future	Ruth 1:1-5; 4:13-22	John 19:25b-27
<b>August 8</b>	A Directory of Grace	I Chronicles 1:1-4, 28; 2:1-2; 9:1 (I Chronicles 1-9)	Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17
<b>August 15</b>	New Every Morning	Lamentations 3:19-33	Mark 10:13-16
<b>August 22</b>	Grace in an Iron Band	Daniel 4: 10-15, 24-27	Mark 10:23-27
<b>August 29</b>	Indomitable Grace	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Mark 10:28-31

## Announcements



**Offering as worship:** Why do you give gifts to the church? Here is one perspective:

[Generational Giving: A Boomer Perspective - Faith+Lead](#)



**Summer of Gratitude:** Pastor Jen has challenged the Sunday school kids as well as the whole congregation to be intentionally thankful this summer. Each day you are encouraged to write down one thing that you are thankful about (the more specific the better) - yes, be intentional in actually writing it down. You can use a calendar, notebook or your computer, but it is the deliberate act of noting it that we are being called to do and in doing so, to offer it up in thanksgiving to God.

**Faith Questions:** While we are not meeting for Bible study again until the Fall, Pastor Jen will be asking a different question for reflection and conversation. It will be related to the upcoming week's reading, the news of the day and/or random thoughts that spring up. It will be posted on our Social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram; You can find links on our website). Please share your responses there and/or directly with Pastor Jen.

## **This Week's Faith Question:**

***How do you keep the Sabbath holy in your life?***

**Returnable donations:** If you are bringing any deposit cans/bottles, please make sure that they are rinsed as well as counted (mark the number on the outside of the bag). This makes their redeeming that much easier for volunteers. They may be left in the coat closet along with the Terracycle items

**Synod Assembly:** Each year, the Lutheran churches in the Metro NY area met for our annual assembly. This year's gathering will be digital only (Aug. 20-21). If you would like to learn more about what it means to be part of the larger Church, we need one more voting member to "attend". Please contact Pastor Jen for more information

**Terracycle:** The Terracycle Programs will resume at Trinity Lutheran starting immediately. Please leave the items in the designated cans in the closet. Please remember that the items must be empty in order to be recycled. They do not have to be cleaned out. We continue to recycle for the following 2 programs:



1. **Personal Care and Beauty:** lip balm, soap dispensers, shampoo and conditioner bottles, hair get containers, lotion bottles and empty cosmetic containers. Caps are also recycled.

2. **Tom's of Maine Natural Care:** mouthwash bottles, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, deodorant containers, dental floss containers. Caps are also accepted.

**Mowing:** A schedule is being developed by Gary Gerfen to mow the church property. If you are able to help out this summer, please contact Gary and/or Peter Donoghue.



**Putnam CAP's food pantry** is experiencing severe shortages of non-food items that our clients need and are unable to purchase with SNAP coupons. Your donations of these items would be a great help to us.

*\*Shampoo/Conditioner*

*\*Deodorant*

*\*Toilet Paper*

*\*Toothbrushes*

*\*Laundry Detergent*

*\*Diapers and Pull-Ups in sizes 4-5-6*

*\*Bar Soap*

*\*Feminine Hygiene Products*

*\*Shaving Cream*

*\*Cleaning Products*

*\*Baby Wipes*

**When you're food shopping, here are a few suggested non-perishable food 'extras' that would be greatly appreciated at the pantry:**

*\*Cooking Oil*

*\*Ensure*

*\*Coffee and Tea*

*\*Cake Mixes*

*\*Baby Food*

*\*Condiments*



## Friends of San Lucas

**Guatemala Mission:** The San Lucas Mission is now taking reservations for 2022. Pastor Jen, along with

Pastor Dave Dockwieler (St. Andrew's, Yorktown) will be leading a group there January 16-22, 2022 (actual dates may fluctuate a bit). If you are interested in learning more and/or participating, please contact Pastor Jen. To learn more about the mission, go to <http://www.sanlucasmision.org> (you can also order their coffee - shipping from Minnesota - they have a new Honey coffee)

**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. You can 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](mailto:kathieruhs@aol.com). 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!

### **Offering**

*You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org). Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about twice a month.*



### **SIGN UP NOW FOR A FALL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!**

**We pray that you are enjoying the blessings of summer, but hope you might take a minute to plan an important fall weekend for your marriage whether you have been married 1 year or 60+ years. Because the pandemic has put a lot of stress on marriages, and we want to give many couples an opportunity to renew and revitalize your marital relationship, the registration fee has been waived for this year. You pay only the amount specified on the website which includes 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and meals. Also, scholarship**

**funds are available for anyone in need--simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.**

**Which weekend will work for you:**

**October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys**

**October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--a half hour north of Pittsburgh**

**Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and find your chosen weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card; or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.**