

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



August 22, 2021

13th 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

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 in an Iron band*. This passage relates to Nebuchadnezzar's dream in which his sin is revealed. It is a call not just to repentance but to see the grace that will still sprout forth. “This is part of our continuing series for the summer 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.

Prelude

"Holy Is His Name" John Michael Talbot

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

All you looking for comfort

Find here the arms of a loving God

All you looking for direction

Find here the hand of God to guide you

All you hoping to end loneliness

Find here the embrace of God and new friends

All you searching for meaning

Find here the Lord of life and the Revealer of truth

All you seeking happiness

Find here the deep joy of the Risen Christ and the lasting peace of forgiveness

In our seeking, we discover Christ who awaits us with arms widened by grace. We humbly pause in God's presence to confess all those ways that we have failed to live into the beloved image of Christ.

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 ourselves. 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

"Gather Us In" ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

+ WORD +

Reading: DANIEL:10-15; 24-27

Upon my bed this is what I saw;
there was a tree at the centre of the earth,
and its height was great.
The tree grew great and strong,
its top reached to heaven,
and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.
Its foliage was beautiful,
its fruit abundant,
and it provided food for all.
The animals of the field found shade under it,

the birds of the air nested in its branches,
and from it all living beings were fed.

I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed,
and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He
cried aloud and said:

“Cut down the tree and chop off its branches,
strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit.

Let the animals flee from beneath it
and the birds from its branches.

But leave its stump and roots in the ground,
with a band of iron and bronze,
in the tender grass of the field.

Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven,
and let his lot be with the animals of the field
in the grass of the earth.

this is the interpretation, O king, and it is a decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king: You shall be driven away from human society, and your dwelling shall be with the wild animals. You shall be made to eat grass like oxen, you shall be bathed with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, until you have learned that the Most High has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and gives it to whom he will. As it was commanded to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be re-established for you from the time that you learn that Heaven is sovereign. Therefore, O king, may my counsel be acceptable to you: atone for your sins with righteousness, and your iniquities with mercy to the oppressed, so that your prosperity may be prolonged.

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: LUKE 13:6-9

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SINGING OF GOD'S GRACE (tune: "Amazing Grace")

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

We are called to honor God alone
Yet prided ourselves instead
Our sin destroys us where we stand
But grace restores us whole

Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony; *Text:* John Newton (vs. 4), Jennifer Boyd (add'tl vs.)

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There in God's Garden" ELW 342

There in God's garden
Stands the tree of Wisdom
Whose leaves hold forth
The healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus,
Name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
See the scars of suff'ring,
See there the tendrils
Of our human selfhood
Feed on its life blood.

Thorns not its own are
Tangled in its foliage;
Our greed has starved it,
Our despite has choked it,
Yet, look! It lives!
Its grief has not destroyed it
Nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches
Reach to us in welcome;
Hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
Give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessings."

This is my ending,
This my resurrection;
Into your hands,
Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;

Now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing.
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
Offers in mercy
Healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
Take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Kiraly Imre von Pecselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982

Music: K. Lee Scott, b.1950

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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 graciously welcomes our prayers and so we pause to lift up all that which is in our hearts and minds, placing our intercessions into the loving embrace of Christ.

A brief silence

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. We give thanks for the faithful witness of William Horne, vice president of the ELCA who passed away last week. Bless all his loved ones with comfort and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with our renewing care. Inspire us to see all of your creatures and creation as good. Bring relief to all who suffer

due to wildfires, earthquakes and storms. We pray especially this day for the people of Haiti recovering from the recent earthquake as well as the western states suffering from the fires. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities. Our hearts are fixed this day on the chaos in Afghanistan, seeking your peace to prevail. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us to see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need. 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**. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

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

Pastor: receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)

Anthem:

“I Am the Vine and You Are the Branches” John Michael Talbot
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHr7Z7ZS3GE>

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

Blessed are you, O God

Creator of heaven and earth

You rescued your covenant people

Led them on all their journeys

And taught them by the prophets

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son

So that everyone who believes in him

May have eternal life

In the night....do this in remembrance of me

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Put out your Holy Spirit in this meal,

And make us one in this community of faith

And with your people throughout the world

Glory and praise to you, O God

Author of life

Word made flesh

Power of the Most High

Now and forever. Amen

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

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and is offered to us in this meal of grace. Come to Christ's table to be sustained for the journey of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Hymn

"As We Gather at Your Table" ELW 522

As we gather at your table,

As we listen to your word,

Help us know, O God, your presence

Let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story

Till we claim it as our own

Teach us through this holy banquet

How to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. b. 1944

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanse, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932*

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"As Rain from the Clouds" ELW 508

As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
As snow from the heavens refreshing the land.
Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We thank you, good gard'ner for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundred-fold yield,
For harvest of grace in our once barren soil.

As grain that is scattered your word has been sown
On rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.
Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil
We bless you, best farmer, for hundred-fold yield,
For harvest of grace in our once barren soil.

As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,
Awaking and warming and healing our land.
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow
And ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;
We thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundred-fold yield,
For harvest of grace in our once barren soil.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: Jonathan E. Sppilman, 1812-1896; arr. hymnal version

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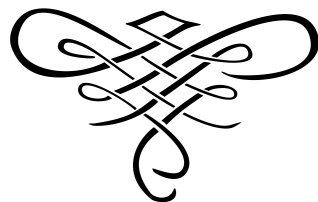
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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

"I AM the Bread of Life" John Michael Talbot



Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Confession, Absolution, Prayer of the Day (ELW); Call to worship, (Sourcebook of Worship resources); Prayers of Intercession (Sundays & Seasons, 2020); Invitation of stewardship/Offering prayer, Eucharistic prayer, Post-communion prayer (All Creation Sings liturgies); Introduction, Additional verse to Amazing grace, Invitation to Communion (Pastor Jen Boyd);

Music Notes:

John Michael Talbot (b.1954) is an award winning Contemporary Catholic Christian Music pioneer. His music has been the soundtrack to the faith journey of millions of believers throughout the world! He has recorded his 56th album, "Songs from Solitude" during his time of isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic. John Michael is currently on a sabbatical to focus on his solitary monastic life, his community, new writing projects and his new "Inner Room School of Spirituality." John Michael lives and leads the monastic life, which overflows into his very active ministry from Little Portion Hermitage in Arkansas and St. Clare Monastery in Texas, where he is the Founder and General Minister of the Catholic based community The Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Fred & Carol Fendt in honor of their forty-eighth wedding anniversary which was on Aug. 12th and also in celebration of the forty-third birthday of their twin sons, Eric & John, whose birthdays were on Aug. 19th. Happy Anniversary to you both and happy birthday Eric & John! God's blessings always!

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
August 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
August 22	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	Don 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

- Dawn Morello, called to serve First Lutheran (Bronx)
- Stephanie (Jenkins) Luedtke, awaiting call and ordination
- Juliette Lyon on successful dental surgery

Prayers of Healing

- Family of Linda Cowen
- Mary Gerhardt (surgery)
- Tom Curran (cancer, brother-in-law of Kathie Ruhs)
- John Powell (heart)
- Megan Osborne

- Shaun Larraburu
- Ed Ranieri
- Wanda & Cliff Strawn
- Kenny Strawn
- Sara Thomson
- The Paraggio Family
- Lillian (Jeanette Baldanza's friend's mom)
- Kyle
- Joe Baldanza
- Kyle Smith-Kayler
- 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)
- Brigitte 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)
- 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
- Danielle Nestor (nurse, St. Peter's, Albany)

Prayers for essential workers

- Kystal Langke (Postal Worker)
- Justin Larocchia (NYPD)
- Liam Conroy (NYPD)

Prayers of the Wider Church

- The United States of America, and all those defending her
- For all persecuted and incarcerated Christians
- 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

August Birthdays

Barbara Sullivan 8/23

Marge Westerville 8/25

Lynne Heuschkel 8/26

Mikayla Simon 8/26

Scott Stoecker 8/26

Connie Lanotte 8/27

Florence Cuomo 8/29

Katie Steike 8/30

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Upcoming Readings

August 22	Grace in an Iron Band	Daniel 4: 10-15, 24-27	Mark 10:23-27
August 29	Indomitable Grace	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Mark 10:28-31
September 5	Songs of Dis-grace Better than We Can Ever Deserve	Psalms 3 Psalm 103:1-14	Luke 1:68-79

Announcements



"First" Friday Homecoming/Game Night Potluck: You are invited to come together for an evening of fellowship and fun on *Friday, Sept. 10th (6 p.m.)*. Bring a dish to share, a game to play and invite others to join us. You can sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/k5r70d> (which will help with set up plans) or you can just show up. Thank you to Brent Hnatow for being the host.

Media Team: Pastor Jen is looking for people interested in helping with Trinity's social media presence and strategy as well as handling the camera during worship. Contact Pastor Jen for more info

Caring for God's creation: A few years ago, we began efforts to be better stewards of God's creation – particularly through Terracycle, the clothing shed and other recyclables. As we see the continuing changes in the climate, it becomes even more vital that we each step up our efforts individually as well as a congregation.

We are re-starting our Creation task force to look at ways that we can continue to educate ourselves as well as to take measures to care for all that is entrusted to us. There is a grassroots Lutheran group, Lutherans Restoring Creation (<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>) that offers numerous resources as well as covenants. This is another part of what it

means to share Christ's peace as we seek wholeness for God's world.

Brewster Fall Festival: We will once again have a booth at this yearly event on Sunday, Sept. 19th. If you would like to help plan and/or be at the table, please let Pastor Jen or Debbie Lyon know.

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:

Proverbs 16:18 warns against the hubris of pride that will lead to our destruction. When have you had a pride-filled experience that led to being humbled later on?

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

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 gel 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.

3. **Terracycle is once again accepting Red Solo cups #6 rigid plastic.** There will be a sign and container in the coat closet for this additional category.



Here at Putnam Community Action Partnership we believe that education is not only a human right, but also a vehicle for moving children out of poverty. Arriving equipped for school helps them feel stable and confident in their ability to learn. Literacy improves an individual's health, income and overall well-being.

At the end of each summer Putnam CAP organizes and distributes school supplies to families in need to support them on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

We will be distributing gift cards, rather than actual supplies, to families to purchase their needed school supply items, as well as backpacks & lunch boxes. We are asking for gift cards in \$25 denominations to stores such as Target, WalMart, Staples, and Office Max. **Donations of such cards and new backpacks & lunch boxes are being accepted at the CAP office now through August 13, 2021.**

If you prefer to donate online, please visit our website at www.putnamcap.org and click on the **DONATE TO CAP** button.

We are sure that you share with us the value of education, and we thank you in advance for your support of this critical program!



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

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble

Presents an in-person concert

String Trio and Flute

Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

How is your marriage? For many couples, the Coronavirus put a lot of stress on their relationship. Lutheran Marriage Encounter is designed to renew and revitalize your marriage no matter whether your relationship is very strong and you would just like some time together or whether you are struggling. Now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Weekend.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. 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--an 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, 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 or call: 724-325-3166.



Dear Member Congregations of Koinonia,

Summer is busy, so I will keep this brief. **WE ARE OPEN!** We are ready to welcome you and your loved ones to camp. There are still areas we are working on, but all the buildings and the campground are to code and in working order and we cannot wait to greet and minister to you!

We are asking you to go **BIG** this summer. **Book** a family retreat or a room at the Conference Center. **Invite** your congregation to register for a weekend and invite friends and family to experience the wonder of Koinonia. **Give** – with a one-time donation, a monthly online donation, or a memorial/honor stone gift. Please visit our website to learn more. www.koinoniany.org Any & all of your participation are needed at this time. Below please see the date for programming weekends for the rest of 2021.

God Bless You and all You have Done- and Continue to Do- for Koinonia's Ministry,

Dr. Kathleen Kristin Ruen, Executive Director

SAVE THE DATES!!

SEPTEMBER 3RD-6TH – GRAND OPENING WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 24TH-26TH – THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26TH-28TH – ADVENT I

DECEMBER 3RD-5TH – ADVENT II

Email register@koinoniany.org or call (845) 456-0214 to register!