Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



August 29, 2021 14th 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: Indomitable Grace with the story of Job. It highlights the questions of suffering amidst humanity and the presence of God. "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

"Traumerei" Robert Alexandre Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great Triune God,
through Jesus Christ,
our great and eternal High Priest,
we give you praise and consecrate ourselves to follow you.
As we worship you
and celebrate your glorious resurrection,
open our eyes so that we may see —
open the eyes of our mind
to learning and understanding;
open the eyes of our heart,
to love and compassion;
open the eyes of our soul,
to see our spiritual selves
during our time of worship.

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 may 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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ELW 632

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame, From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all our years away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

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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

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever.

Grant us, dear God in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

+ WORD +

Reading: JOB 42:1-6; 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD:

'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

"Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me."

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

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: MARK 10:28-31

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields,

with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Job suffered loss beyond compare
His life seemed at an end
Yet God revealed his mighty love
That grace might be restored

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

"A Mighty Fortress" ELW 504

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn
To work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!

His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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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

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries through the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists and all who are sent to share your song of joy. God of grace, hear our prayer

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from roof-top gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. We continue to

pray for all those places ravaged by storms, earthquakes, fires and droughts. Empower us to bring hope in the midst of devastation. God of grace, hear our prayer

Ruling One, we give thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, especially in Afghanistan, that peace extends in every direction. God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain and illnesses. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. 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**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we may carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. 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, as we entrust them into your almighty care 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)

Anthem:

"Broken Praise" Todd Smith https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6PP-YS-FqU

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

EUCHARISTIC 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:

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

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW 494

For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this promise that you love us, By your gift of peace restored, By your call to heav'n above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you, Seated at the heav'nly board, May the church still waiting for you Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward; In the world to which you send us Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: Gross Catoisch Gesangbuch, Nurnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro 1823-1895

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever. **Amen.**

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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW 618

Guide me ever, great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are might;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore, evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me
All my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Shield me with your mighty arm, mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forever more, ever more,
I will raise forever more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

"Am Camin" Robert Alexandre Schumann



Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Confession, Absolution (ELW); Call to worship, (Ministry Matters website); Prayer of the Day (Augustine of Hippo, ELW); Prayers of Intercession (Sundays & Seasons, 2021); 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:

Pastors Todd and Karen Smith have served as the senior pastors of Christ Fellowship Church for nine years. Along with serving in pastoring roles for over 25 years, Pastor Todd has preached the Gospel, led crusades, traveled to the missions' fields, and participated in pastors' conferences in over 25 countries around the world.

Kinderszenen Op. 15, by **Robert Schumann**, is a set of thirteen pieces of music for piano written in 1838. He told his wife Clara that the "thirty small, droll things", most of them less than a page in length, were inspired by her comment that he sometimes seemed "like a child". He described them in 1840 as "more cheerful, gentler, more melodic" than his earlier works

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Jo-Ann Nestor in loving memory of her mother, Barbara Keogh, who went home to be with our Lord eight years ago on September 1st. You are missed and always loved.

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services							
August 2021							
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers				
August 29	9:30	Charlie Germain					

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)
- 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)
- 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 Lawerence
- 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

Florence Cuomo 8/29

Katie Steike 8/30

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services September 2021					
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers		
Sept 5	9:30				

Upcoming Readings						
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.

Brewster Fall Festival:



Group Organizing Made Easy

We will once again have a table at the Brewster Fall festival on Sunday, Sept. 19th.

We are looking for people to sign up for time slots to help work at the table. There will be give-away items and information to share with visitors

Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet.

For more information, contact Joy Baggetta, Lois Lawerence, Deb Lyons or Pastor Jen

Sign Up

Creation readers: We will be reading all 7 days of Creation on Sunday, Sept. 12th (Genesis 1-2:4a, The Message translation). I am looking for 7 readers who would be willing to read each of the days so that we have a variety of voices. If you are willing to do so, please contact Pastor Jen.

Fall Faith Formation: We resume our mid-week Bible study with the theme of "I Love to Tell the Story" in which we examine how the sacred story of scripture continues to live on through us today. We will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 8th (7pm) with an overview of how this sacred story came to be in today's Bible. All are welcome! We will initially gather via Zoom (link to be provided at a later date) and re-assess how we will gather in the coming months.

NOTE: If you are interested in attending, but not able to join at this time, please contact Pastor Jen as we will be exploring additional times.

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.

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:

Often in the face of suffering, our questions resound with "why?". While those questions are difficult to answer, how have you experienced comfort and hope in these times?

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.



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 *Bar Soap

*Deodorant *Feminine Hygiene Products

*Toilet Paper *Shaving Cream

*Toothbrushes *Cleaning Products

*Laundry Detergent *Baby Wipes

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

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

*Cooking Oil *Cake Mixes

*Ensure *Baby Food

*Coffee and Tea *Condiments

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 <u>kathieruhs@aol.com</u>. 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 be 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.