

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



September 5, 2021
15th 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: *Better than we can ever deserve*. The Psalms provide us a way to respond to God in all different circumstances of our lives – from praise & thankfulness to lament and confession. This is the last Sunday of our summer series 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

"Teach Me, O Lord" Thomas Attwood

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

We may be thirsty and parched,
Like an un-watered garden,
So we come into God's presence:

The Divine One is a spring of water!

We may be weary from worry and work
So we come into God's presence:

The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

We may be lost or confused
So we come into God's presence:

The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

We may be bent over with struggle or pain
So we come into God's presence:

The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

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

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ELW 865

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Tenderly he shields and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him,
Who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him;
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

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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 God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places here we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

Please be seated

+ WORD +

Reading: PSALM 103:1-14

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

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 1:68-79

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty saviour for us

in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

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

Blessed be the Lord, true God alone
That loves, forgives me always
May we believe and trust in you
Filled by your amazing grace

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" ELW 358 (verses 1-3; 5)

Great God, you love has called us here
As we, by love, for love were made.
You living likeness still we bear
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
Your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
Of broken trust and chosen wrong
Half free, half bound by inner chains,
By social forces swept along
By pow'rs and systems close confined,
Yet seeking hope for human kind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
And then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right, or claim,
But by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
And find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do
While love is making all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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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

(Today's prayers are in honor of Labor Day)

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.

Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

A brief silence

Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

By our labor, you enrich the world.

By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

By our labor, our families are made secure.

For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who plow the field and those who make the plow;
for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists;
for those who work with their hands and those who move the
earth:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures;
for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians;
for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who think and those who create;
for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians;
for those who write books and those who entertain:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in
warehouses;
for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers;
for those who market products and for those who move them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us;
for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious
servants;
those who help the poor and those who work with our children:
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness;
for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids;
for those who produce cleaning products and those who use
them:
We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies;
for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers;
for those who chart and those who navigate:
We give you thanks, O Lord.

You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.
**You provide us opportunities to use them,
for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.
Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.
Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Keep us from laboring only for greed.
Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

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**

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

Pastor: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose,
you are the blessing of those who labor.

Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world.

Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another.

Give us pride in our work,

a fair return for our labor,

and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you;

through your Son, 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:

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” Stephen Schwartz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZZuHI0X4M>

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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love
have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: W, Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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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

"Blessed Be the God of Israel" ELW 250

Blessed by the God of Israel
Who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us:

A Branch of David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
That with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
And all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still
The covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham
From foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear
And offer lives of praise
In holiness and righteousness
To serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord
You will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved
From sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
Shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death
And lead us into peace

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: English fold tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

"Sonatina in G" Thomas Attwood



Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Confession, Absolution (ELW); Call to worship, Prayer of the Day (The Rev. Catherine Rolling, **Worship Ways** website); Prayers of Intercession (The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, **Liturgy by TLW.**); 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:

Godspell is a musical composed by **Stephen Schwartz** with the book by John-Michael Tebelak. The show opened off-Broadway on May 17, 1971, and has since been produced by multiple touring companies and in many revivals. The 2011 revival played on Broadway from October 13, 2011, through June 24, 2012.

The musical is structured as a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew. The parables are interspersed with music set primarily to lyrics from traditional hymns, with the passion of Christ appearing briefly near the end of the show. *Godspell* began as a project by drama students at Carnegie Mellon University and then moved to off-off-Broadway in the East Village of Manhattan. The show was then rescored for an off-Broadway production, which became a long-running success.

Thomas Attwood (1765 –1838) was an English composer and organist. The son of a musician in the royal band, Attwood was born in London, probably in Pimlico. At the age of nine he became a chorister in the Chapel Royal, where he received training in music from James Nares and Edmund Ayrton.[1] In 1783 he was sent to study abroad at the expense of the Prince of Wales (afterwards King George IV), who had been favorably impressed by his skill at the harpsichord. After two years in Naples, Attwood proceeded to Vienna, where he became a favorite pupil of Mozart. On his return to London in 1787 he held for a short time an appointment as one of the chamber musicians to the Prince of Wales.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Dorothy Kafalas and Dan in memory of their beloved daughter and mother, Patti Kafalas.

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
September 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
Sept. 5	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	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)
- 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)
- 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 Bargaen (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

September Birthdays

John Howard 9/7

Cyndi Beal 9/9

Brandon Green 9/9

Christopher Harlin 9/9

Carrie De Marchi 9/10

Dorothy Kafalas 9/10

Macie Marinich 9/11

James Nastasi 9/12

Pam Carlson 9/13

Lloyd Jacobsen 9/13

Samantha Nastasi 9/14

Dawn Morello 9/16

Ethan Kovalec 9/17

Ronald Strand 9/20

Emmy Curcuruto 9/21

Linda Lund, 9/22

Robert Fendt 9/25

Ciaran Cioffi 9/26

John Powell 9/26

Angelina Giacomelli 9/28

Melanie Klammer 9/29

Jasmine Moscato 9/29

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Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
Sept 5	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	Charlie Germain
Sept 12	9:30	Lois Lawrence	Dorothy Kafalas
Sept 19	9:30	Ralph Rudolph	Dawn Marinich
Sept 26	9:30	Charlie Germain	Jo-Ann Nestor
Oct 3	9:30	Don Icken	Dawn Marinich
Oct 10	9:30	Ralph Rudolph	Dorothy Kafalas
Oct 17	9:30	Joanne Halbekath	Kathie Ruhs
Oct 24	9:30	Charlie Germain	Don Icken
Oct 31	9:30	Jo-Ann Nestor	Dawn Marinich

Date	Theme	Old Testament Reading	Gospel Reading
5-Sep	Songs of Dis-grace...Better than We Can Ever Deserve	Psalm 3 Psalm 103:1-14	Luke 1:68-79
12-Sep	Creation by the Word	Genesis 1:1-2: 4a	John 1:1-5
19-Sep	Binding of Isaac	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	John 1:29
26-Sep	Jacob's Dream	Genesis 27:1-4; 15-23; 28:10-17	John 1:50-51
3-Oct	God's Name Is Revealed	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	John 8:58
10-Oct	God Provides Manna	Exodus 16:1-18	John 6:51
17-Oct	God Calls Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-21	John 20:21-23
24-Oct	God Calls David	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14	John 7:24
31-Oct	Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	John 2:19-21

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 Lawrence, 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 346 900 784

Passcode: 410002

****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.

Mid-week worship: Beginning **Thursday, Sept. 9th (12noon)** we will be offering a mid-week worship opportunity. It will be a spoken service (no music) with Holy Communion. All are invited to come! As of right now, we will not be livestreaming the service.

ELCA Youth Gathering: will be held in Minneapolis (July 24, 28, 2022) for all high school youth. Registration will open soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jen as soon as possible.

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.

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 3 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*

**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*

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.