

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



September 26, 2021
18th 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: Jacob did some pretty terrible things to his father and brother. But God saw something in him no one else saw, and God renewed with Jacob the covenant God had made with Abraham.

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

Voluntary in d-D Charles John Stanley

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things.

We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

Whether we enter this worship space with clear hearts or the burden of sin,

We were welcome in this place.

In preparing ourselves to worship God, we find ourselves lacking and yet, we also find God offering us grace in abundance. 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

Creator of all things, **we have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture. Amen.**

Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift and given in the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Blessing and Honor" ELW 854

Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
Let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
Echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

Ever ascending the song and the joy,
Ever descending the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
Dying in weakness and rising to reign
Dying in weakness and rising to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Music: Matthias Keller, 1813-1875

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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.

Please be seated

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of second chances, **When Jacob lied to his father and stole from his brother, another might write him off. But you did not, God. You saw something in him no one else saw. See that in us, too. Amen.**

Please be seated

+ WORD +

Reading: GENESIS 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, 'My son'; and he answered, 'Here I am.' He said, 'See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savoury food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.'

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savoury food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father, and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am; who are you, my son?' Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.' But Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?' He answered, 'Because the LORD your God granted me success.' Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.' So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of

Esau.’ He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

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: JOHN 1:50-51

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" ELW 800

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,

And make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love, the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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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

We pause to humbly lift before you all those prayers for the church, the world and all those who are in any need.

A brief silence

Dear Lord, you reach past all our trickery, our dishonesty, our ill-gotten gain, and insist upon being in close and inescapable communion with us. Take what we meant for our own self-promotion and use it to your glory, turning us around to a new awareness of the tall task of being your followers. Persistent God, **Hear our prayer.**

Indeed, we are like the dust of the earth, spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. May your children truly be instruments of your peace, that all the families of the earth might be blessed because of our witness. Persistent God, **Hear our prayer.**

Reach out to those who feel disenfranchised, robbed of what they feel was rightfully theirs. Give them courage to stand for justice and reparation, and to also find a peace in you that no other could possibly give—or take away. Persistent God, **Hear our prayer.**

We are feeble at times, Lord. Our health fails. Our strength flags. We long for the blessing of your healing, and ask it especially on behalf of (pause)...as well as **those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Persistent God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the descendants of Abraham and with all your saints in glory, we rejoice in the mercy which you show to your family on earth and in heaven. Keep us faithful until that day when we are brought face to face with you. Persistent God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: You have shown us wonders, and yet we shall see greater things yet. May our prayers rise to you and may we

trust that you have mercifully heard the cries of our hearts, for the sake of Jesus our brother. **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)

Please be seated

Offering

We offer all our gifts to the Lord. We thank Franklyn Commisso for sharing his musical gifts with us today. If you are interested in sharing your own gifts, please contact Franklyn.

Additional offerings may be placed in the offering plate and/or given through our online offering option on our website: <http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org>

Anthem:

"As Jacob Once Travelled" English Carol

Please stand as you are able

INVITATION OF STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

You call us to be faithful stewards of all that you have created.

We share from the bounty of our blessings in this moment.

We are stewards of everything that you have made. Receive these fruits of our labors that we bring to you, seeking your blessing. Bless these gifts as you have blessed the givers. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth and all who dwell therein,
we give you thanks for all that surrounds us.

**We thank you for making us
but a little lower than the angels,
children of your grace.**

We are grateful for your mercy,
forgiving our human pride
and our blindness to those in need.

We rejoice in the hope and salvation
found in the person of Jesus Christ,
who shared our earthly suffering and joy.

**We remember Christ's death,
celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection,
and seek to follow in Christ's way,
serving those around us.**

In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit,
we offer ourselves to your service
as we unite our voices to glorify you.

At this table we recall the night...

...By partaking at this table,
we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection,
and await Christ's return.

Creator of all, we long for your Spirit come among us
and bless this meal

Make your Word take flesh in us

Awaken your people

fill us with your light

bring the gift of peace on earth

All praise and glory be to you 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

Blessings abound in this meal prepared for God's children. Blessings await to be granted to those who are willing to receive them. May this meal feed us for the long journey ahead. Come share in this meal of abundant blessing. **Thanks be to God!**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This is God's table and all are welcome! You will be invited forward by the usher; we'd ask that you wear your mask while doing so. Pastor Jen will put the wafer in your hand and the assistant will give you a pre-filled cup of wine. Please return to your seat before partaking of this meal of grace.

If anyone has difficulty in coming forward, indicate to the usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn

"Now We Join in Celebration" ELW 462

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!

For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing

Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of y our unfailing presence, fore-taste here of heav'nly
gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one family of God's
children.

Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our
Father.

Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and
strangers,

Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

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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

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the
sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life now and
forever. **Amen**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" ELW 424

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
Archangels, virtues, angel choirs;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Charles John Stanley



Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Call to worship, Introduction, Confession, Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (@Clergy stuff); Eucharistic prayer, Post-communion prayer (ELW); Invitation of stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);

Music Notes:

Charles John Stanley was born in London in 1712. At about the age of two, he fell on a marble hearth with a china basin in his hand, an accident which left him almost blind. He began studying music at the age of seven. Under the guidance of Maurice Greene, composer and organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, he studied "with great diligence, and a success that was astonishing" (Burney). At the age of nine he played the organ, probably as an occasional deputy, at All Hallows Bread Street. When he was eleven years old, Stanley was appointed organist to the church at a salary of £20 per annum. When he was fourteen "in preference to a great number of candidates" (Burney) he was chosen as organist at St Andrew's, Holborn, and at the age of seventeen became the youngest person ever to obtain the Bachelor of Music degree (B.Mus.) at the University of Oxford. In 1734 he was appointed organist to the Society of the Inner Temple, a position which he held until his death in 1786. It was at the ancient Temple Church that his brilliant playing upon the organ and harpsichord attracted the attention of many fine musicians including George Frideric Handel, who regularly visited the church to hear him. Stanley was also an outstanding violinist.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Sue & Michael Stringer in celebration of their twenty-second wedding anniversary; by Kathie Ruhs in honor of her beautiful granddaughter Aubrey's fourteenth birthday which is tomorrow September 27th. Happy Anniversary Sue and Mike! Happy Birthday Aubrey!! God's blessings always.

TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
September 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
Sept. 26	9:30	Charlie Germain	Jo-Ann Nestor

September Birthdays

Ciaran Cioffi 9/26

John Powell 9/26

Angelina Giacomelli 9/28

Melanie Klammer 9/29

Jasmine Moscato 9/29