

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



*November 14, 2021
25th 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: God didn't want Israel's worship rituals and sacrifices. God wanted real change—justice that rolls down like waters, and a stream of righteousness.

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

Benedictus from Mass #7 in Bb Franz Josef Haydn

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter God's sanctuary

To offer our worship and praise

We come to receive the grace of God

And to be filled with the peace of Christ

Come, let us worship the Lord our God

Offering all of ourselves for the sake of the world

We come humbly into God's presence, seeking the mercy and grace of Christ. We long for the fullness of life that God creates and offers for all. And so, we pause to confess all those ways that we have not lived into the image of God in which we are created.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

PRAYER OF LAMENT/CONFESSION (based on Amos 5)

Holy, Perfect God,

We admit that we put other things above you in our lives.

We say we long for you,

but we actually long for more money and more comfort.

Lord, you will come with darkness for us

if our hearts remain captive to anything but you.

We confess that we are openly rebellious against you.

We are fallen, never to rise again unless you lift us up.

Lord, we have failed to worship you with our hearts.

Our religious gatherings are hollow

because our hearts are slaves to lesser things.

We pay you a visit on Sunday,

but we long to go home to our other gods.

Lord God, we confess that we break your heart.

We gather before you half-heartedly,

waiting to go back to worshipping ourselves.

When we truly worship you,

we will seek good and not evil.

We will hate evil and love good.

Lord God, have mercy.

Renew our hearts within us.

Make us long for you, our God.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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

GATHERING HYMN

Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW 717

Let justice flow like streams
Of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life,
Abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
As others' cares we heed,
An ever flowing stream of faith,
Translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
Define our measure true,
And justice, right, and peace pervade
This world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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

God of justice, **You desire for us to cultivate compassion and work toward justice. Teach us to love with the love that was revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to join Pastor Jen in the front as they feel comfortable in doing so.

SENDING SONG: *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus, from God's throne on high
Came on earth to laugh and cry
Rose to live and never die:
Jesus, from God's throne on high.

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

+ WORD +

READING: AMOS 1:1-2; 5:14-15; 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-
offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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 7:37-38

The holy Gospel according to John, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’

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

Let Streams of Living Justice ELW 710

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
Abolish ancient vengeance, proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
Your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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Please be seated

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, O Lord, all those prayers for the church, the world and all those who are in any need.

A brief silence

Our songs of praise, offerings of money and prayers for peace all ring hollow without our hands and feet working for your vision of reconciliation. May we never lose sight of what you are calling us to do, in favor of what looks or feels good. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, you will not be satisfied. Give us a similar hunger for your vision in this world we share with all your people and all your creatures. Empower our witness and strengthen our voices. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have laid themselves on the line, and in some cases given their lives in service to their country. Heal their wounds, grant them fair access to treatment and services, and comfort the families of those who did not survive, assuring them that you hold their loved ones close. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you invite all who thirst to come and drink of your living waters. Sustain the weary with your presence, and pour over them your healing especially... (pause)... **Jeff, Barbara, Thomas, Robert, Sara, Lillian as well as those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.**

God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the memory of all those who have turned from evil and fought for what is good, your saints of all times and places. Give us courage to follow their lead, and together share in the riches of your eternal kingdom. God of justice, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: You hear us, O God, before we even ask, and yet you welcome our prayers and hold them all in your loving embrace. Gather these together with all those offered on this day, all over the world you have created. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Please be seated as the gift of music is offered for the glory of God. Use this time as moments of prayer and reflection. 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 Thank the Lord, for He Is Good” Franz Josef Haydn

Please stand as you are able

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

We gather as your people to honor and praise you. May the gifts we share this day bring glory to your name.

We bring these gifts to you not as sacrifices or ways to appease you, but so that in our giving we might be changed. Use the gifts we offer to bring justice and righteousness into the world, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will

And to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed...do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension and the promise to come again,

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

And with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants and these your gifts of bread and wine,

So that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

And receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints

To you, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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

Let all who hunger and thirst come! This feast is set for all who desire justice and compassion for all God's children. This fellowship is strongest when all are welcome. Come, the table is ready. **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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taize)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid:
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken ELW 647

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation, hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

March for the Prince of Wales Franz Josef Haydn

Worship notes:

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources:

- Prayer of lament (Sojourn Community Church in Louisville, KY);
- Introduction, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, (@Clergy stuff);
- Absolution, Eucharistic prayer (ELW);
- Post-communion prayer (All Creation Sings);
- Call to worship, Invitation to Communion, Invitation of stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);

Music Notes:

Franz Joseph Haydn was born in Rohrau, Austria in 1732 and is probably known to be one of the greatest masters of classical music. His compositions include 104 symphonies, 50 concertos, 84 string quartets, 24 stage works, and 12 Masses, among numerous other works. He became musical director for the Esterházy family from 1761 until 1790. Given great scope for composition, most of his musical output was produced during the 29 years of service to the family. In the 1780s, Haydn received commissions from London and Paris and honors from all over Europe. He formed a close friendship with Mozart, an association that influenced the music of each. Haydn's works were known for his originality, liveliness, optimism and instrumental brilliance. He established the basic forms of symphonic music and string quartet, which became the model and inspiration for the works of Mozart and of Beethoven, who studied under Haydn. Haydn died in Vienna Austria on May 31, 1809.



Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Sue & Michael Stringer in gratitude to God for His many blessings, especially their family.



TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
November 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
Nov. 14	9:30	Lois Lawrence	Dawn Marinich
Nov. 21	9:30	Charlie Germain	Don Icken
Nov. 28	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	

November Birthday Wishes To:

Dawn Andren, 11/14

Joan Bradley, 11/14

Nina Jacobsen, 11/14

Henry Von Bargaen, 11/14

Melissa Renaud, 11/15

Amelia Cuomo, 11/17

Georgina Marek, 11/21

Erin Minieri, 11/21

Lamorna Coyle, 11/22

Cindy Simon, 11/22

John Nicoletti, 11/24

Brian Harlin, 11/25

Ken Mongold, 11/25

Tatum Bettcher, 11/26

John Young, 11/26

Bruce Foley, Sr., 11/28

Kristina McKenzie, 11/29

Stephanie Howard, 11/30

Lyn Stoecker, 11/30

