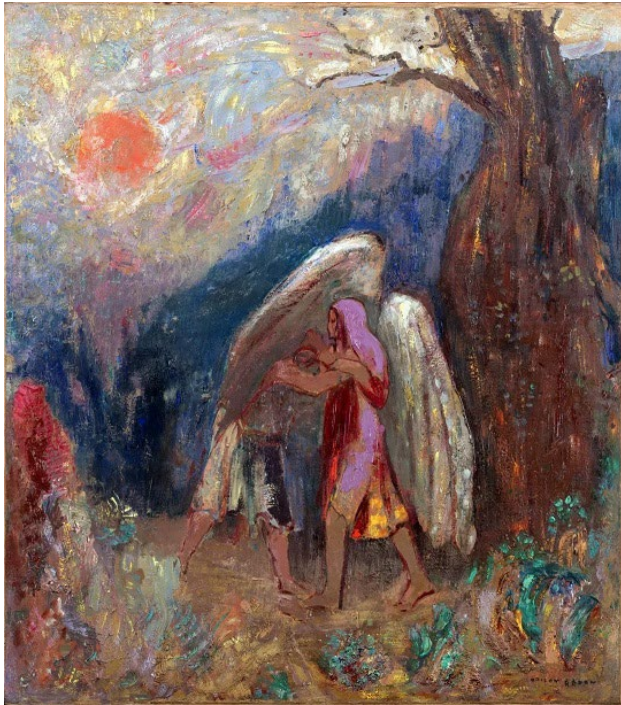


*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023
9:30 AM*



WELCOME as we gather 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.

We welcome our visitors today. If you are looking for a church home and want to know more about living together as Christians, please contact Pastor Boyd during the week.

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 for worship in person or through our social media channels. They may also contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken-in-person service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

Website: <http://trinitybrewsterny.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

PARENTS: *Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.*

The order for worship is Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 10. The complete order for worship is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in bold. If you require an enlarged print bulletin or an assistive listening device, please ask an usher. Copyright material used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license SBL14214 and #SBL14215.

INTRODUCTION

An all-night wrestling match with a mysterious stranger leaves Jacob with a dislocated hip, but also a new identity as the father of God's people. It is precisely during the times we feel furthest from God when God gives us the chance to experience God's presence and God's grace.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: "Lindsay" Robert Burns

Welcome and prayer requests

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Divine promises,
received and remembered:
to wait for, to work toward, to wrestle with.
Divine power,
saving and transforming:
making and marking us God's own.
Divine purpose,
pushing and pulling:
challenging and changing us into blessing.

CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we gather as community in God's presence, we are reminded of the image in which we are created. We pause to reflect on the ways in which we have not been faithful in our God-given belovedness

Silence for reflection and self-examination

You are a God of close relationship,
a God who sits down beside us,
gets your hands dirty,
stays in it with us.

We confess that we are tempted to treat you with kid gloves,
to be careful what we say,
holding back some of the whole truth,

just in case.

Yet you reach out and draw us in to full, real, presence.

You put your whole heart in and ask us to do the same.

Forgive us when we hold back because we don't want to be changed.

Forgive us when we turn away because you don't fit our neat categories.

Forgive us when we aren't willing to invest in our relationship with you.

Wrestle away our idols, our self-sufficiency, our need to get our own way,

and bless us with a glimpse of your face

and an abiding knowledge of your saving grace.

We ask in your most holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made new creations in Christ Jesus, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives us all our sin. Walk with God in this newness of life built by the love and mercy revealed through God the Father, God the + Son and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW 250

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free

And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from 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 folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Praise Ye the Lord* #872 (vs. 1 & 3)

Refrain

**Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Ev'rybody, praise the Lord.**

**Praise God with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise God with the lute and the harp;
Praise God with the timbrel and dancing;
Praise God wherever you are.**

Refrain

**Praise God in the holy temple;
Praise God for almighty deeds;
Praise God for those bountiful mercies;
For God fulfills our needs.**

Refrain

Text: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986, based on Psalm 150

Music: J. Jefferson Cleveland

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are a God who speaks to us,
who tells your story and invites us in.

**We thank you for our forebears who spoke with you face to face,
asking and telling, sometimes demanding, sometimes pleading,
keeping the conversation going through thick and thin,
showing us how it's done.**

**Hear us as we call to you today,
and give us ears to hear you, too.**

Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

CHILDREN'S SONG: *Love, Love, Love.... That's What It's All About*

"Love, love, love
That's what it's all about.
'Cause God loves us we love each other
Mother, Father, Sister, Brother
Everybody sing and shout!
'Cause that's what it's all about.
It's about love, love, love.
It's about love, love, love."

Peace, peace, peace...
Joy, joy, joy

+ WORD +

READING: Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

And Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, "Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good", I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. Yet you have said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number." '

So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your

name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL: Mark 14:32-36

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* ELW 399

**O Holy Spirit, root of life,
Creator, cleanser of all things:
Anoint our wounds, awaken us
With lustrous movement of your wings.**

**Eternal vigor, Saving One,
You free us by your living Word,
Becoming flesh to wear our pain,
And all creation is restored.**

**O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
Encompass us with wings unfurled,
And carry us, encircling all
Above, below, and through the world.**

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179

Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; arr. hymnal version

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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

With gratitude for our whole selves, created in your image and made new in Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of blessing, you gave Jacob a new name and a new purpose, bringing reconciliation with his brother and a renewal of your covenant promise. Help us in our struggles, heal our relationships, and inspire us to new ways to be of love and service to you and our neighbors. Eternal God, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

You separated the oceans, carved out lakes and rivers and established the network of wetlands and watersheds across the world. Make us ever mindful of our dependence on this life-giving water, and inspire us to work diligently to ensure all people have access to it. Eternal God **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give all who lead the humility to accept the challenges that we face, and the persistence to address those challenges, however long it takes. Institute your peace among nations caught in the web of violence, prejudice and greed. Eternal God, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

We uplift those whose difficulties have left them wounded in body, mind and spirit. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer **Jeff, George,**

Charlie, Dorothy, Shaun, Shannon, Ed, Edward...and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Hold and comfort them that they might find strength to walk through their difficulties. Eternal God, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Spur us to stand with those who are victims of systemic racism, and whose lives and communities are torn apart by both internal and state violence. Teach us how to take action to bring change to our deeply flawed society. Eternal God, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints who by their example showed us how to persist in the face of struggles, always trusting in you to give them strength. May we, too, persevere as they modeled for us, until we see them again at the end of all things. Eternal God, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy revealed through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others. Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "Wrestling Jacob" Robert Burns

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you bless us with riches beyond measure. **Accept now these gifts that we offer, returning to you what you have first given us. Use them as a blessing to others in our communities and around the world. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God

Creator of heaven and earth

You rescued your covenant people

Led them on 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 not perish but may have eternal life

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

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Pour 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

Blessed by God's loving grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are bold 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 God who blessed Jacob now blesses you with this holy meal. Come share in the bread and wine that is Christ's body and blood, in remembrance and celebration of him who gave of himself out of love for each one of us. **Thanks be to God!**

O Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS

All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.

All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.

Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.

COMMUNION HYMN: *As the Grains of Wheat* ELW 465

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
May we share the presence of your love.**

Refrain

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
When all creation shares this feast with you.**

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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AFTER ALL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe
Forward into battle, see his banners go!**

Refrain

**Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Let us boldly follow where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; all one body we;
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.**

Refrain

**Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail.
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.**

Refrain

**Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages with the angels sing.**

Refrain

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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DISMISSAL

**The worship has ended, let the service begin
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: "The Weaver" Robert Burns

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

- ✚ Introduction, Absolution, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (© 2023 Clergy Stuff™)
- ✚ Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Confession, Prayer of the Day, (© 2023 Teri Peterson)
- ✚ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

MUSIC NOTES:

Robert Burns (1759 –1796) was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is in a "light Scots dialect" of English, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement, and after his death he became a great source of inspiration to the Scottish diaspora around the world. As well as making original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem and song "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay (the last day of the year), and "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country.



Today's altar flowers are given by

- ♥ Sue & Michael Stringer in celebration of their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary;
- ♥ and by Kathie Ruhs in celebration of the sixteenth birthday of her youngest granddaughter, Aubrey Lynn. Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday!! God's blessings to you all always.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023:

		Assisting Minister	Ushers
September 24th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Joan Bradley</i>	<i>Don Icken Ralph Rudolph</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Robert	Fendt	Sept	25
Kelly	Tuthill	Sept	25
Ciaran	Cioffi	Sept	26
John	Powell	Sept	26
Angelina	Giacomelli	Sept	28
Melanie	Klammer	Sept	29
Jasmine	Moscato	Sept	29





WORSHIP SERVICES—September 2023

The organ prelude and preparatory time for worship begins approximately ten minutes before each service.

September 17 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

September 24 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at:

www.trinitybrewsterny.org

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.



Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

As a people of God, we desire to experience the presence of God in our lives that we might be the presence of God in the lives of others.

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