

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*

WHERE YOU GO

I will go

AND WHERE YOU STAY

I will stay.

YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE

My people

AND YOUR GOD

My God

Ruth 1:16

*20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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>

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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

In a reflection of God's steadfast love for us, Ruth, a widow and foreigner, nonetheless chooses to throw her lot in with her mother-in-law, Naomi, and return to Israel and an uncertain future.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Meditation on *Divinum Mysterium* Michael McCabe

Welcome and prayer requests

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us together in community,
God has given us to each other to be family,
to support one another in times of trouble and rejoice in times of happiness.

With or without a strategic plan,
With or without a shiny, flashy campaign,
We will love one another as we have been loved by God.

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

How easy it is, O God,
to overlook the very people whose labor makes our lives possible.
How easy it is, O God,
to change the focus to the big names who take all the credit.
How easy it is, O God,
to simply tell the story from an angle that never shows those behind the scenes.

Forgive us when we think only the spectacular stories are worth telling,
and we erase the beauty and love of those whose day-to-day commitment is the foundation of our life together.

How easy it is, O God,
to speak words of commitment...and how hard it is to follow through.

How easy it is, O God,
**to judge the motivations and responsibilities of others,
to assume the worst when we don't know their full story.**

How easy it is, O God,
to talk about love without ever acting on it.

Forgive us when we withhold the grace we want for ourselves,
and when we fail to live up to your call.

Forgive us and heal our hearts and our community,
**that the broken places may be made whole
and the hope of your kingdom may be seen,
here and now. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting in God's steadfast love for every generation, take up your place in this forgiven family, and live in that grace so that all may know the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Gather Us In*

ELW 532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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Music: Marty Haugen

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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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are always all-in with us, O God.

You commit yourself,

even taking on flesh and becoming one of us

that we might grow ever closer to you.

And you invite us to be all-in with you, too,

bringing our whole selves into the journey, wherever it may lead.

May we choose to join in moving toward your future.

May the things important to you become important to us.

Give us courage to commit ourselves today: where you go, we will go.

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: Ruth 1:15-17; 4:13-17

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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 3:33-35

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

**For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed your pow'r to save.**

**For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
We praise you, God of Israel,
And pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others
In love and loyalty.**

**O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown,
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in your service,
Our lives may sing your praise.**

**All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit,
Who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias
And strive to do your will.**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: Finnish folk tune

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Affirmation Covenant Service

The assembly is seated. Confirmation parents and youth gather at the altar.

Deacon Charlie Germain (to the Parents): In Holy Baptism you made a sacred promise to God on behalf of your children, to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You promised that as they grew in years, you would place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they might lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ. Today your children, as young men and women, stand with you before the altar recommitting to this pledge. I ask you, therefore, in the presence of the One who gave you the precious gift of children and the responsibility of raising them in the truth: Will you continue in the promise you made to God at your child's baptism? If so, answer "Yes, by the help of God."

Parents: Yes, by the help of God.

Will you make time each day to check in with your child and share the highs and lows of your day, and your experiences of God's presence?

Parents: We will with the help of God.

Will you reflect on God's Word as it relates to your life and share a short time of thought and discussion each day within your family?

Parents: We will with the help of God.

Will you praise and thank God for the good and invite the Holy Spirit's power to sustain your child through the lows of the day?

Parents: We promise to pray for our children each day.

Will you say "I'm sorry," confess and forgive one another each day, and bless one another before you turn out the lights on the day?

Parents: We will confess, forgive, and bless our children each night.

(To the Students): Young people of God, there was a day not long ago when your parents presented you to God and spoke on your behalf. There will soon come a day when you will stand here and affirm your baptism faith. I ask you, in the presence of the One who gave you life and the ones who have nurtured it: Will you make time each day to check in with your parents and share the highs and lows of your life and your experiences of God's presence?

Students: We will, with the help of God.

Will you reflect on God's Word as it relates to your life and share a short time of thought and discussion each day within your family?

Students: We will, with the help of God.

Will you praise and thank God for the good and invite the Holy Spirit's power to sustain your parents through the lows of the day?

Students: We promise to pray for our parents each day.

Will you say "I'm sorry," confess and forgive one another each day, and bless one another before you turn out the lights on the day?

Students: We will confess, forgive, and bless our parents each night.

(to the congregation) People of God, these parents and young people stand before us affirming their faith commitment to each other. As a community of faith together, do you promise to support and pray for each of them? Will bear witness among them to God's saving and loving grace? Will you affirm their place within this community as fellow members of the Body of Christ?

Assembly: Yes, we will with the help of God

Pastor: Let us pray. May the Father in heaven for Jesus sake stir up and increase in you the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that you may be blessed with strength, wisdom, and courage in the days ahead. May God grant you the power to keep the promises you have made here today and grow to full maturity in Christ. And all God's people boldly proclaim: **Amen**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

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.

Steadfast God, inspire us by the example of Ruth to be faithful to one another in your name. Stir up in us the desire to strive for the flourishing of all those in our families, communities, and beyond. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

You created us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies, and commissioned us to care for all of your beloved creation. Renew in us a sense of call to this holy vocation. Fill our hearts with love for the infinite diversity and beauty all around us, that we might commit ourselves to its preservation. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give all who hold positions of power and influence in our communities and the world a spirit of steadfast faithfulness to those they serve. Give them the humility to set aside their own ends for the sake of the needs of others. We lift up the ongoing violence in Israel and pray for all those who have been killed. Bring an end to this and all wars, bringing your peace to bear upon all lands. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Enfold all who journey with injury, illness, loneliness, or grief into your healing arms, that they might know your presence with them is sure. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer **Stig, Mackenzie, The Myers Family, John, The Parraggio Family, Franco, Bert, Joseph, Rebecca, Kyle and Judy...and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Our biological humanness has hard-wired us to categorize and compartmentalize for our own comfort, thus we judge others without knowing them, and decide their value is less than ours. Make us to see all people through your loving eyes, that we might see Jesus in one another and commit ourselves to justice and equality for all. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Put us in mind of all those who came before us, whose love and commitment demonstrated their steadfast faithfulness to you and their communities. Inspire us by the example of the saints to follow in their footsteps. 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: *“Whither Thou Goest” Guy Singer*

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

O God, your faithfulness to us is without measure. **We offer now our gifts in response to all that you have given us that they might in turn demonstrate your faithfulness to our neighbors and all creation. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

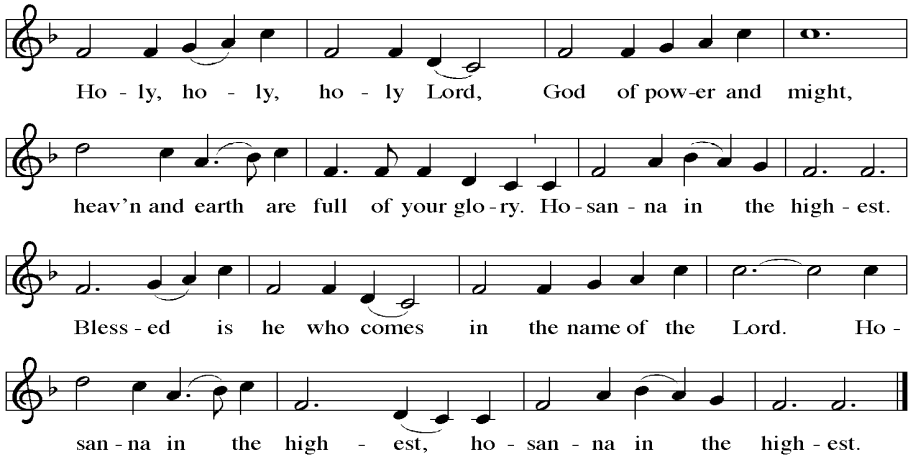
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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EUCHARISTIC 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

Jesus who will never leave us now invites each one of us to the table to share in this feast of life. Come and dine, for all is prepared for you.

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: *I Come with Joy*

ELW 482 (Verses 1-3)

**I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

SENDING HYMN: *Come, We that Love the Lord* ELW 625

**Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.**

Refrain

**We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion:
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,
But children of the heav'nly King
May tell their joys abroad,
May tell their joys abroad.**

Refrain

**The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.**

Refrain

**Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.**

Refrain

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

Music: Robert Lowry

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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: Fanfare Michael McCabe

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

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

MUSIC NOTES:

Guy Singer (real name **Earl Chambers Guisinger** 1904-1992) was an American songwriter, best known for writing the song "Whither Thou Goest" in 1954, partially adapted from Ruth 1:16-17 of the Bible.

Michael McCabe was born in Fort Madison, Iowa in 1941. He was a pupil of famed organists Leo Sowerby and David M. Williams in Omaha NE. He was organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Francisco and at Boys Town in Nebraska.



Today's altar flowers are given

- ♥ *by Joanne and Don Icken with love and in celebration of their daughter Lauren's birthday*
- ♥ *& by Linda Salinger in memory and with gratitude for loved ones.*

Happy Birthday Lauren and many blessings always!!!!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
October 15th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Charlie Germain</i>	<i>Dawn Marinich Don Icken</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lauren Icken	October 17	Brooke Guinyard	October 25
Emily Kovalec	October 17	Justin Larocchia	October 25
Fiona Cioffi	October 18	Joseph Hildreth	October 27
Beatrice Jacobsen	October 20	Fred Carlson	October 28
Anthony Maston	October 21	Gavin Heuschkel	October 28
Barbara Nicoletti	October 21	Barbara Roden	October 28
Danielle Nestor	October 23	Brody Conroy	October 30
Megan Nestor	October 23	Carrie Cioffi	October 31
Connor Heuschkel	October 24	Kevin Icken	October 31





WORSHIP SERVICES—October 2023

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

October 15 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

October 22 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

October 29 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion (Reformation Sunday)

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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