

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*

*but the greatest
of these is
LOVE*

1 Cor. 13:13

*Service of the Word
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 @ 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.*

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INTRODUCTION

Paul writes to the early Church at Corinth with strong visuals and even stronger hypotheticals to argue that love is the single most important expression in the Christian life. Because we know Jesus, we are empowered to love in new and surprising ways.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

Let us prepare ourselves to worship God together. You are encouraged to pray during the prelude for God's Spirit to infuse our time of worship and this community of faith.

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Come, beloved of God,

laying aside the hard and harsh ways of the world.

Come, beloved of God,

to practice the patient and kind ways of love.

Come, beloved of God,

to trust the love that holds fast in all things.

Hearts soft and minds open, we come.

If I speak without love,

I create noise and chaos.

If I have great power and knowledge without love,

My abilities are meaningless.

If I follow all the “rules” for being a perfect Christian without love,

I gain nothing.

Love is the only thing God asks of us.

Love, the action, not the feeling.

Love, for the good of others, and all of creation.

Love, which never ends, and is the very essence of God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia

GATHERING HYMN: Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue ELW 644

**Although I speak with angel's tongue,
My faith, my knowledge all surpass,
But have no love, my gifts are vain
As clanging gong or blaring brass.**

**For love is patient, love is kind,
And never vain with boasting pride;
Love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.**

**For now we peer at darkened glass;
Our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see:
Then we will see love face to face.**

**The gifts are many, the Body one,
And into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
One hope, one faith, one love in Christ.**

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

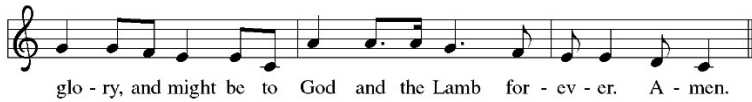
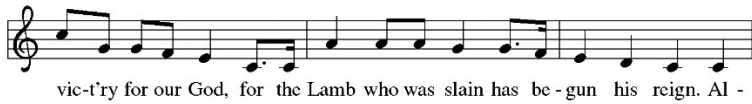
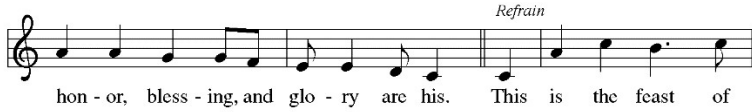
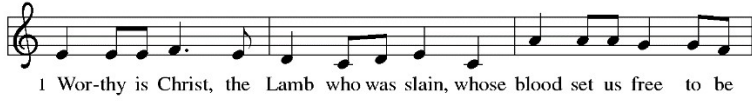
Music: English traditional

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The grace of our Risen 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—This is the Feast



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, In Christ Jesus, you have set for us an example of what it means to love one another. By loving us, you teach us to love. Draw us back to your example again and again, that we might live with one another in mutual service, and carry your love into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon

Deacon Charles Germain

Children's Song

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T

and I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

+ WORD +

READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an

adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

Deacon Charles Germain

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Father, by Whose Name ELW 640

**Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,
In love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which your people dwell.**

**O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled to full adulthood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place
That they may all behold your face
And, knowing you, may grow in grace.**

**O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity
And teach us how to find the love from self set free;
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home, by this release,
May be the dwelling place of peace.**

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

Music: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, ground us in a profound understanding of the kind of love we are to have for one another, and help us to share that love with every single person we encounter, in the church and beyond. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Your love is not limited to humanity, and nor should ours be. Inspire us to lavish the same love and care on the natural world as you do. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give us all the patience, kindness, generosity, and humility we need to work together across political differences for the good of God's children throughout the world. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Help all who struggle with physical, mental, or spiritual illness to know that they are deeply loved, that they might be comforted and strengthened in the healing process. 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, Barbara, Donna, Brian, Barbara, Dorothy, Bill, Carol, Alan, and Bert and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

All love is reflective of your love, O God. Make us to stand in solidarity with all who express love in ways our social norms would have us reject. Open our minds to see the ways you are present in every loving and committed relationship regardless of our own biases. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We cannot number the saints who have modeled for us the kind of love Paul describes to the church at Corinth. In gratitude for their memory, make us to love as they did, until we are reunited with them in the divine love that has no end. God of new life, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

Deacon: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, confident in your mercy and grace bestowed upon all people through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The love and peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

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 ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

OFFERING

As we receive the choir's offering of music, we invite you to share your own offering with Trinity by placing them in offering plate, mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website:

www.trinitybrewsterny.org



ANTHEM: "Faith, Hope, and Love" Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, 7/8 time signatures, eighth and quarter notes, rests, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes).

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, you demonstrate your love for us by providing for our needs.

We return these gifts to you as a sign of our love for you, for one another, and for all of your beautiful creation. Use them for the good of all that you have made. Amen.

Gathered by the Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

**Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: "Send the Light" Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

Worship notes:

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

- ✚ Introduction, Call to Worship, Prayers of Intercession, Offering Prayer, (@ Clergy stuff)
- ✚ Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day (written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson)
- ✚ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Note:

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (1856 –1932) was an American composer and lyricist of gospel songs. He is said to have written and/or composed between 7,000 and 8,000 songs. He was born in Wilton, Iowa and raised on a farm. His father led singing school in their home, and young Charles developed an interest in music. It is said that he taught himself to play the family's harmonium. Even though he never had any formal training in music, he began to travel and lead his own shape-note group in various locations around the age of 17. His musical talent was well recognized in his boyhood home of Wilton. There is one folklore story, that the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilton (Pastor Pollock or McAulay) once saw Gabriel walking in town early in the week. He asked Gabriel if he knew a good song to go along with his sermon. The pastor shared the sermon topic and by the end of the week the boy had written a song for that Sunday, words and music. Eventually he served as music director at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in San Francisco, California (1890-2). While working at Grace Church, he was asked to write a song for a mission celebration. He wrote "Send the Light," which became his first commercial song. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, and in 1912 he began working with Homer Rodeheavers publishing company. Gabriel was married twice, first to Fannie Woodhouse, which ended in divorce, and later to Amelia Moore. One child was born to each marriage. He died in Hollywood, aged 76. He considered his best work to be a sacred cantata for adult voices: "Saul, King of Israel." He also had an interest in military bands, and wrote marches, waltzes, etc., for bands.



Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne & Don Icken in celebration of their beautiful grandson Caleb's first birthday. Happy Birthday Caleb and may God bless you always!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 6th Sunday of Easter, May 5th

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
May 5th @ 9:30 AM	Joan Bradley	John Bertone Dawn Marinich	Zach Duben

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Caleb Sweeney, May 3
Emily Sloan, May 7
Tyler Knapp, May 8
Erik Markert, May 11
Christopher Sciarra, May 12
Nelida Guinyard, May 15
Tyler Hansen, May 15
Michael Stringer, May 15
Halsey Tuthill, May 15
John Bertone, Jr., May 18
James Ulrich, May 18
Fred Fendt, May 20

Joanne Icken, May 20
Robert Briggs, Sr., May 22
Heather Efferen, May 23
Diana Kolar, May 23
Matthew Kolar, May 23
Christopher Donovan, May 24
Donald Icken, May 25
David Wise, May 27
Alicia McKeon, May 28
Claire Brusie, May 30
Kristen Stoecker, May 31



WORSHIP SERVICES—April 2024

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

Sun, May 5	(6 th Sun of Easter)	Service of the Word 9:30 AM
Sun, May 12	(7 th Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, May 19	(Pentecost Sunday)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, May 26	(The Holy Trinity)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM

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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