

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*Service of the Word
13th Sunday of Pentecost
August 18, 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 (trinelutheranoffice@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

“God is love” writes John in this fourth chapter of this letter. This love is rooted in God’s relationship with us.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: *Prayer in Bb* by Harry Rowe Shelley

We invite you to take a time of prayer during the prelude. We look to focus our hearts and minds on God, seeking God’s spirit to infuse our time of worship and this community of faith. This is the first day of the week and we long to be reminded of who we are in Christ Jesus. If you need particular prayers to help center you in this time, you can use any of the hymns as well as prayers that are listed in the hymnal (pg. 72-87)

Welcome & Prayer requests

You are invited to share any prayer requests that you would like Pastor Jen to include in this morning’s worship. If you would like someone to be put on our weekly prayer list in the Trinity weekly, please fill out a prayer list request form found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate or give to Pastor Jen following worship.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open

all desires known

And from whom no secrets are hid

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit

That we may perfectly love you

And worthily magnify your name

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Silence for reflection and self-examination

CONFESSION

Most merciful God

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed

By what we have done

And by what we have left undone

We have not loved you with our whole hearts

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ

Have mercy on us

Forgive us, renew us and lead us

So that we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways

To the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE AND PARDON FOR FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for
his sake, God forgives us of all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus
Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on
them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* ELW 358

Great God, your love has called us here,

As we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,

Though married, dishonored, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind

Your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains

Of broken trust and chosen wrong,

Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,

**By social forces swept along,
By pow'rs and systems close confined,
Yet seeking hope for humankind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name
And then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right, or claim,
But by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
And find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread,
And humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed.
And show how grandly love intends
To work till all creation sings,
To fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do
While love is making all things new.**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Lord, I Lift Your Name On High #857 (sung twice)

**Lord, I lift your name oh high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Text: Rick Founds, b, 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus;
how willingly you stepped into our experience,
how completely you empathized with all that we endure.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus;
how completely you gave yourself for us,
how courageously you suffered for our sakes.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How restoratively you have loved us, Jesus;
how generously you share your life,
how extravagantly you make yourself available to us.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

**We praise you for your love
which is given so freely and so unconditionally.
And we thank you for believing
that we could learn to offer such love
to each other. Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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: John 3:16-17

The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children’s Sermon

Deacon Charles Germain

SERMON

Deacon Charles Germain

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW 712

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still Your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
in its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

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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

We pause in this time to offer up our prayers for the church, the world
and all those in need.

A brief silence.

What a great world it would be, God our Friend, if we all kept our lives
grafted in Christ Jesus, the True Vine, and like good branches produced
the bountiful fruits of his Spirit.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we cared for the sick and the handicapped, the diseased and the mentally ill, like Jesus did.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we sought the lost and bewildered people and restored their dignity and hope, as Jesus did.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we opened our hearts to misfits and outcastes, and our arms to the untouchables, as Jesus did.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we practised forgiving our enemies, and doing good to those who spitefully abuse us, like Jesus did.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we let others borrow what we have, and gave gifts without looking for reward, as Jesus did.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we created a new community out of disparate types of people, as Jesus did with his disciples.

God we pray for your earthly family,
That they may know the fullness of your love.

What a great world it would be if we were prepared to carry our own crosses with the courage and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God we pray for your earthly family,

That they may know the fullness of your love.

We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (*pause*).

We also lift up in prayer: ... **Jeff, Jayne, Hayden, Jaxon, Jayne, Heidi, Joseph, Georgina, John, Joseph, Jim and Mary**

for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.

God we pray for your earthly family,

That they may know the fullness of your love.

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

Deacon: Loving God, bind us close to your lovely Christ, let his Spirit flow within us, healing our defects and enabling us to produce the fruits of love both in and out of season. To the glory of your name. **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 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: “God Is Love” by Harry Rowe Shelley

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERTORY HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #678 (vs. 1)

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store;
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
Costly cross, grave’s shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Off’ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.**

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915-2006

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God,

Pour your love on our poverty of heart:

**inspire us to give with generosity,
to love life so that we may find it again,
and thus the world will be filled
with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Loved and claimed by God, we pray as Jesus teaches 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

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

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THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW 659

Will you let me be your servant,

Let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

We are trav'lers on the road;

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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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: *Communion in Eb* by Harry Rowe Shelley

Worship notes:

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

- ✚ ***Prayer of the Day*** (John van de Laar, **Sacredise** website.)
- ✚ ***Prayers of Intercession*** (**Bruce Prewer's Homepage.**)
- ✚ ***Offering Prayer:*** (*Prayers for an Inclusive Church 2009,*
alt. <http://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Trial-Use-Collects-Lent-1C-through-Lent-5C.pdf>)
- ✚ ***Introduction,*** (Pastor Jen)
- ✚ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and Lutheran Book of Worship

Music Note:

Harry Rowe Shelley (1858 - 1947) was an American composer, organist, and professor of music. Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Shelley studied at Yale College, and with Dudley Buck, Max Vogrich, and Antonín Dvořák in New York, and completed his musical education in London and Paris. He penned church music that won him wide popularity. For 60 years a host of English-speaking peoples throughout the world sang his hymns. Shelley attended Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, Connecticut, and at fourteen played the organ at Center Church on the Green in New Haven. Although he entered Yale, he did not complete his freshman year. Shelley was organist at the Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn during the ministry of Henry Ward Beecher and played at his funeral. From 1899 to 1914, Shelley was Organist at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York City, which later became Park Avenue Baptist and eventually Riverside Church. He died at age 89 in Short Beach, Connecticut. Among his works are two symphonies; a symphonic poem: *The Crusaders*; a suite for orchestra: *Souvenir de Baden-Baden*; sacred cantatas: *Vexilla Regis* (1893); *The Inheritance Divine* (1895); *Death and Life* (1898); a violin concerto; an opera: *Leila* (manuscript); anthems: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (1886); "Hark!, Hark, My Soul" (1887); an arrangement for Harriet Beecher Stowe's poem "Still, Still with Thee" (1930); and other songs and organ pieces. .

Today's altar flowers are given:



♥ by Kathie Ruhs in loving memory of her Aunt Peggy Ruhs, who went home to the Lord the beginning of July. Rest in peace, you will always be missed.

♥ And by Sue Ellen Kelly in loving memory of Roxy O'Brien on her birthday in heaven.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
August 18	Bruce Markert	Ralph Rudolph	
August 25	Joan Bradley	Ken Von Bargaen Bruce Markert	

WORSHIP SERVICES—August 2024

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

Sun, August 18: 13th Sunday of Pentecost; Service of the Word 9:30 AM

Sun, August 25: 14th Sunday of Pentecost; 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.



Summer Readings

Lord's Prayer (8 weeks):

6/2/2024 *Our Father in heaven*

James 1:17-18

Luke 11:2-4

6/9/2024: (Hallowed be your name)

Isaiah 6:1-5

Matthew 6:9-13

6/16/2024 (Thy kingdom come)

Psalms 24:7-10

Luke 11:2-4

6/23/2024 (thy will be done)

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 6:9-13

6/30/2024: (*Give us this day*)

Exodus 16:4-7

Luke 11:2-4

7/7/2024: (*Forgive us our sins*)

Psalms 130

Matthew 6:9-13

7/14/2024 (*Lead us not into temptation*)

I Timothy 6:6-10

Matthew 6:9-13

7/21/2024 (Kingdom, power and glory are yours)

I Chronicles 16:8-12

Luke 11:2-4

1 John (6 weeks):

7/28/2024 (Our Joy Can Be Complete)

1 John 1:1—2:2

Luke 15:1-7

8/4/2024 (See What Kind of Love)

1 John 3:1-7

John 1:10-13

8/11/2024: (Loving Each Other)

1 John 3:16-24

John 13:33-35

8/18/2024 (God Is Love)

1 John 4:7-21

John 3:16-17

8/25/2024 (Spirit Is the Truth)

1 John 5:1-6

John 14:1-7

9/1/2024 (God's Testimony)

1 John 5:9-13

John 18:36-38



Let's Wish Happy Birthday To:

Alicia Maston August 18

Eric Fendt August 19

John Fendt August 19

Carol Brooks August 20

Jeanette Baldanza August 21

Dawn Ulrich August 21

Barbara Sullivan August 23

Lynne Heuschkel August 26

Mikayla Simon August 26

Scott Stoecker August 26

Constance Lanotte August 27

Katelyn Steike August 30

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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