

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*May 18, 2025
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/UCeBfzqgPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?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

A meeting was called in Jerusalem to solve the dispute among believers about whether circumcision was necessary for the Gentiles to become true believers of God. In the end, they agreed that it was not.

Conversion is not a matter of identifying and targeting “those people”. It is a journey of discovery and movement. We can respect each person’s journey and take a hard look at the places where we fail to do so.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: “Impression in A” by Alfred Herbert Brewer

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen—

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Wherever we look

God is already at work!

The Spirit is moving

even in people we never expected.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

God is calling us all together into one Body.

God’s saving word is for all people.

We do not get to decide who is included.

Let us give thanks that God welcomes everyone.

Thank you, God, for welcoming us!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your very own image

And placed us in a well-watered garden

In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched

And you gave us water from the rock

When we did not know the way,

You sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to the still waters

At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side

And on this day, you shower us again with the water of life

We praise you for saving grace of water

For the water in this font, and for all water everywhere

From the salt waters of the Atlantic ocean

To the flowing waters of the Hudson

From the shores of our reservoirs and lakes

To that which we use in our homes

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace and love

Satisfy those who thirst

Quench those who long for your love

And give to all the life only you can give

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ,

Our living water, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

My faith looks up to Thee,

Thou Lamb of Calvary,

Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,

take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day

be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart

strength to my fainting heart,

my zeal inspire;

as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The world belongs to you, O God,
and from the beginning you have been drawing us in,
opening your heart and ours
to make for yourself a beloved community,
a treasured possession.
Show us today how the diverse ways we know you
might work together to reveal your grace and glory to the world.
Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

CHILDREN'S SONG

ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELUJAH!
PRAISE YE THE LORD!
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+ WORD +

Readings: Acts 15:1-18

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they

reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

‘After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;
from its ruins I will rebuild it,
and I will set it up,
so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—
even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:29-32**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word,
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 a light for revelation to the gentiles
 and for glory to your people Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

**This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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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

Holy God, we are grateful that you hear our prayers and respond with mercy. Because of your great love for us, we do not lose heart. Hear now the prayers of this community. May they echo beyond our reach.

A brief silence

As the early followers of Jesus finally decided that salvation was open to all people, and not just the Jews, so remind us that we also must welcome everyone, even if they don't fit into our preferred set of criteria. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer**

Salvation is open to all creation, O God. Help us to see the natural environment as we see ourselves, and work for the restoration and preservation of all that you have made. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Guide leaders throughout the world to truly listen to those most vulnerable and oppressed in their communities. May they make changes that transform lives and situations. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer**

Comfort and sustain all who journey with ongoing health challenges. Guide their caregivers and medical providers, grant patience and acceptance to their loved ones, and bring peace to troubled hearts. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **Maryann, Matt, Marilyn, Sarah, Loretta, The Parraggio Family, Joseph, Jim, Mary, Jaxon, Jayne, Brandon, Tom, Bruce, Pastor Kathleen and Gary ... and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer**

Give us spirits of generosity to be of love and service to all those around us: in our families, congregations, communities, social groups, and more. And give us humility to ask for and accept care from others. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

May we honor those saints who have gone before us by continuing the walk of faith, that others might follow after us, continuing the chain of community in Christ. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

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

Pastor: These and the prayers of all creation we lift to you, trusting in your everlasting love and grace that shone forth from that empty tomb and in the risen life of Jesus the Christ. **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 the Risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

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: "Nunc Dimittis" by Alfred Herbert Brewer

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERING HYMN: *We Are An Offering* (ELW 692)

**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.**

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

Music: Dwight Liles

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, we offer these gifts to you, knowing that they are already your own. **Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave his life to redeem creation, that they would be used to help others, as we have so often been helped. In Jesus' name we pray. 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, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy

You alone are God

The universe declares your praise

Beyond the stars; beyond the seas

Within each cell; with every breath

We praise you, O God

Generations bless your faithfulness

Through the water; by night and day

Across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future

We bless you, O God

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

At the heart of human life; near to those who suffer

Beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now

We thank you, O God

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

Remembering his love for us

On the way, at the table, and to the end,

We proclaim the mystery of faith **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We pray for the gift of your Spirit

In our gathering

Within this meal

Among your people; throughout the world

Blessing, praise and thanks to you

Holy God, through Christ Jesus,

By your Spirit, in your church, without end. 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

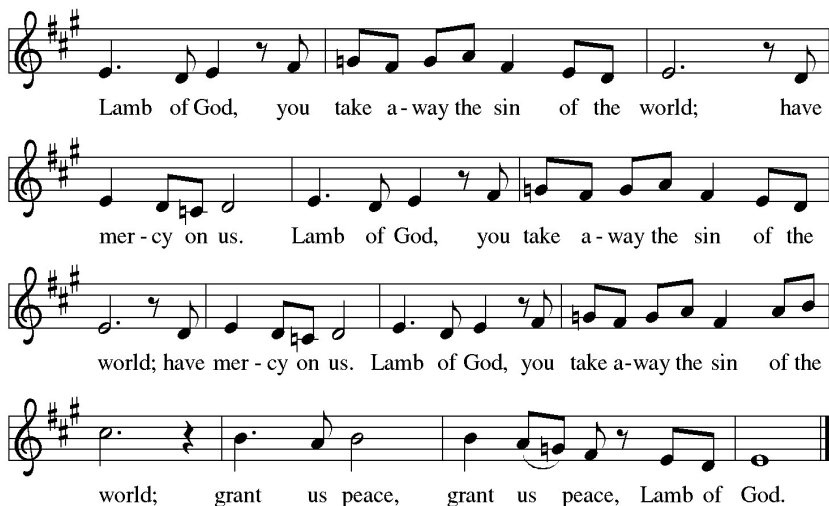
and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus, who is for all people regardless of origin, invites every single person without exception to this holy meal in his name. Join your siblings throughout the world in the bread and wine that is Jesus present with us, and be united into the Body of Christ now and forever.

Thanks be to God

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

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 #1: *Around You, O Lord Jesus* (ELW 468)

**Around you, O Lord Jesus,
your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us
with grace our lives to fill.
You say to us so lovingly,
"Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!"**

**We hear your invitation,
and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation
is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart;
it brings to us your blessing,
which never will depart.**

**We are your own forever;
until our final breath
we will be true and never
in joy, in grief, in death
depart from you, for you are still
among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.**

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. composite

Music: H. Thomisson, Den danske Psalmegob, 1569

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Communion Hymn #2: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (ELW 470)

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them;
alleluia, alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.**

**As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
alleluia, alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.**

**All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve with faith anew.**

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.

Music: Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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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

**Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord,
We have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.
Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word
And to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

**O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains,
Forever shall abide!**

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Marche Heroique” by Alfred Herbert Brewer

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, Invitation to Communion (© Clergy stuff)

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism (All Creation Sings hymnal, ELCA)

+ Call to worship, Prayer of the day, (© 2025 Teri Peterson. Usage rights granted to BibleWorm subscribers at the LiturgyWorm Level and higher (<https://patreon.com/biblewormpodcast>):

+ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Notes:

Sir Alfred Herbert Brewer (1865 - 1928) was an English composer and organist. As organist of Gloucester Cathedral from 1896 until his death, he contributed a good deal to the Three Choirs Festival for 30 years. Brewer lived in Gloucester his whole life. He was the organist at two of its churches and founded the city's choral society in 1905. He had been a Gloucester Cathedral chorister in his boyhood and began his organ studies there under C. H. Lloyd. He was educated at the Cathedral School, Oxford and was the first organ scholar at the Royal College of Music. In December 1896 he succeeded C. Lee Williams (1852-1935) as organist and choirmaster of Gloucester Cathedral. His pupils there included Ivor Novello, Ivor Gurney and Herbert Howells. Brewer was knighted in 1926. As a composer, Brewer was fairly conservative. His output includes church music of all types, cantatas, songs, instrumental works, and orchestral music. His Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in D major are in the standard repertoire of Anglican church music. An organ work, Marche Héroïque, is also revived from time to time and was heard at the televised 1979 funeral of Lord Mountbatten.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 5th Sunday of Easter

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
May 18th 9:30 AM	<i>Joan Bradley</i>	<i>Ken vonBargen Bruce Markert</i>	<i>Solomon Betcher</i>



Today's altar flowers are given by Lucy Hargrove who says "Thanks for helping".



Let's Wish Happy Birthday To:

John Bertone, Jr.	May 18	Diana Kolar	May 23
James Ulrich	May 18	Matthew Kolar	May 23
Fred Fendt	May 20	Christopher Donovan	May 24
Joanne Icken	May 20	Donald Icken	May 25
Robert Briggs, Sr.	May 22	Alicia McKeon	May 28
Rylan Carpenter	May 23	Claire Brusie	May 30
Heather Hargrave	May 23	Kristen Stoecker	May 31



WORSHIP SERVICES—May 2025 The organ prelude and preparatory time for worship begins approximately ten minutes before each service.

Sun, May 18 (5th Sun of Easter) Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Sun, May 25 (6th Sun of Easter) 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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Notes & Images of faith: Use this blank space to write down and/or draw things that caught your attention during worship. Was there a line in the Bible readings or a hymn that spoke to you? Was there something that happened that you want to remember? Or maybe a prayer came to mind for you? Write or draw it here. Share it with others (as well as Pastor Jen)