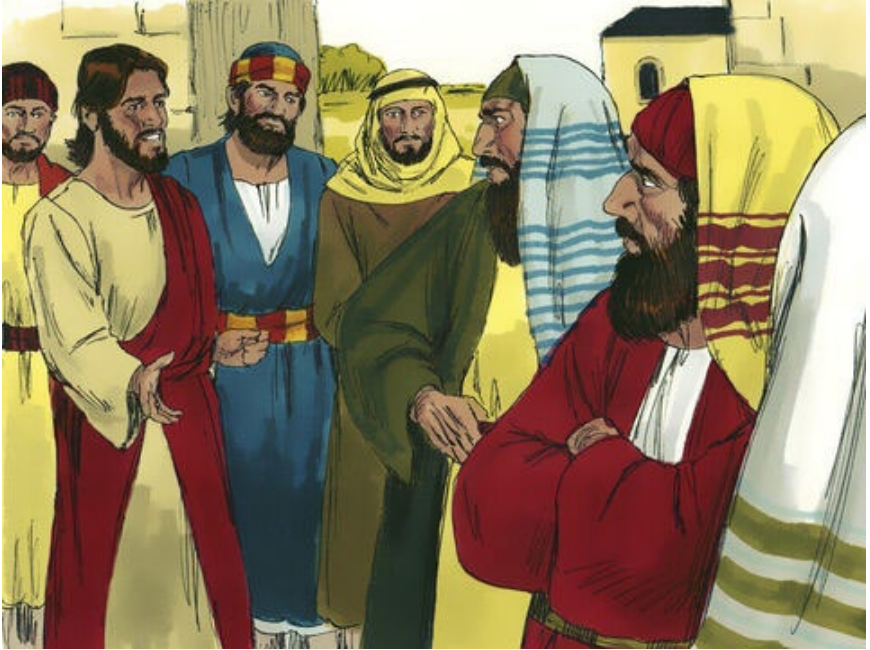


*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



6th Sunday of Easter

*May 25, 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/UCBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?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 condemned Peter for separating himself from the Gentiles for political reasons. Paul taught that justification came only by one putting faith in Christ, not by the works of the law. The saving work of Christ is already done. We can set our sights on doing our best and moving through the world unafraid of failing or getting it wrong.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: ““I Know You Are Mine” Benjamin David Knoedler

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen—

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Through the faith of Christ,

we live and walk his way.

Through the power of the Spirit,

we put away the former things and are transformed.

Through the grace of God,

we are set apart and called to proclaim the good news.

We have been crucified with Jesus, and are made new.

Jesus now lives in and through us.

There is nothing we can do to earn salvation.

Jesus gives us salvation without our asking.

We are freed to serve God out of gratitude, and not obligation.

Let us live in this freedom, and work for God’s love and justice

in all the earth.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As we live in the unending grace and love that God gives us, we are joined to Christ in the waters of baptism and clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism

A brief silence

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your 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 your salvation through 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: *We Walk by Faith* (ELW 635)

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near.
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke,
"My peace be with you here,"**

**We may not touch your hands and side;
Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.**

**For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine;
Beneath the water and the word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**

**And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

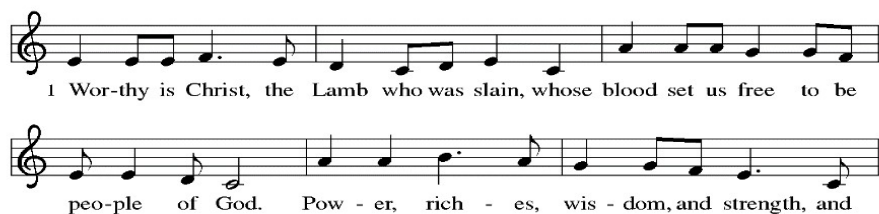
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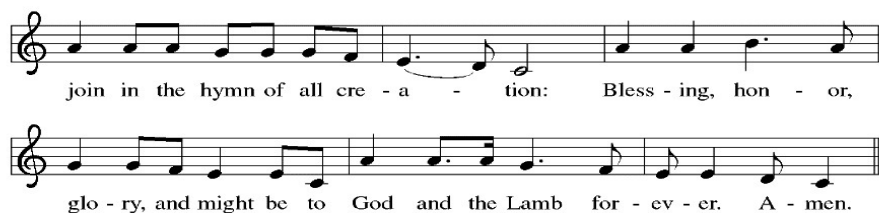
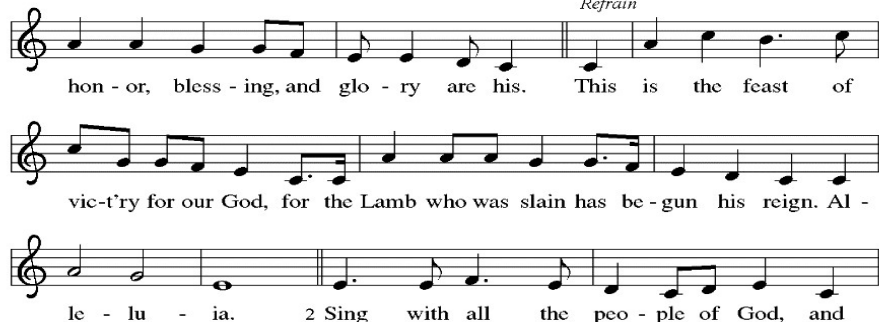
The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast

Refrain



Refrain



Final refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Reveal yourself to us today, risen Christ!

**And move us from where we have been
into the future you have in mind.**

**Make us zealous for your grace and glory,
for your beloved community that brings all peoples together.**

We ask in your most holy name. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

CHILDREN'S SONG

ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELUJAH!

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELU! ALLELUJAH!

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PRAISE YE THE LORD!

+ WORD +

Readings: Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterward I returned to Damascus.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood self-condemned, for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?"

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,¹ who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

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: Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *That Priceless Grace* (ELW 591)

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace which gave me life;
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me;
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away;
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,
that priceless word which brought me light;
Jesus' word is priceless grace:
That priceless grace is life for me.**

Text: Emmanuel F.Y. Granstson, b. 1949

Music: Ghanaian traditional

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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

Strengthen those who are persecuted for their faith. Bring peace and stability to their lives and communities, and end all violence in the name of religion and otherwise. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Bless creation, the work of your hands. Fill us with awe at the majesty of all that you have made, and ever remind us of our dependence on it, that we might care for and preserve it for its own sake and ours. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Thank you for the astonishing and beautiful diversity of the world's peoples. Help us to learn from different perspectives rather than force our own on everyone else, for the enrichment of all our lives. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Abide with all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **Mary, Shaun, Ursula, Robert, Joyce, Megan, Kate, Martin, Kyle, Anna, Bruce ... and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Send them your courage, healing, and wholeness, that all might bear witness to your mercy and grace. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Help us to set our egos aside and care for one another. Rather than compete with one another, help us to work collaboratively to ensure that all have their basic needs met. Holy and wonderful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Bless the memories of those who have gone before us, and help us to honor their lives by living faithfully in our time. On this Memorial day weekend, we especially remember all those who served and died in the military. We take a moment of silence to honor them ...(pause). 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: "Justified" Benjamin David Knoedler

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

Faithful God, you have provided all we need to survive and thrive in our day-to-day life. **We now return to you a portion of your gifts, in order that all of creation might also thrive as we do. 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.

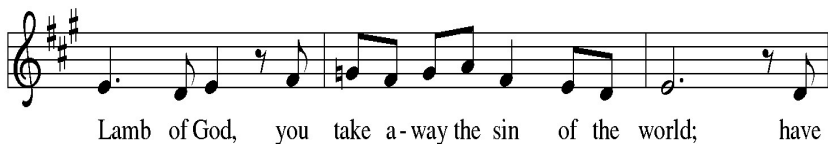
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, in whom we have been crucified, and who now lives in each one of us, calls us to the table of mercy, and feeds us on his own body and blood. Come and dine, for all is prepared. **Thanks be to God**

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: *I Received the Living God* (ELW 477)

Refrain:

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

**Jesus said: "I am the Bread, kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me need not ever fear to die."**

[Refrain]

**Jesus said: "I am the Way, and my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home to be one with him anew."**

[Refrain]

**Jesus said: "I am the Truth; come and follow close to me;
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free."**

[Refrain]

**Jesus said: "I am the Life, far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know."**

[Refrain]

Text: Anonymous

Music: Anonymous

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Communion Hymn #2: We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW 479)

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us;
still we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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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: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

[Refrain]

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

[Refrain]

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, , 1839-1929

Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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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: “Be Thou My Vision” Benjamin David Knoedler

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:

Composer and pianist **Benjamin David Knoedler** (b. 1996) is quickly becoming established in the world of sacred music. He has published over 50 pieces with major publishers throughout the United States. His compositions have been featured on numerous recordings, and in large venues in the United States, Europe, and Asia. His choral music is published by Beckenhorst, Lorenz, Choristers Guild,, and Majesty Music.. His choral piece "A Child's Prayer" won first place in the Vancouver Chamber Choir's Young Composers' Competition in 2017. His major work for choir and orchestra, THE CELESTIAL CITY, was premiered in 2020 He also works with children's and adult choirs in the Greenville area.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 6th Sunday of Easter

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
May 25th 9:30 AM	<i>Kathie Ruhs</i>	<i>Ralph Rudolph Charlie Germain</i>	<i>Jonathan Sciarra</i>



Today's altar flowers are given by The Bettcher Family in memory of anniversary of Jessie-Ann's heart transplant; also given by Chris & Sandy Sciarra in celebration of their daughter Victoria's graduation from college and for all those who are graduating this year. Congratulations Victoria and God's blessings always.



Donald Icken
Alicia McKeon

May 25
May 28

Claire Brusie
Kristen Stoecker

May 30
May 31



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

Sun, May 25	(6th Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, June 1	(7th Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, June 8	(1 st Sun of Pentacost)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, June 15	(Holy Trinity)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, June 22	(2 nd Sun of Pentacost)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, June 29	(3 rd Sun of Pentacost)	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)