

# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Brewster, NY*



*September 12, 2021*  
*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost*

*Welcome as we gather together 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.*

*Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page*  
<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>

*The service will be posted on our YouTube page*  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber)

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 “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or her personal email (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

*Our weekly emails are also posted on our website:*  
<http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress> .

***Precautions:*** Wearing masks is optional for those who are vaccinated, but we ask that you continue to maintain distance if you are unsure of someone's vaccination status as well as when you are around children not from your own household.

***Setting up:*** Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

***Introduction:*** God created humanity in God's image—in the image of the Creator. We were made to create, build, and contribute to this world.

***Check in:*** Please make sure that you have checked in with the usher that we may maintain our contact tracing list if it becomes needed.

## **Prelude**

*Choralis Adventionis "In the Beginning" Franklyn Commisso*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**For the God who broods over the chaos  
meets us in this place.**

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust  
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**For the God who dared to become human  
meets us in this place.**

In our seeking, we discover Christ who awaits us with arms widened by grace. We humbly pause in God's presence to confess all those ways that we have failed to live into the beloved image of Christ.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Creator of all things, **we have failed to care for all that you have made. We have squandered resources and oppressed others. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Teach us how to be steward of your creation with care and nurture. Amen.**

Our God will always love all that God has made. Although we sin, God forgives. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, granted as a gift from a loving God. In the name of the Father, and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”* ELW 684

Creating God, your fingers trace  
The bold design of farthest space;  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
And what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
Earth’s myst’ries known or yet untold;  
Let water’s fragile blend with air  
Enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
All now despised for creed or race:  
Let peace, descending like a dove,  
Make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, you gospel claims  
One family with a billion names;  
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace  
Until we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rosthorn, b. 1934

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Creator God, You have created us in your image. Teach us to create, build up, and contribute to this beautiful world you have made that we may reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christs our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**+ WORD +**

**Reading: GENESIS 1:1-2; 4a**

### **SPEAKER ONE (1)**

**1** <sup>1-2</sup> First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a

bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

<sup>3-5</sup> God spoke: "Light!"

And light appeared.

**God saw that light was good**

and separated light from dark.

God named the light Day,

he named the dark Night.

**It was evening, it was morning—  
Day One.**

**SPEAKER TWO (2)**

<sup>6-8</sup> God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters;  
separate water from water!"

God made sky.

He separated the water under sky  
from the water above sky.

And there it was:

he named sky the Heavens;

**It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Two.**

**SPEAKER THREE (3)**

<sup>9-10</sup> God spoke: "Separate!

Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place;  
Land, appear!"

And there it was.

God named the land Earth.

He named the pooled water Ocean.

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>11-13</sup> God spoke: “Earth, green up! Grow all varieties  
of seed-bearing plants,  
Every sort of fruit-bearing tree.”

And there it was.

Earth produced green seed-bearing plants,  
all varieties,  
And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts.

**God saw that it was good.**

**It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Three.**

**SPEAKER FOUR (4)**

<sup>14-15</sup> God spoke: “Lights! Come out!

Shine in Heaven’s sky!

Separate Day from Night.

Mark seasons and days and years,  
Lights in Heaven’s sky to give light to Earth.”

And there it was.

<sup>16-19</sup> God made two big lights, the larger  
to take charge of Day,

The smaller to be in charge of Night;  
and he made the stars.

God placed them in the heavenly sky  
to light up Earth

And oversee Day and Night,  
to separate light and dark.

**God saw that it was good.**

**It was evening, it was morning—**

**Day Four.**

**SPEAKER FIVE (5)**

<sup>20-23</sup> God spoke: “Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life!

Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!”

God created the huge whales,

all the swarm of life in the waters,

And every kind and species of flying birds.

**God saw that it was good.**

God blessed them: “Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean!

Birds, reproduce on Earth!”

**It was evening, it was morning—**

**Day Five.**

**SPEAKER SIX (6)**

<sup>24-25</sup> God spoke: “Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:

cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds.”

And there it was:

wild animals of every kind,

Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.

**God saw that it was good.**

<sup>26-28</sup> God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them

reflecting our nature

So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,

the birds in the air, the cattle,

And, yes, Earth itself,

and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings;



he created them godlike,  
Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.  
God blessed them:

“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!  
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,  
for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

<sup>29-30</sup> Then God said, “I've given you  
every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth  
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,  
given them to you for food.

To all animals and all birds,  
everything that moves and breathes,  
I give whatever grows out of the ground for food.”

And there it was.

<sup>31</sup> **God looked over everything he had made;  
it was so good, so very good!**

**It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Six.**

### **SPEAKER SEVEN (7)**

Heaven and Earth were finished,  
down to the last detail.

<sup>2-4</sup> By the seventh day  
God had finished his work.

On the seventh day  
he rested from all his work.

**God blessed the seventh day.**

**He made it a Holy Day**

Because on that day he rested from his work,  
all the creating God had done.  
This is the story of how it all started,  
of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-5**

The holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

# SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

*Please stand as you are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Morning is Broken"* ELW 556

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praises for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning!  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, we confess our faith

**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 humbly lift before you all those prayers for the church, the world and all those who are in any need.

*A brief silence*

O Lord, you said, “Let it be,” and it was so. And it was good. Remind us of the power of words to create, to build up, and to break down. May your good always be our guide. Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Light and dark, oceans and land, fish and creeping creatures—all owe their existence to you. May we never forget that we also were brought forth by your creative hand, as we carry out our duty to care for all that lives and relies on our faithful stewardship for its continuance.

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort, O Lord, those who still bear the inner and outer wounds of the September 11 tragedy. When events too great to comprehend threaten to overwhelm us, remind us that you are still great enough and compassionate enough to hold this entire world in the palm of your hand. Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Just as your spirit first brought our clay to life, so now breathe your healing into all who crave wholeness. We pause now to pray for all those in our hearts and on our lips (pause)...as well as **those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

All creation sings your praise, O Lord: that which has gone before and that which has yet to be. Join us eternally with our

sisters and brothers living in your light perpetual, that we may one day join hands again as your heavenly family. Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Pastor:* You speak the word, and it is so. Receive our prayers and give us such hope in your promises that we never hesitate to ask, knowing that you hear us when we say, **Amen!**

## **PEACE OF THE LORD**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)*

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

*We offer all our gifts to the Lord. We thank Franklyn Commisso for sharing his musical gifts with us today. If you are interested in sharing your own gifts, please contact Franklyn.*

*Additional offerings may be placed in the offering plate and/or given through our online offering option on our website: <http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org>*

**Anthem:**

*"There Was a Man Sent from God"* Franklyn Commisso

*Please stand as you are able*

**INVITATION OF STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER**

You call us to be faithful stewards of all that you have created.  
We share from the bounty of our blessings in this moment.

**We bring to you, Lord, gifts out of the abundance you have created for us. Receive our gifts, and use them to continue making this world all that it can be. We thank you for your creativity and your endless love, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth  
and all who dwell therein,  
we give you thanks for all that surrounds us.

**We thank you for making us  
but a little lower than the angels,  
children of your grace.**

We are grateful for your mercy,  
**forgiving our human pride  
and our blindness to those in need.**

We rejoice in the hope and salvation  
**found in the person of Jesus Christ,  
who shared our earthly suffering and joy.**

We remember Christ's death,

**celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection,  
and seek to follow in Christ's way,  
serving those around us.**

In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit,  
**we offer ourselves to your service  
as we unite our voices to glorify you.**

At this table we recall the night...

...By partaking at this table,  
**we proclaim Christ's death,  
celebrate Christ's resurrection,  
and await Christ's return.**

Creator of all, we long for your Spirit  
**come among us and bless this meal**

Make your Word take flesh in us

**Awaken your people**

fill us with your light

**bring the gift of peace on earth**

All praise and glory be to you now and forever. **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**

The Lord has created everything and everyone equal and worthy of all God's blessings. Come to the table of Jesus' sacrifice, made lovingly for all that God has made. Come, this feast is prepared for you. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Communion Hymn**

*"Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453*

We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
To a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
Endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things,  
And by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
Precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in God's grace now and forever. **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 Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## + SENDING +

### Mission and Ministry Announcements

*The assembly stands*

#### **BLESSING**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

*"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" ELW 771*

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
Infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance  
Through the silent fields of space;  
We, your children in your likeness,  
Share inventive pow'r with you,  
Great Creator, still creating,  
Show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
Since the childhood of our race;  
Know the ecstasy of winging  
Through untraveled realms of space;  
Probed the secrets of the atom  
Yielding unimagined pow'r,  
Facing us with life's destruction  
Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
May it challenge us anew  
Children of creative purpose,  
Serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
Each endeavor well begun,  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
Till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*

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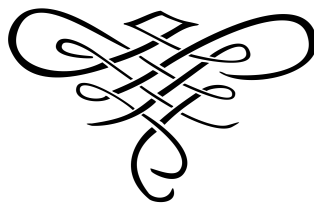
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

### ***Postlude***

*"For the Law Was Given by Moses"* Franklyn Commisso



## **Worship notes:**

Portions of the worship service has been adapted by Pastor Jen from the following resources: Call to worship (Katherine Hawker, Liturgies Outside); Introduction, Confession, Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (@Clergy stuff); Eucharistic prayer, Post-communion prayer (ELW); Invitation of stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);

## **Music Notes:**

Franklyn wrote Vox Clamat on the ministry of John the Baptist for the Pace University Glee Club in 1972. It opens with the words of John 1: 1-5. The piece was recorded after the Pace tour of Jamaica, W.I. It was performed in full at Hope United Presbyterian Church where Franklyn first served as Minister of Music.

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are given by:

Dawn Marinich in recognition of her daughter Macie's eighteenth birthday and with prayers that God may watch over her and continue to bless her. Happy Birthday Macie!!

<b>TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services</b>			
<b>September 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Sept. 12	9:30	Lois Lawrence	Dorothy Kafalas