

Trinity Lutheran Church



Brewster, NY

November 21, 2021
Christ the King

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

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: When Israel found herself conquered and exiled, there was only one thing left: hope in the form of a savior named “Wonderful Counselor...”

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

Adagio from Quintet #5 in Bb Johann Friedrich Peter

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP

In search of light in times of darkness
and consolation in times of struggle,

as we celebrate in times of joy
and rejoice in God's presence,

let us worship

the Wonderful Counsellor,

the Prince of Wholeness,

the Bringer of Peace.

Let us worship God.

We come humbly into God's presence, seeking the mercy and grace of Christ. We long for the fullness of life that God creates and offers for all. And so, we pause to confess all those ways that we have not lived into the image of God in which we are created.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Lord God, you invite us out of darkness
into the light of your love.

We confess today

that sometimes we prefer the darkness.

We prefer what we know,

we resist the less familiar

but still you call us and promise us something different.

God forgive

our lack of faith

that keeps us from wholeheartedly following you,

our lack of vision

that keeps us from imagining what you lay before us,

our lack of hope

that keeps us from expecting greatness.

Forgive us, Lord, and open us up to possibility,

open us up to trusting and to daring to believe that

still, you have the power,

still, in the face of all that speaks otherwise,

you have the power to make all things new.

And God,

as you awaken that trust in us,

awaken too a boldness to join you

in that kingdom work. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Christ's church and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, the Christ Is King ELW 430

1) Rejoice for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;

REFRAIN:

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2) Our Savior Jesus reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our
stains,
He took his seat above:

REFRAIN

3) His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:

REFRAIN

4) He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit
And bow to his command
And fall beneath his feet:

REFRAIN

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

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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

God of hope, **You spoke a word of hope to Israel, refugees in search of a home. Renew in us your vision of your people restored. Amen.**

Please be seated

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to join Pastor Jen in the front as they feel comfortable in doing so.

SENDING SONG: *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus, from God's throne on high
Came on earth to laugh and cry
Rose to live and never die:
Jesus, from God's throne on high.

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

+ WORD +

READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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 8:12

The holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

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

Creator of the Stars of Night ELW 245

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blessed mother mild.

At your great name, O Jesus now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: Plainsong mode IV

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Please be seated

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 pause to humbly lift before you, O Lord, all those prayers for the church, the world and all those who are in any need.

A brief silence

Isaiah's vision still sounds as far away to us as it must have for his listeners. Forgive us when we despair, and plant within us renewed passion for the work of your Spirit. Zealous God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those around the world who walk in darkness daily—for victims of war, violence, abuse and abduction, displaced refugees, the unjustly imprisoned, and all who are tempted to despair, we pray, O Lord. Find a way to reach them with the light of hope, in whatever way, through whatever means possible, and use us as ambassadors for equality, freedom, and justice. Zealous God, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all those who dedicate their lives in service to others, to the relief of suffering and the implementation of justice. Strengthen their witness, uphold them, and give them rest when needed. Zealous God, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with those who bear daily burdens, be it mental or physical illness, fear of homelessness or hunger, or other challenges which test their resilience. Surround them with your presence and guide them to the help they need. We especially lift up... (pause)... **Tom, Kristen, David, Josh, Kyle, Maisa, David, Danny as well as those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Zealous God, **Hear our prayer.**

Whoever follows you, O Lord, will never walk in darkness. Shine your eternal light upon all your faithful servants, still living or alive in your resurrection, and surround them evermore with your blessing. Zealous God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: Into your gracious hands we place all our prayers, on behalf of a world seeking your grace. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

Please be seated as the gift of music is offered for the glory of God. Use this time as moments of prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org



Anthem:

*“Unto Us a Child Is Born” **Johann Friedrich Peter***

Please stand as you are able

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

You are our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. As we worship and praise you this day, we offer up these signs of our faith.

We offer these gifts in response to the word of hope you continue to speak. Allow us to hear your word that inspires us to give of ourselves for the sake of your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will

And to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed...do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension and the promise to come again,

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
**And with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants
and these your gifts of bread and wine,**
So that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
**And receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as
your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints**
To you, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy
church, 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

God promised a savior, and then sent his son, Jesus, who is
named "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.” Jesus did come to save, and we share in his blessing when we share the meal of forgiveness and salvation. Come, the table is set.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This is God’s table and all are welcome! You will be invited forward by the usher; we’d ask that you wear your mask while doing so. Pastor Jen will put the wafer in your hand and the assistant will give you a pre-filled cup of wine. Please return to your seat before partaking of this meal of grace.

If anyone has difficulty in coming forward, indicate to the usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn

Eat this Bread ELW 472

“Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never by hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.”

Text: Taize Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both, great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude

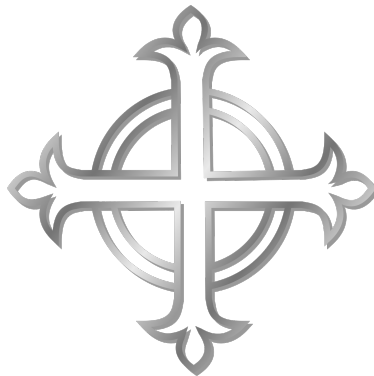
Allegro from Quintet #5 in Bb Johann Friedrich Peter



Worship notes:

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

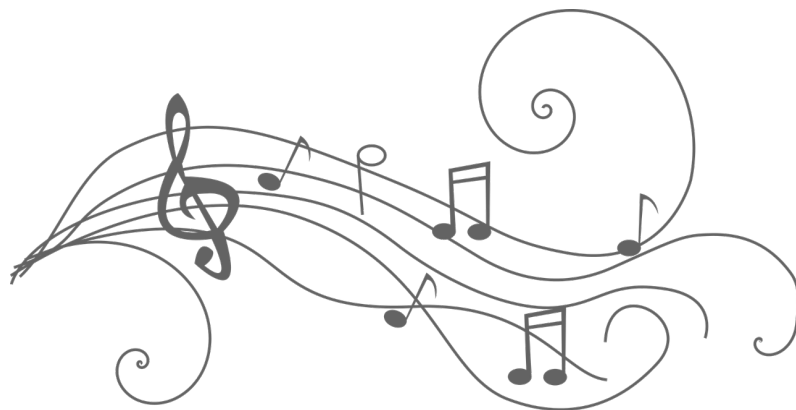
- + Call to Worship, Confession (Spill the Beans, vol. 24);
- + Introduction, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, (@Clergy stuff);
- + Absolution, Eucharistic prayer (ELW);
- + Post-communion prayer (All Creation Sings);
- + Call to worship, Invitation to Communion, Invitation of Stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);



Music Notes:

Johann Friedrich Peter (born Heerendijk, Holland May 19, 1746 - died Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1813) was an American composer of German origin. Peter was educated in Holland and Germany before coming to America with his brother Simon in 1770. He began to compose music for the church shortly after his arrival in America and for a time served as an organist and violinist in the Moravian congregations of Nazareth, Bethlehem and Lititz in Pennsylvania before eventually going to Salem, North Carolina in 1780 in the same capacity. He married Catharina Leinbach in 1786 in Salem, North Carolina and lived there until their departure in 1790. He died at the organ in Bethlehem Central after a Children's Service.

All of Peter's known compositions are sacred concerted vocal works or anthems composed for worship services with the exception of the string quintets. His six string quintets for two violins, two violas, and a violoncello are among the earliest examples of chamber music known by a North American composer. He wrote a symphony in G with four movements.



Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Carol & Fred Fendt in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.



TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services			
November 2021			
Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Ushers
Nov. 21	9:30	Charlie Germain	Don Icken
Nov. 28	9:30	Kathie Ruhs	

November Birthday Wishes To:

Georgina Marek, 11/21
Erin Minieri, 11/21
Lamorna Coyle, 11/22
Cindy Simon, 11/22
John Nicoletti, 11/24
Brian Harlin, 11/25
Ken Mongold, 11/25

Tatum Bettcher, 11/26
John Young, 11/26
Bruce Foley, Sr., 11/28
Kristina McKenzie, 11/29
Stephanie Howard, 11/30
Lyn Stoecker, 11/30

