

# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

*Brewster, NY*



*November 28, 2021*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent*

*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:*** Israel was exiled, and it looked like it was going to be for a long time. God's invitation to the people came with a promise: build a new life for themselves, and when they searched for God, God would be found.

***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**

*"Jesu, Priceless Treasure"* John Varley Roberts

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **ADVENT WREATH LITANY (Peace)**

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

**God of Promise, come into our darkness.  
Renew your hope and your peace in us,  
for you alone bring life out of death.**

Receive God's promise of peace from Psalm 4:  
Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
The LORD will hear when we call to him.

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.  
We will lie down and sleep in peace,  
For you alone, O LORD, make us dwell in safety.**

*Light the candle of peace*

“O Come, O Come Emanuel” ELW #257, vs. 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

### **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

O Lord of peace, You are the light that shines into the dim places of our hearts to bring peace and grace. We pause in these moments, as we prepare to fully worship you, to name those ways in which we have not shared the peace of Christ with others.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**Healing God, We come into this house broken and lost. We bring our worries and our fears. We bring the weight of having acted out in ways that hurt others, you, and ourselves. We wonder if there will ever be a time when light will find us. Forgive what we have done and heal us, for the sake of the one who gave everything for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God offers light and healing. God invites us into a new way of being. Despite our sin, God forgives. Receive and welcome God’s forgiveness, for you are made clean and whole again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*Evening and Morning ELW 761*

Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace and gladness, comfort in sadness;  
These are your works, rich in glory divine!  
Times without number, awake or in slumber,  
Your eye observes us, from danger preserves us,  
Causing your mercy upon us to shine.

Gracious Lord, hear me, pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors,  
That justified in your sight I may stand.  
Order my goings, direct all my doings,  
Guard me and guide me and stay close beside me;  
All I commit to your fatherly hand.

Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;  
Though billows tower and winds gain power,  
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e'er increasing and peace never ceasing;  
These shall I treasure and share in full measure  
When in your mansions you grant me a place.

To God in heaven all praise be given!  
O God, we offer and gladly proffer  
Gifts from your hand; these along you will prize;

Hearts that receive you and faith to believe you;  
Hymns that adore you are precious before you  
And to your throne like sweet incense arise.

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Music: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-1676

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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.**

## KYRIE

### Kyrie Refrain

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for all  
the unity of all;

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Kyrie Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Kyrie Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Kyrie Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **Kyrie Refrain**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of restoration, **When the Israelites were exiled, you invited them to accept a new normal. Show us how to move**

**forward when it seems all is lost. We call out in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:**

Love, love, God is love  
All who live in God  
Live in God and God in them  
And have eternal life

(Tune: Row your boat; Herb Brokering © Augsburg Fortress)

**+ WORD +**

## **READING: JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-14**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to



Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.


Word of God, word of life!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able*

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## GOSPEL: JOHN 14:27

The holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

*When Peace Like a River ELW 785*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN:

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed, his own blood for my soul.

REFRAIN

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

REFRAIN

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul.

## REFRAIN

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Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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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 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*

We do not always like what we are being asked to do, O Lord. Life is one way and we would like it to be another. We're not in the right place, doing the right thing at the time we would prefer. Show us, Lord, that where we are now is exactly where you need us to be, and assure us of the blessings which you have promised. Comforting God, **Hear our prayer.**

You give us a peace which the world cannot, O Lord. Discourage us from seeking after temporary assurances or flimsy hopes. Instill generosity within us during a season that can often become a frantic scramble to take care of our own concerns. Open us to the unfolding mystery of your presence among us. Comforting God, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for a time to pause in gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. We thank you for family, for food and

shelter, for friends and neighbors and our church community. Bless all those who find themselves alone on holidays, whether by choice or otherwise, and make of us one great human family. Comforting God, **Hear our prayer.**

There is more suffering in the world than we can sometimes comprehend, and yet you hold us all in the palm of your hand. Pour out your healing spirit on all who cry to you. Send a special blessing this day to... (pause) and those we lift up today, **Brian, Kara, Charlie, Matt, Laurie, Kyle, Megan, and Manny as well as those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Comforting God, **Hear our prayer.**

Like saints before us who waited on the fulfillment of your word, we find our peace in your faithfulness to all generations. Uphold us with your promises still, and assure us of our place among the heavenly throngs who adore you eternally. Comforting God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We have asked, and you have heard. Surround all those for whom we pray with your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*



## **Anthem:**

*“Seek Ye the Lord” John Varley Roberts*

*Please stand as you are able*

## **INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER**

We gather as your people to honor and praise you. May the gifts we share this day bring glory to your name.

**Even when we are lost or broken, we know that healing comes when we reach out, rather than isolate, give, rather than withhold. So, we bring our offerings to you in the hope that abundant blessings come not only for us, but for those who benefit from these gifts that we offer. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

**Blessed are you for the birth of creation.**

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

**Blessed are you for your promise to your people.**

Blessed are you in the prophets' hope and dreams.

**Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.**

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh

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

With the bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

**We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.**

We look with hope for Christ's coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

**Come among us. Bless this meal.**

May your Word take flesh in us.

**Awaken your people, fill us with your light.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth

**Come, Holy Spirit**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

**Word of God incarnate,**

Power of the Most High, one God, 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 promises to restore the lost and broken to a place of being found and healed. Both can be found in the sharing of this meal, where community and wholeness meet. Come to the table, this feast is prepared for you. **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**

Bread of Life, Our Host ELW 464

Bread of life, our host and meal,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Christ by faith, to see and feel,  
Feed us with your love.

Bread now break and wine now pour,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore;  
Feed us with your love.

Grant forgiveness in the feast—  
Jesus, feed us—  
For the greatest and the least;  
Feed us with your love.

Thank you for this gift we share.  
Jesus, feed us.  
Save God's children ev'ry where;  
Feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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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**

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have been graced by your presence, O Lord, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **+ SENDING +**

### **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

*The assembly stands*

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven ELW 864*

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
Joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised for grace and favor  
To our forebears in distress.  
God be praised, the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, as mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!

Angels sing in adoration,  
In God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

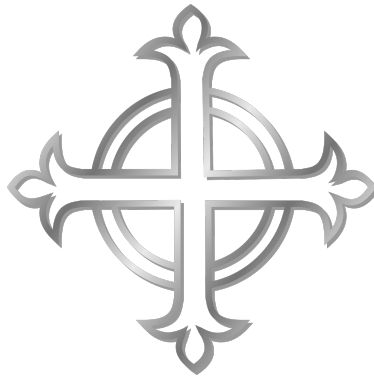
## **Postlude**

*Postlude in F John Varley Roberts*

## **Worship notes:**

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

- + Advent wreath prayers (*© 2013 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, [www.revlisad.com](http://www.revlisad.com)*);
- + Introduction, Confession & forgiveness, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, , Invitation to Communion (@Clergy stuff);
- + Eucharistic prayer (ELW); Post-communion prayer (Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth Duck);
- + Invitation of stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);



## **Music Notes:**

John Varley Roberts (1841-1920) was an English choirmaster, organist and composer. He spent most of his career at Magdalen College, Oxford. At the age of 12, John Varley Roberts was appointed organist of nearby St John's, Farsley. He then went to study at the recently opened York and Ripon Diocesan Training College for Masters. In 1862 he became organist of St Bartholomew's, Armley. At this time, Roberts wished to marry Elizabeth Yates Jane Maning, daughter of the Vicar of Farsley. The couple later eloped together. They were married in May 1866 at Ilkley Parish Church with no member of her family signing the register. Their one child, Gertrude, was born in 1868. In 1871, having matriculated at Christ Church College, Oxford, he was awarded the external degree of BMus from the University. He graduated DMus five years later in 1876, The same year that he became a Fellow (honorary) of the College (later the Royal College) of Organists – the highest honor and qualification for an organist, then as now. The DMus was conferred upon him after a performance by the Halifax Parish Church choir of his cantata Jonah, with text by the Vicar of Hipperholme and Headmaster of Heath Grammar School, the Reverend Thomas Cox. In 1882, Roberts was elected Organist at Magdalen College, Oxford. Varley Roberts composed some forty anthems, four complete services, organ solos, songs, part songs, and the cantata Jonah already mentioned in connection with his 1876 DMus. While at Halifax he composed the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord", which according to Clay in his History of the Music of Halifax Parish Church 'made known his name unto the ends of the earth'.

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers:

Are given by Dorothy Kafalas in celebration of her granddaughter Elizabeth's birthday which is today (Nov. 28th) and by Kathie Ruhs in gratitude for God's abundant blessings and in celebration of her grandson Dylan's nineteenth birthday (Nov. 24th). Happy Birthday to you both and God's blessings always!

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

**November Birthday Wishes To:**

Bruce Foley, Sr., 11/28  
Kristina McKenzie, 11/29

Stephanie Howard, 11/30  
Lyn Stoecker, 11/30

