

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



December 12, 2021

3rd 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

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's people were exiled and had lost everything—except God's word. As long as they continued to speak and hear the word of God, that word would accomplish its purpose—the restoration of Israel one day.

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

Gespraech der Hirten zu Bethlehem Michael Praetorius

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

ADVENT WREATH LITANY (Hope)

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, your peace, and your joy in us,
for you alone bring life out of death.**

Receive God's promise of joy from Psalm 28:

Praise be to the LORD

For he has heard my cry for mercy

The LORD is my strength and my shield

My heart trusts in him, and I am helped

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song

Light the candle of joy

“O Come, O Come Emanuel” (ELW #257, vs. 3)

O come, O come, O Lord of might,
As to your tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times you gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

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 left undone. Renew your hope within 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 the name of the Father and of the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW 777

“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
Drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
You would come to me and live.”

Refrain:

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
Give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
There is joy no tongue can tell.

“Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
Come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
At this table be my guest.”

Refrain

“Come to me, believers burdened;
Find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
Turn to me and seek my face.”

Refrain

“Come to me, repentant sinners;
Leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
Turn to me, I call your name.”

Refrain

“Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
Come, your open hands extend.”

Refrain

“Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
Lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer
Let me make in you my home.”

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of restoration and new life, **when Israel had lost everything, you reminded them they still had one thing: your word. Help us to speak and listen for your word so that it might accomplish its purpose as it was revealed through 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: ISAIAH 55:1-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

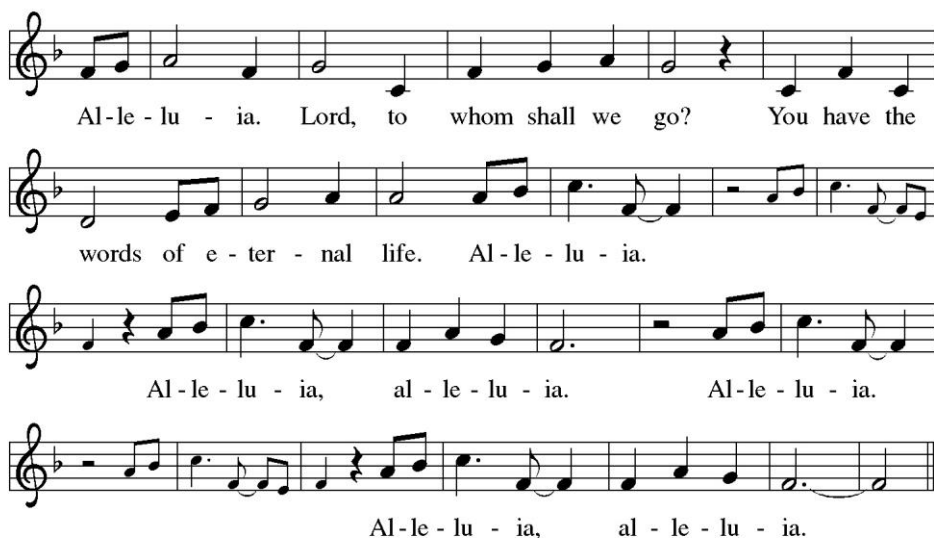
Word of God, word of life!

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 4:13-14

The holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal 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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW 272

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow'r so bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.

True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Music: *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange*, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

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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

Your ways are indeed not our ways, dear Lord, and yet we so often prefer our own. Your epic vision of a radical deliverance for all is sometimes more than we can comprehend, and perhaps even more than we are willing to accept. Turn our hearts to you again, and give us your own eyes to see the world which you have made. Benevolent God, **Hear our prayer.**

As the rain and snow come down from heaven, so shall your word be unleashed throughout the earth, to accomplish all that you envision. May we neither avoid nor stand in the way of

your powerful purposes, but rather be your agents of change and mouthpieces of proclamation of behalf of your gospel. Benevolent God, **Hear our prayer.**

We await your coming, O Lord, not only in this season of Advent, but also your eventual return to restore your creation to yourself. Inspire us to proclaim your promises to all who need to hear them. Benevolent God, **Hear our prayer.**

The water that you give can quench thirst for eternity. Give us this life-giving refreshment when we thirst for healing, wholeness, and restoration. Offer your cup of living water to all who have particular needs, and whom we name before you... (pause) especially **Bonnie, Michael, Brigette, Tim, Jill Russo's Dad, Thomas, Daniel, Michael, Lauren as well as those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**
Benevolent God, **Hear our prayer.**

With your witness, David, and with all the saints who testified to your glory and who lived and died in you, we also add our voices, trusting that you will empower us as you did them. Benevolent God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: You are all-powerful, and yet you incline your ear to our smallest concerns. God of compassion, receive our prayers and bless our journey as we walk in your ways. **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

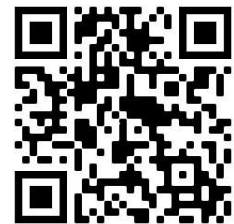
And also with you.

(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:

“Ein Kind geboren zu Bethlehem” Michael Praetorius

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. You have given us all that we need for this life, God, and so much more! **You provide for our needs and bless us beyond measure. May our gifts we offer here be a sign of the gratitude that overflows in us as your beloved children. Use these as a word of hope for all who turn to you for help. 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

The rains water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the hungry. God has provided this meal, and we gather with gratitude for all God offers. Come to the table hungry, and leave with a word on your lips: God's word of hope and love. **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

Now We Join in Celebration ELW 462

Now we join in celebration
At our Savior's invitation
Dressed no more in spirit somber,
Clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence,
Putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us,
With his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather,
Fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
Are for us the sure possessing

Of your loving deed on Calv'ry
Of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence,
Foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion
As one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother,
One in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
Serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy
Till you come in final glory.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990

Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

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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

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 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.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, 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

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

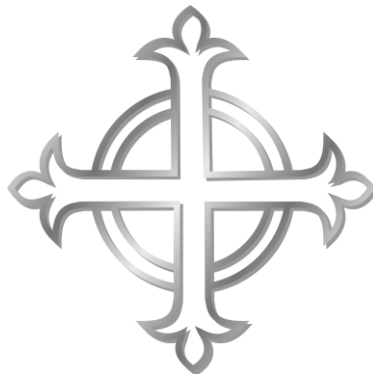
Postlude

"En Natus Est Emmanuel" Michael Praetorius

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*);
- ✦ Introduction, Confession & forgiveness, 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:

Michael Praetorius (1571 –1621) was a German composer, organist, and music theorist. He was one of the most versatile composers of his age, being particularly significant in the development of musical forms based on Protestant hymns. Praetorius was born Michael Schultze, the youngest son of a Lutheran pastor, in Creuzburg, in present-day Thuringia. After attending school in Torgau and Zerbst, he studied divinity and philosophy at the University of Frankfurt (Oder). He was fluent in a number of languages. After receiving his musical education, from 1587 he served as organist at the Marienkirche in Frankfurt. From 1592/3 he served at the court in Wolfenbüttel, under the employ of Henry Julius, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg. He served in the duke's State Orchestra, first as organist and later (from 1604) as Kapellmeister.. His best-known composition is our hymn of the day, “Lo, how a rose.”





Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by:

Lois & Dave Wise (Lawerence) in gratitude to God for their double blessing.

| TLC – Serving Schedule for Worship Services | | | |
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| December 2021 | | | |
| Date | Time | Assisting Minister | Ushers |
| Dec. 12 | 9:30 am | Charlie Germain | Connie Lanotte Boldish |
| Dec. 19 | 9:30 am | Kathie Ruhs | Don Icken |
| Dec. 24 | 4:00 pm | Don Icken | Lois Lawerence |
| Dec. 24 | 8:00 pm | Joanne Halbekath | Connie Lanotte Boldish |
| Dec. 26 | 9:30 am | Ralph Rudolph | Lois Lawerence |

December Birthday Wishes To:

Meagan Beal, 12/12
Marisol Langke, 12/12
Cassandra Wise, 12/12
Kevin Wise, 12/12
Joe Bettcher, 12/13
Susan Kolar, 12/15
Freyja Smith, 12/15

Vivienne Howard, 12/16
Barbara Von Bargaen, 12/17
Tyler Lee, 12/19
Susan Megaro, 12/19
Karen Nicoletti, 12/19
Tony Baggetta, 12/23
Laurie Bell, 12/27

