

Trinity Lutheran Church
Brewster, New York



January 23, 2022
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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.

You are invited to worship with us each Sunday as we gather at 9 am & 10:30am in person as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

The service also will be posted on our YouTube page https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqgPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?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: With the recent increase in the number of Covid cases, we are asking that people once again wear masks. We do have extra masks for those who need them. 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: For those who are joining us virtually, 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. Use the time of the prelude to center your heart and your attention on worshipping Christ.

INTRODUCTION

A Jewish leader seeks Jesus under cover of night to ask him the questions which plague his mind, safe from the criticism of his colleagues. What he gets is an education in keeping things hidden.

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.

We are using Setting 4 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The complete order for worship, is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in bold. Hymns are in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, in the rack in front of you. If you require an enlarged print bulletin or an assistive listening device, please ask an usher.

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.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Andante in Ab Sir John Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP/ CONFESSION

God, you loved this world so much

that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ

to live and die among us,

in order that we might have life.

As we turn to you in this time, we confess
that our lives do not always reflect this love
and so we pause to name our sins before you now.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of generous grace,

Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves,

for jealously hoarding your generous gifts,

for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.

Teach us what it means to live as children of the light,

generously sharing your abundance

with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new by the love and grace given by God the Father, and the + Son and the Holy Spirit **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God Loved the World ELW 323

**God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All who confide in Christ alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**If you are ill, if death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins that you have done,
And justified by Jesus' blood,
Your baptism grants the highest good.**

**All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!**

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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.**

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Light of the world, **You sent Nicodemus by cover of night to learn from Jesus, and Jesus shone a light on the darkness many were living under. Shine your light on us so that we may be beacons for others, shining the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star

Jesus, Jesus, little one
Lord of morning star and sun
Lord of what is near and far
Lord of tiny distant star
Jesus, Jesus, little one
Lord of morning star and sun

Jesus, Jesus, in the night
Lord of darkness, Lord of light
Lord of Jupiter and moon
Lord of summertime and noon
Jesus, Jesus in the night
Lord of dark, Lord of light

+ WORD +

READING: PSALM 139:13-18

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,

answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, **'How can these things be?'** Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

***The Church of Christ, in Every Age* ELW 729**

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
Beset by change, but Spirit-led
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat,
And never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise,
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed,
Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.**

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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 raise our prayers in this time as a witness to the Word of God that dwells in the midst of the church, the world and all those in any need.

A brief silence

We bring our doubts, our questions, our confusion before you, O Lord, knowing that nothing is foolish or unworthy of your time. Give us faith to trust your counsel and to learn from the messengers which you have sent throughout the ages. God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

We are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made, along with your whole creation. Open our eyes to the wonders of this world, and humble us to be taught by all of nature, that we might learn respect and responsibility. God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

So often the darkness suits us better than the light, when we hide in the shame of our memories, our shortcomings, our misdeeds. Bring us into the open where forgiveness is real and redemption is the cleansing our souls desire. God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us daily chances to be reborn in you. Bless our lives and our loved ones with your healing presence, especially those whom we name before you... *(pause)* as well as **Thomas, Danny, Kathie, Shaun, Josh, Robert, Ed, Wanda, Cliff, Jeff** as well as those who **have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

We are by no means the first to question, to wonder, to misunderstand. Generations have done so before us, and have found their peace in you. Join us with all the saints of every age, in your eternal communion where light shines perpetually. God of wisdom, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: Hear our prayers, O Lord, and make of us the very answers we seek, light to the world and hope for your people. **Amen.**

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, 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
 By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
 And so with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In response to God's infinite love and boundless grace
We rejoice and give thanks at all times and in all places

To the one who created order out of chaos

Who penetrated the night of sin with the light of the world,
whose light cannot be overcome by human resistance

We thank you, God, living Spirit,

For sending a star to guide the wise to Christ

But even more we praise you for the signs and witnesses

In every generation that lead us to your Christ.

We thank you that Christ identified with sinners,

Preached good news to the poor,

Proclaimed release to those shackled by ignorance, prejudice, and
injustice,

And brought life and immortality to light by living the gospel life.

Words of Institution

For we remember....do this in remembrance of me.

We bless you for the gifts that you have lavishly given us:

For new definitions of power and wisdom,

For removing the estrangement of sin,

For inviting all to faithful discipleship,

For promising courage in the struggle for justice and peace

For your presence in trial and rejoicing

For the sacrament of your extravagant love,

And for inviting us to dwell in your presence forever.

Mighty God, we worship and praise you

With magi and shepherds, apostles and martyrs,

We sing your glory

At the name of Jesus, let every knee bow,

Every tongue confess,

And every heart join in the song of witness. Amen

And so, remembering all that we have been given, we are bold 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 gave us this house as a place to worship. Jesus gave us this holy meal as a way to experience the presence of God. Come to the table. All is ready. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated

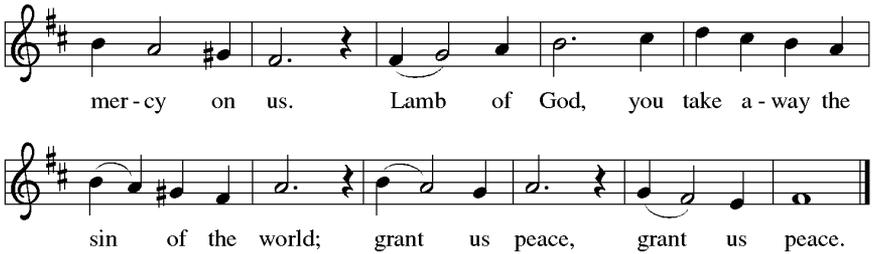
Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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; please remain masked as you do so. Pastor Jen will put a wafer in your hand and the assistant will hand out a prefilled cup of wine (grape juice is available for those that would prefer it; please indicate that to the assistant).

Please return to your seats before partaking of it.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven ELW 474

Refrain:

**Bread of life from heaven your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

**Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
Give thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
In Christ's presence the loaves will abound. Refrain**

**Seek not the food that will pass away;
Set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
That the fullness of life may be yours. Refrain**

**Love as the one who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more. Refrain**

**Dwell in the one who now dwells in you,
Make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
And believe in the truth you have heard. Refrain**

**Drink of this cup and declare his death;
Eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
Praise the one in who you are reborn. Refrain**

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God,
that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life,
you give us food for our journey.
As you led the magi by a star,
as you brought the holy family home again,
guide us on the way unfolding before us.
Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim

good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

The assembly stands

BLESSING

Response: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come ELW 314

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Impromptu in e Sir John Stainer



Worship notes:

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

- ✦ Confession(Christine Longhurst, **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** website),
- ✦ Introduction, Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (@Clergy stuff);
- ✦ Eucharistic prayer (Touch Holiness: resources for worship ed. Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi);
- ✦ Post-communion prayer (ELW);
- ✦ Invitation of stewardship (Pastor Jen Boyd);



MUSIC NOTES:

Sir John Stainer (1840 –1901) was an English composer and organist whose music, though seldom performed today (with the possible exception of The Crucifixion (containing our anthem, still heard at Passiontide in some churches of the Anglican Communion), was very popular during his lifetime. His work as choir trainer and organist set standards for Anglican church music that are still influential. He was also active as an academic, becoming Heather Professor of Music at Oxford. Stainer was born in Southwark, London, in 1840, the son of a schoolmaster. He became a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral when aged ten and was appointed to the position of organist at St Michael's College, Tenbury at the age of sixteen. He later became organist at Magdalen College, Oxford, and subsequently organist at St Paul's Cathedral. When he retired due to his poor eyesight and deteriorating health, he returned to Oxford to become Professor of Music at the university. He died unexpectedly while on holiday in Italy in 1901.



Today's Flowers are Given by:



Don & Joanne Icken in loving memory of his mother, Caroline Icken.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: Sunday, January 23rd

	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:00 AM	Bruce Markert	Don Icken
10:30 AM	Kathie Ruhs	Dorothy Kafalas

January Birthday Wishes To:

Jennifer Morello, Jan 24th
Thomas DeMarchi, Jan 25th
Kyle Steike, Jan 25th

Daniel Minieri, Jan 27th
Heather Larocchia, Jan 29th
Anna Trieller, Jan 31st



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