Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, New York



THE TRANSFIGURATION

February 27, 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 & 10:30 am 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/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: While the mask mandates have been lifted in NYS, we are encouraging people to still 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

The Pharisees couldn't understand how a sinner that works on the sabbath could also perform miracles like healing a man born blind. They would have to wrestle with this inconsistency of thought.

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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Jack Gale
"Maple Leaf Rag" Scott Joplin
"Down by the Riverside" arr. Zane Van Auken

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP/ CONFESSION

Jesus calls us into this house of worship.

We come with open ears, minds, and hearts.

We allow Jesus to challenge our assumptions,

And we grow in faith and understanding.

As we gather, may our eyes be opened to your grace

And may we live as your offering of grace to others

As we turn to you in this time, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your Word 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.**

CELEBRATION PROCESSION

Give God the glory! Forgiven and loved without end, we celebrate the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. We march with joy here that we may learn to live into the glory of God in the world. Come, let us sing praises to the Lord our God! **Thanks be to God!**

During the hymn, Children and adults are invited to process around the worship space, to come receive a sign of baptism—a cross on your forehead, to receive celebration beads, to dance in the aisles...
Celebrate!

GATHERING HYMN

"O When the Saints Come Marching In" This Far by Faith 180

Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather 'round the throne, oh, when they gather 'round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

Oh, when they crown him King of kings, oh, when they crown him King of kings, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him King of kings.

And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day, O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Healing Lord, When Jesus healed the man born blind, the Pharisees didn't know how to interpret the signs. Open our hearts so that we may receive what you offer—healing, faith, and new life. 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 Jupitar and moon Lord of summertime and noon Jesus, Jesus in the night Lord of dark, Lord of light **READING: PSALM 27:1-4**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. $\ensuremath{\mathbb{O}}$ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John the 9^{th} chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; but in order that God's works might be revealed in him, we must work the works of him who sent me. While it is day, night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

"Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some were saying,

Women: "It is he."

Others were saying,

Men: "No, but it is someone like him."

He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him,

"Then how were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him,

"Where is he?"

He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said,

Women: "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath."

But others said,

Men: "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?"

And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man,

"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders; for the Jewish leaders had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him,

"Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him,

"What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying,

"You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him,

"You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?"

And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said,

"Lord, I believe."

And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

"Surely we are not blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see,' your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

The assembly stands

HYMN OF THE DAY "Do, Lord, Remember Me" This Far By Faith 178

Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, remember me; do, Lord, do, Lord, do, remember me; do, Lord, do, Lord, do, remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.

When I'm in trouble, do, remember me, when I'm in trouble, do, remember me, when I'm in trouble, do, remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.

When I am dying, do, remember me, when I am dying, do, remember me, when I am dying, do, remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.

I've got a home in glory land; do, remember me, I've got a home in glory land; do, remember me, I've got a home in glory land; do, remember me; singing do, Lord, remember me.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident in your abundant grace, O Lord, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

When we close our eyes to your possibilities, we willfully remain in a prison of our own certainty. Flood our darkness, O God, with the brilliance of your freedom and mercy. Light of the World, **Hear our prayer.**

With mud and water you restored a blind man's sight. Reveal to us the restorative powers of your created world, all that exists to make us whole and fill us with abundant life. Light of the World, **Hear our prayer.**

Forgive us for all the ways we blind ourselves to the truth: avoidance, willful ignorance, stubbornness, and delusion. Lead us away from harmful habits and perpetual self-absorption. Light of the World, **Hear our prayer.**

As you stirred up the healing waters of Siloam, so stir your spirit in us that we might also be restored. Bestow your healing hand upon all who need it. We pray especially today for... (pause) as well as Loretta, Manny, Robert, Roger, The Parraggio Family, Kyle, Maisa, Holly as well as those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Light of the World, Hear our prayer.

Like the saints who now walk in light perpetual, we seek a closer communion with you. Shine brightly through our lives as you did through theirs. Light of the World, **Hear our prayer.**Here other petitions may be offered silently, aloud or online in the comments.

Pastor: Heal us, teach us, embrace us, and hear the prayers of our hearts, O Lord. For your mercy is great and given freely to all. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please he 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 by mailing them to the church office or by donation online via our website:



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Anthem:

"To the Work" Fanny Crosby

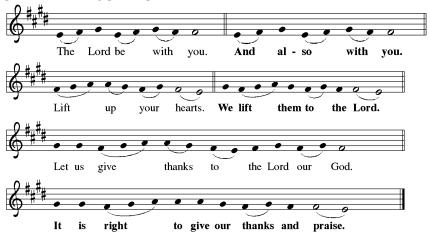
Please stand as you are able

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

We place these gifts before the Lord in thanksgiving for all that has been entrusted to us.

We are grateful, Lord, for all that you have given to us. We celebrate all the ways you challenge us to learn, grow, and give. Today we rise to the challenge and bring the best of what we have to offer. Bless these gifts so we may continue to grow in understanding, and so that others may be blessed through them. Amen.

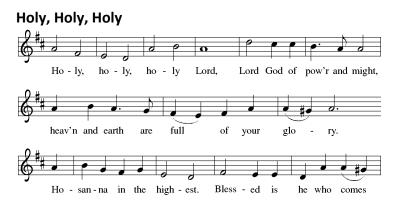
GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface

It is indeed right, our responsibility and 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:





EUCHARISTIC 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.

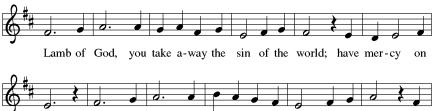
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

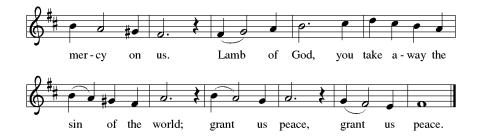
When Jesus healed on the sabbath, he showed the world there was a different way to live—with conviction, compassion, and openness. As we come to the table, we open ourselves to new ways of worshiping, living, loving, and being. Bring all of yourself to this meal that has been prepared for you. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated





us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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 HYMNS

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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"This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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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

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Just as Jesus set his face for Jerusalem,
We set our eyes towards Lent
As our focus shifts
May our hearts follow
As we seek to follow Jesus
May our lives rest fully in the Lord
We set aside our songs of alleluia for the season
Focusing on the cross of Christ
Mindful of our need for grace
And our longing for the everlasting love of God
May we hear the echoes of alleluia

When we approach to morn of Easter again

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness" ELW 318 (verses 1 & 3)

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high; In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below; Alleluia our transgressions make us for a whole forgo; For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: John Goss, 1800-1880
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BLESSING

Response: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"We Are Marching In the Light of God" ELW 866

We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat) We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching, We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are dancing in the light of God, We are dancing in the light of God, (Repeat)
We are dancing, dancing,
We are dancing, dancing,
We are dancing in the light of God, (Repeat)

We are praying in the light of God, We are praying in the light of God, (Repeat) We are praying, praying, We are praying, praying, We are praying in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are singing in the light of God, We are singing in the light of God, (Repeat) We are singing, singing, We are singing, singing, We are singing in the light of God. (Repeat)

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
Music: South African traditional; arr. Freedom Is Coming,
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Wabash Blues" Fred Meinken



Worship notes:

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

- + Confession (Christine Longhurst, <u>Canadian Foodgrains</u>
 <u>Bank</u> website),
- → Introduction, Call to worship, Prayer of the Day Absolution, 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, Farewell to Alleluia litany (Pastor Jen Boyd);



MUSIC NOTES:

The problems of health and age did not deter the blind hymn writer, Fanny Crosby (1820-1915), from using all of her gifts to work for the Lord. It is she who penned the words of this week's hymn. She challenged those who would sing this hymn to "follow the path that our Master has trod." And she reminded us to "labor till the Master comes." We are to herald the tidings "salvation is free!" as we exalt and share the love of our Father. And then she reminds us that when our work here on earth is ended, our home in eternity will be our reward. And so, I believe it is also an appropriate time for us to reevaluate our labor and work for the Lord. Indeed, we are servants of God and let us "do with our might what our hands find to do" for the Lord. Be refreshed and encouraged to toil on for Him in the months ahead. 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord". What a blessed honor and responsibility we have to work for Him. The tune for this powerful hymn is by William H. Doane (1832-1915), an industrialist and philanthropist from Connecticut. He was also a staunch supporter of evangelistic campaigns and a

prolific writer of hymn

tunes.

Our deepest appreciation to Trinity Brass for their uplifting contributions:

- ✓ William Lemak Christopher Melito- Patrick Harris trumpets
- Jack Titcomb trombone



Today's altar flowers are given by:

Kathie Ruhs in loving memory of her husband Larry whose birthday was the end of February (2/29 really). Missing you!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: Sunday, February 27th

	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:00 AM	Jo-Ann Nestor	John Bertone
10:30 AM	Kathie Ruhs	

February Birthday Wishes To:

Lori Van Vlack, Feb 29



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