

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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: Wearing masks is now optional but we are encouraging you to wear them around children and if you are unsure of someone's health status. We do have extra masks for those who need them. Other safe protocols remain in place for the time being.

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.

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.

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.

*The order for worship is Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 8. The complete order for worship, is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in bold. Hymns are in ELW, in the rack in front of you. If you require an enlarged print bulletin or an assistive listening device, please ask an usher. **PARENTS:** Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.*

INTRODUCTION

Paul met the people where they were when he addressed them at the Areopagus in Athens. He brought them on the journey of the story of Jesus by starting at their starting line.

+ GATHER +

Prelude:

Fantasia on Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, we come together to worship,
a people who would like to think that we love you
with all our hearts and souls,
with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives
that clamor for our attention
that we often relegate you to Sundays
and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one
in whom we live and move and have our being.
We really do want to hear your voice
above all of the other voices in our lives.
But we get bogged down in the daily routine.
We forget who we are.
We forget who you are.
We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today,
with our human foibles
and our short attention spans,
asking that you would make yourself known to us,
that you would help us to recognize

the presence of the Holy,
that you would continue to challenge us,
inspire us,
and make us into the people you want us to be.

GATHERING HYMN

***O Zion, Haste* ELW 668**

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

Refrain:

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above. *Refrain***

**He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
Make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
Let none who he has ransomed fail to greet him,
Through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain***

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Music: James Walch, 1837-1901

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GREETING

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon - or,

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

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all wisdom, **Paul knew how to sit with people in their own reality before bringing them along the journey of the story of Christ. Teach us to honor people's journeys with grace and respect. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

Children's Song:

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia...Praise ye the Lord

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia...Praise ye the Lord

Praise ye the Lord...alleluia

Praise ye the Lord...alleluia

Praise ye the Lord...alleluia

Praise ye the Lord

+ WORD +

READING: Acts 17:16-34

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babblor want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world

and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:16-18

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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:

He Comes to Us as One Unknown ELW 737

**He comes to us as one unknown,
A breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred,
A pulse of being stirred.**

**He comes when souls in silence lie
And thoughts of day depart;
Half-seen upon the inward eye,
A falling star a cross they sky
Of night within the heart,
Of night within the heart.**

**He comes to us in sound of seas,
The ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze,**

**A wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home,
A voice to call us home.**

**He comes in love as once he came
By flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame
A life, a death, a saving name,
For ev'ry child of earth,
For ev'ry child of earth.**

**He comes in truth when faith is grown;
Believed, obeyed, adored;
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,
As yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Savior and our Lord,
Our Savior and our Lord.**

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith

**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

Your servant, Paul, is a model for approaching the other and sharing the gospel in a spirit of generosity and openness. May we follow his lead and respectfully accompany those whom we serve, rather than preaching without listening or insisting that others agree with us. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We too are your offspring, O Lord, created in your very image to give glory to you. Forgive us when we try to re-create you in an image of our own choosing, for reasons which do not honor you, and return us to our true identity as your children. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

There are fewer and fewer places like the Areopagus, where each may share their own experience and have their views heard and accepted. We are quick to judge, disqualify, and justify rather than opening

ourselves to being transformed in the presence of one another. Expand our horizons to include more than just those who agree with us, and whom we consider part of us. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

When assumptions and self-righteousness are released, healing can begin. Free us of all that holds us prisoner without our realizing it, and make us agents of your renewal. Bless today those whom we bring before you, especially... (pause) as well as **Michael, Charlie, Laurie, Kristen, David, Kyle, Joseph, Justin, those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

We are a motley and diverse group, your saints. Thank you for making us different from one another, yet united in your love and redeemed by your salvation. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We have indeed received grace upon grace from you, loving God. Accept these our prayers and use them to transform hearts and lives. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others. Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you always

And also with you

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

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 donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org



+ MEAL +

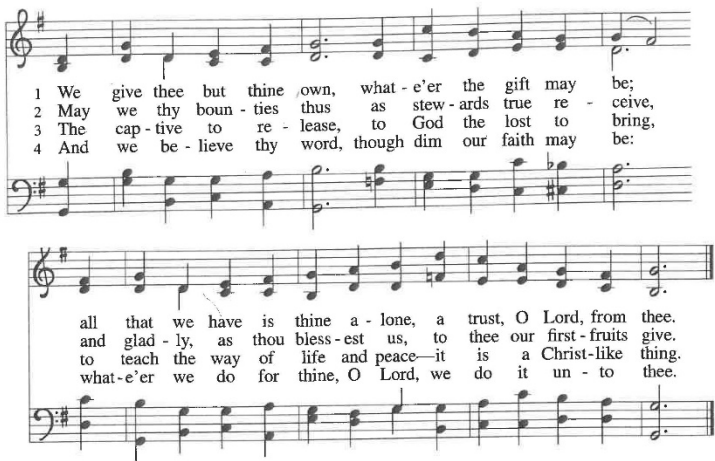
Anthem:

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Offering Song:

Hymn #686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

686 We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY PRAYER

As we gather in worship, we express our thanks to God in music, prayers and proclamations of our faith. We humbly pause to offer these gifts the sake of God's mission in the world.

In you we live and move and have our being, holy God. **We can do nothing apart from you. Even these gifts we offer were first granted to**

us through your grace and generosity. Accept these gifts teach us to continue your work as we meet people where they are. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 right, 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy

You alone are God

The universe declares your praise

Beyond the stars; beyond the seas

Within each cell; with every breath

We praise you, O God

Generations bless your faithfulness

Through the water; by night and day

Across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future

We bless you, O God

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

At the heart of human life; near to those who suffer

Beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now

We thank you, O God

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

Remembering his love for us

On the way, at the table, and to the end,

We proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

We pray for the gift of your Spirit

In our gathering

Within this meal

Among your people; throughout the world

Blessing, praise and thanks to you

Holy God, through Christ Jesus,

By your Spirit, in your church, without end. 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.**

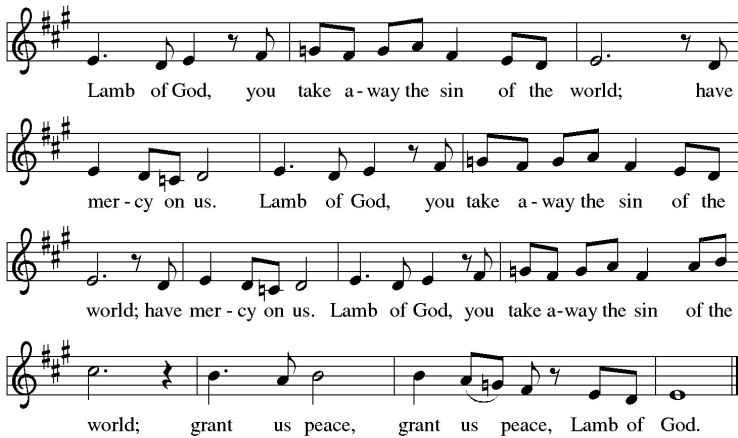
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has prepared a place for all people at God's table. Come and feast upon the life-giving love and grace of Christ. Your invitation awaits!

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God



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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

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. You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Pastor Jen will place a wafer in your hand and the assistant will give you a pre-filled glass with wine (grape juice is available; please indicate to Pastor Jen if you would like that). You may either partake of it there or when you return to your seat. The cups may be disposed in the trashcan when you leave. Communion is offered at stations by the baptismal font.

Communion Hymn:
***I Come with Joy* ELW 482**

**I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here,
Alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy to give the world
The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*Words for additional Communion hymns may be found on the card
inside the back cover of your hymnal.*

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

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy SBH 493 (ELW 587 text)

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,
And a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands**

**Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify its strictness
With a zeal God will not own.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus
It is something more than all;
Greater good because of evil,
Larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
Let us take you at your word,
And our lives will be thanksgiving
For the goodness of the Lord.**

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: Calvin Hampton, 1938-1984

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DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Wedding Tune for Anne Ralph Vaughan Williams



Worship notes:

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

- + *Introduction, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer (@clergy stuff)*
- + *Call to Worship (Katie Cook, Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000.)*
- + *Invitation of stewardship, (Pastor Jen Boyd);*

Music Notes:

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958) was an English composer. His works include operas, ballets, chamber music, secular and religious vocal pieces and orchestral compositions including nine symphonies, written over sixty years. Strongly influenced by Tudor music and English folk-song, his output marked a decisive break in British music from its German-dominated style of the 19th century. Vaughan Williams was born to a well-to-do family with strong moral views and a progressive social life. Throughout his life he sought to be of service to his fellow citizens, and believed in making music as available as possible to everybody. He wrote many works for amateur and student performance. He was musically a late developer, not finding his true voice until his late thirties.

WELCOME VISITORS!

Please sign the guest register and complete a Record of Communion card.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE May 15, 2022; 5th Sunday of Easter

	Assisting Minister	Usher
9:00 AM	Jo-Ann Nestor	Charles Germain
10:30 AM	Joanne Halbekath	

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Nelida Guinyard, May 15
Michael Stringer, May 15
John Bertone, Jr., May 18
James Ulrich, May 18
Fred Fendt, May 20
Joanne Icken, May 20
Robert Briggs, Sr., May 22
Diana Kolar, May 23

Matthew Kolar, May 23
Christopher Donovan, May 24
Don Icken, May 25
David Wise, May 27
Claire Brusie, May 30
Kristen Stoecker, May 31
Maisa Tompuri, May 31





Today's altar flowers are given by Joan Bradley with prayers to God for World Peace; and by Kathie Ruhs with gratitude to God for the gift of her beautiful granddaughter, Jenna, who turned seventeen on May 11th. Happy Birthday Jenna!



Sun, May 15	Holy Communion, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Sun, May 22	Holy Communion, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Sun, May 29	Holy Communion, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Sun, June 5	Holy Communion, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

AS A PEOPLE OF GOD, WE DESIRE TO EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES
THAT WE MIGHT BE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

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