# Tríníty Lutheran Church Brewster, NY



November 27, 2022 9:30 AM **Welcome** as we gather 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.

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.

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 for worship in person or through our social media channels. They may also contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken inperson service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website (links at the end of the bulletin)

**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

The complete order for worship is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in **bold**. Music for the hymns are in ELW (red hymnal) 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.* 

Setting 4 reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #14214-ELW. Reprinted from Words for Worship, © 2015 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Scripture quotations from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. All rights reserved. Used by permission. **INTRODUCTION:** The prophet Habakkuk saw violence and destruction all around him. Yet he chose to rejoice in a God of strength, beauty, and love.

### + GATHER +

Prelude: Chorale Prelude Jacob van Vleck

### Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP/CONFESSION We stand on the watchpost Waiting for God's vision. The time has been appointed. The vision is sure. No matter what happens, We will rejoice in God.

As we come before our God, we bow humbly to confess the times when we have not lived into the image in which we have been created. We pause to confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Radiant God, You have come to live among us, yet we fail time and again to see you in the faces of our neighbors. We look to ourselves instead of those in need. We seek the shallow comforts of things we can buy instead of the deep and lasting comfort of your presence. Forgive our stubborn refusal to see, and open our eyes to the joy and wonder of your incarnation. Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. The God of boundless grace forgives you all your sins, renewing your spirit for the sake of Immanuel, God with us, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** 

# GATHERING HYMN: O God, Thou Faithful God ELW 806

O God, my faithful God, true foundation ever flowing, Without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: Give me a healthy frame, and may I have within A conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing Whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling— To do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless Whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling; Guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling; But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak, Then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.

When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless; Help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless; Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small, And, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.

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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.** 

# First Sunday in Advent: Hope

Today we begin the Advent journey in search of hope. We search for hope, straining for a sign of God's reign We look for that moment where we might proclaim as the prophet Habakkuk did:

For there is still a vision for the appointed time...if it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come (Hab. 2:3)

(Lighting the first candle)
O God, we light the first candle of Advent.
We light the candle of hope.
Trusting in the hope promised by God
Gazing towards the horizon
Believing in the new life to be born among us
O, come Emanuel and be with us

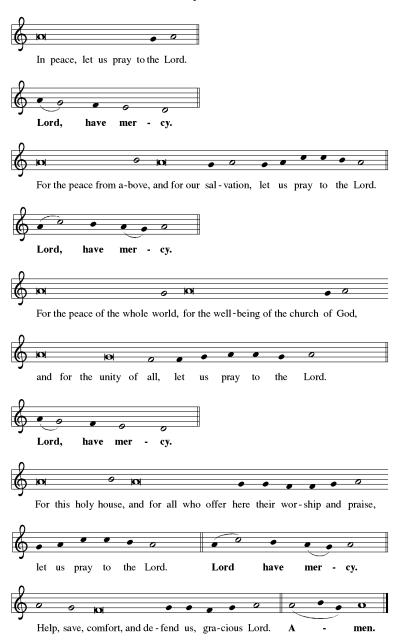
Let us pray together:

Light of our World, we hope for change in our own lives and in your world. We wait for war to end. We wait for violence to cease. We wait for your people to live with more love. In the warmth of your Light, we wait for hope to be revealed more fully. We wait together by the light of this candle, trusting always in the hope revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sing O Come, O Come Emanuel ELW #257 (vs. 1 only)

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

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel Kyrie



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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

# **Children's Sermon**

# Pastor Jennifer Boyd

I've got the heavenly hope from God Almighty down in my heart (where?) down in my heart (where?) down in my heart, I've got the heavenly hope from God Almighty down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart to stay.

# + WORD +

# READING: Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:1-4; 3:2-4, 17-19

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

- <sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
- Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?
- <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
- Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
- <sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

- <sup>5</sup> Look at the nations. and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision: make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. O LORD, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work. In our own time revive it: in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
- <sup>4</sup> The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden.
- <sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;

# though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;

though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,

# <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord;I will exult in the God of my salvation.

<sup>19</sup> God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

Word of God; Word of Life Thanks be to God

### THE ASSEMBLY STANDS



# **Gospel Acclamation**

# GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:36-38

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

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: All Earth Is Hopeful ELW 266

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task; This, the labor of people who struggle to see How God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel"; She conceived him, "God with us," our brother whose birth Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; New highways opened, new protocols declared. Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace! All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today had come to live In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

Confident in the promises of our covenant God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### A brief silence.

Faithful God, Habakkuk spoke wisely when he praised your name, even in the midst of despair. Make us ever mindful of our own despair, and teach us how faith can defeat even the most grievous suffering. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

Make us thoughtful caretakers of all that you have made. Remind us that your promises are tangible, often made real and revealed through the people and the things that you have created. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

Give wisdom and hope to all who lead, that they might govern with justice and mercy, and in the full knowledge of your presence and guidance. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

Pour your healing upon all who suffer, who are ill, who grieve, or who need the promise of your presence in their lives. We pray especially today for...(pause) as well as for **Robert, Joseph, John, Mary, Helen, Lisa, Danielle and all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

Let us not forget at this time of hustle and bustle, that there are those in your midst whose need is greater than ours. Help us to provide where we are able. Help us to ask where we have need. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

With joy we remember the saints for the blessed ways they have modeled faith. May we follow their example until we feast together in eternity. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.** 

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

*Pastor:* Into your hands, O Lord, we commend these prayers – spoken aloud and whispered in our hearts – trusting in your divine will revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

### SHARING OF PEACE

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

You are invited to share signs 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.

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

# Offering

You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for 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: <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>)



### + MEAL +

### Anthem: "I Will Rejoice in the Lord" Jacob van Vleck

**OFFERING SONG**: *God, Whose Giving Knows No End* ELW #676 (vs: 1 and 3 only)

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In living echoes of your tone; As you have sought, so let us seek Your straying children lost and lone.

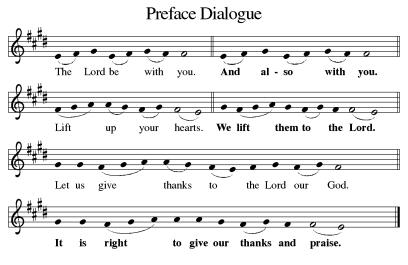
Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The precious truths which you impart; And wing our words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

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# STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

God we rejoice in you no matter our circumstances. With generous hearts we offer what we can for the life of the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

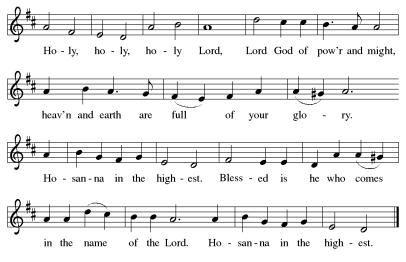


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# **PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed our right, 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. You comforted your people with the promise of a Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy



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# EUCHARISTIC 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 who 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 his 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

We pray with and for all people, joining in the prayer Christ taught, saying...

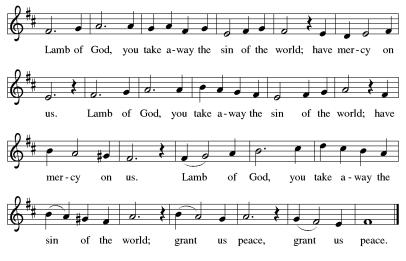
### LORD'S PRAYER

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, 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, our strength, makes our feet like the deer, and makes us tread upon the heights. Let us come to the table with joy, and share in the feast that is Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!** 

# Lamb of God



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### 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 placed in the empty trays on the stands by the pews.

# **Communion Hymn:** *Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed* ELW 463

Lord, who the night you were betrayed did pray That all your church might be forever one; Help us at ev'ry Eucharist to say With willing heart and soul, "Your will be done." Oh may we all one bread, one body be Through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all your church on earth, we intercede; Lord, make our sad divisions soon to cease; Draw us all closer, each to each, we plead, By drawing all to you, O Prince of peace; Thus may we all one bread, one body be Through this blest sacrament of unity.

And hear our prayer for wand'rers from your fold; Restore them, too, Good Shepherd of the sheep, Back to the faith your saints confessed of old, And to the church still pledge that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one body be, Through this best sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, May we be one with all your church above— One with your saints in one unbroken peach, One with your saints in one unbounded love; More blessed still, in peace and love to be One with the Trinity in unity.

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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.** 

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread 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 all 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: Soon and Very Soon ELW 439

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! Text: Andrae Crouch, b. 1945 Music: Andrae Crouch All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

# DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Postludium Jacob van Vleck



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

- Introduction, Call to Worship/Confession, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (Clergy stuff)
- + Lighting of Advent wreath (Liturgy link)
- + Prayer of the Day (Working Preacher website)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (setting 4) and All Creation Sings

### **Music Notes:**

Jacob Van Vleck (1751-1831) was a student and principal at Nazareth, PA and was educated at Nazareth Hall. Jacob Van Vleck, Moravian bishop, was born in New York City, the third oldest of seven children. His father, Henricus Van Vleck, was a merchant and realtor in New York City; his mother, Jannetje Cargyle Van Vleck, was from Isle, Scotland. Van Vleck obtained his early education at Nazareth, Pa, and attended the theological seminary at Barby, Saxony, between 1771 and 1779 His abilities were recognized, and by 1781 he was appointed chaplain and superintendent of the Brothers House at Bethlehem, Pa. Here he became secretary of the General Board.

Perhaps in appreciation for the Moravians allowing the Brothers House to be used as a hospital on two occasions during the American Revolution, George Washington in 1782 visited Bethlehem, where he was entertained by sacred music, vocal and instrumental. Jacob Van Vleck played the organ in the chapel while cake and wine were served. Van Vleck had a fondness for music and was a pianist, organist, and violinist, as well as a composer. The music he wrote was in the classical tradition. In 1789, while a delegate to the synod in Herrnhut, Van Vleck married Ann Elizabeth Staehle from Bern, Switzerland. He became the head pastor at Bethlehem in 1799 and later served in Lititz, Pa., and in 1812 he was sent to Salem, N.C. Van Vleck traveled to Bethlehem, Pa., where on 2 May 1815 he was consecrated bishop, thus becoming the first American-born Moravian bishop.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

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

		Assisting Minister	Usher(s)
Nov 27	9:30 A.M.	Charlie Germain	Debbie Lyon Lois Lawerence



### LET US WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Bruce Foley, Sr., 11/28 Kristina McKenzie, 11/29 Stephanie Howard, 11/30 Lynn Stoecker, 11/30

### Today's Altar Flowers are given by:



Kathie Ruhs in honor and celebration of her grandson Dylan's twentieth birthday. Happy birthday Dylan and may God guide your steps always!



Sunday, Nov 27 Holy Communion, 9:30 AM, Advent Begins Sunday, Dec 4, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 11, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 18, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

A complete CALENDAR can be found at <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

**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. **Trinity Lutheran Church** 2103 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509; 845-279-5181; <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org;</u> Office Hrs.: M-F, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Rev. Jennifer Boyd, Pastor: reviedver1@vahoo.com; 845-279-5181

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