Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



December 11, 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.

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INTRODUCTION: God promised a weary people that God would do a new thing with an old covenant. God would send a servant to rewrite the covenant, and recreate it in a new way.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Evensong Liza Lehamnn

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP/CONFESSION

Our Advent waiting continues, O God, For your servant, your chosen one, In whom your soul delights, On whom who have poured your spirit.

We cry out for justice,

And he will bring it forth.

He will come in gentleness,

Yet he will never be crushed

He will establish your justice,

And teach all the world your holy ways.

So we wait in hope, O God,

For your servant, your chosen one.

In whom your soul delights,

And on whom who have poured your spirit.

God calls us in righteousness,

To be a light to the nations,

To open the eyes of the blind,

And set the prisoner free.

And so we come joyfully before our Lord

O come, O come Emanuel

As we await the fulfillment of Christ's coming, we humbly gather in the presence of God. We come to confess the times when we have not lived into the image in which God created us. We come 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 peace, 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: Savior of the Nations, Come ELW 263

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth: God has chosen such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, But the mystic Breath of God, Was the Word of God made flesh, Fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

Wondrous birth—oh, wondrous child— From his throne, a virgin mild! Very God, and Mary's son, Eager now his race to run! Now your manger, shining bright, Hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; Let our faith shine ever new.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, Virgin's son, incarnate Word! To the holy Trinity Praise we sing eternally!

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GRFFTING

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: JOY

Today we celebrate joy. Even though we may not all feel ready, we praise God.

We celebrate the wonder that something amazing is happening in our lives.

We are reminded of the promised joy in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights...the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare" (Isaiah 42:1, 9)

(lighting the 3rd Candle – pink)

O God, we light the third candle of Advent.

We light the candle of joy.

We light this candle with joy for what God is doing.

We see the signs of promise in the lights that twinkle in our homes

Lights that shift our hearts to joy

That our world may rejoice with the presence of God

Let us pray together:

Eternal God, who magnifies each of our souls, help us to pay attention to your signs in these days before Christmas. Point us toward your joy. Orient us toward the joy that you offer to us now and always, in Jesus' name we pray

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

O come, O come, O Lord of might, As to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times you gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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

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Kyrie



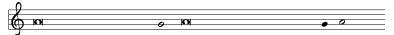
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



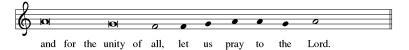


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,





Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of light, you sent a savior into the world to bring justice and release to all who are in bondage. Shine this light upon us, and show us how to bring justice and peace to all who suffer. 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 joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?)
down in my heart,
(where?),
down in my heart,
I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
(where?)
down in my heart to stay.

+ WORD +

READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

- ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

- ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a sevenant to the popular

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

- to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8 I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
- See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 12:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. ²¹And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

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: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

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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 that your promises are sure, O God of mercy, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence.

God of all nations, you have opened the eyes of the blind and brought out the prisoners from the dungeon. Establish justice in all the earth, and teach us your ways. We call on our God, **O** come, o come Immanuel.

You are the God "who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it." As we seek to honor you as we care for your good creation. We call on our God, **O come**, **o come Immanuel**.

Make our world's leaders both gentle and strong, that they would have both passion and endurance to work for justice. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

You do not break the bruised reed, nor extinguish the dimly burning wick. Send your gentle healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially today for...(pause) as well as for Thomas, Kathie, Dorothy, Shaun, Mary, Rob, Josh, Shannon, Robert, Ed, Edward, Tracey, Nicole and Jeff 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.

Shine a light on all people, that we might recognize our kinship, and accept one another as members of one holy family, and inheritors of your grace. We call on our God, **O come**, **o come Immanuel**.

We remember the saints who have gone before us, giving thanks for their faithfulness to you. May we be faithful as they were, until all are reunited in your love. 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: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)



+ MEAL +

Anthem: "Servant Song" Donna Marie McGargill

OFFERING SONG: God, Whose Giving Knows No End ELW #678

(vs: 1 and 3 only)

God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store; Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door, Gifted by you, we turn to you, Off'ring up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

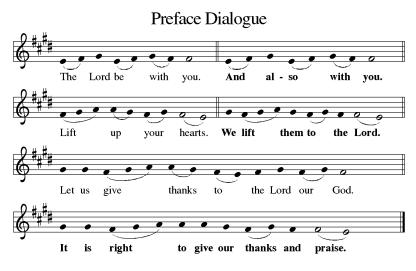
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STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

God, you have created all there is, and given us life and all we need to sustain it. With thankful hearts we offer now our gifts for the sake of your mission of grace and peace in the world, revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

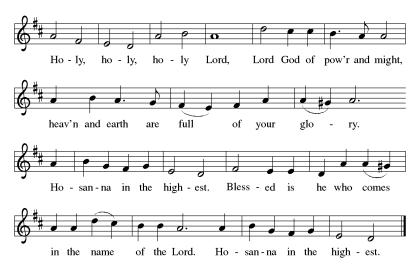


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PROPER PREFACE

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

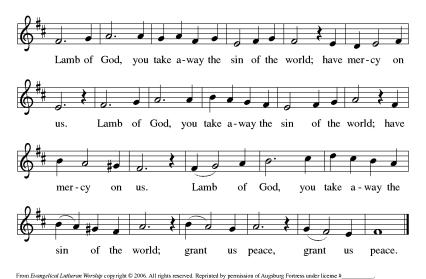
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God declares to us a new thing: the salvation that is in our promised savior, Jesus Christ. Come share in the feast of that promised salvation at the table of new life. All is prepared for you.

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: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether ELW 470

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in your name Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Makes as sacraments of you, That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

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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: Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone.

<u>Refrain</u>

Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

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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: A Legend Liza Lehmann



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:

Sister Donna Marie McGargill, Order Servants of Mary, is Liturgy Coordinator and Ministry at St. James Catholic Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

Liza Lehmann (1862 – 1918) was an English soprano and composer, known for her vocal compositions. After vocal studies with Alberto Randegger and Jenny Lind, and composition studies with teachers including Hamish MacCunn, Lehmann made her singing debut in 1885 in London and pursued a concert career for nearly a decade. In 1894, she married and left the stage. She then concentrated on composing music, becoming known for her songs, including many children's songs. She also composed several pieces for the stage and wrote a textbook on singing. In 1910, she toured the United States, where she accompanied her own songs in recitals. She was the first president of the Society of Women Musicians and became a professor of singing at the Guildhall School of Music in 1913.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

| | | Assisting Minister | Usher(s) |
|--------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Dec 11 | 9:30 A.M. | Lois Lawerence | Bruce Markert Debbie Lyon |

LET US WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

12/12: MEAGAN BEAL
12/12: MARISOL LANGKE
12/12: CASSANDRA WISE
12/12: KEVIN WISE
12/13: JOSEPH BETTCHER
12/15: SUSAN KOLAR
12/15: FREYJA SMITH
12/16: VIVIENNE HOWARD
12/17: BARBARA VON BARGEN

12/18: WILLOW GROUNDWATER
12/19: TYLER LEE
12/19: SUSAN MEGARO
12/21: ANNA RUOPP
12/22: SANDRA KENNY
12/23: ANTHONY BAGGETTA
12/24: KAITLYN HANSEN
12/27: LAURIE BELL

Today's Altar Flowers are given by:



- Linda Salinger in loving memory of her parents, Muriel and Fred Rapp; and by
- ♥ Jeanette Baldanza & family in gratitude to God for their many blessings at Christmas time.



Sunday, Dec 11, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 18, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Saturday, Dec 24, Family Service with Communion, 4:00 PM Saturday, Dec 24, Candlelight Service with Communion, 8:00 PM Sunday, Dec 25, Christmas Day Service with Communion, 9:30 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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