Tríníty Lutheran Church Brewster, NY



December 18, 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:** Joseph had a difficult choice in front of him: to make a public spectacle of Mary's unexpected pregnancy or divorce her quietly. God had other plans.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Moderato from op. 73 Niels Wilhelm Gade

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP/CONFESSION Our waiting is almost at an end, O God. Jesus Christ. our savior draws near. Christ's birth is foretold, The Messiah's mother carries him in her womb, While his earthly father walks in fear. Fear for his reputation, for Mary's life. In compassion you send a messenger, To give Joseph the truth. This child is a gift from God to all the world, And God is with Joseph and Mary in their struggle. Joseph's fear turns to joy, The anticipation of a son! Our waiting is almost at an end, O God. Jesus Christ, our savior draws near. Even though we walk in the darkest valley, We will not be afraid. God is present with us. 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: 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 has come to live In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free. Text: Alberto Taule, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: Alberto Taule Spanish text and tune © 1993 and tr. © 1995 Centro De pastoral Liturgica, admin. OCP Publications All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT: LOVE

Today we stoke the fires of God's love.

We rejoice that love is within is.

It is revealed when we bind up the brokenhearted

and comfort those who mourn.

We hope that love will blossom in the justice we seek, as the angel spoke to Joseph: *Look, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, God with us"* (Matthew 1:23)

(lighting the 4th candle)

O God, we light the final candle of Advent. We light the candle of love. We light this candle to spring up with love. In the light and the warmth of this candle, we hope that love continues to grow in our world.

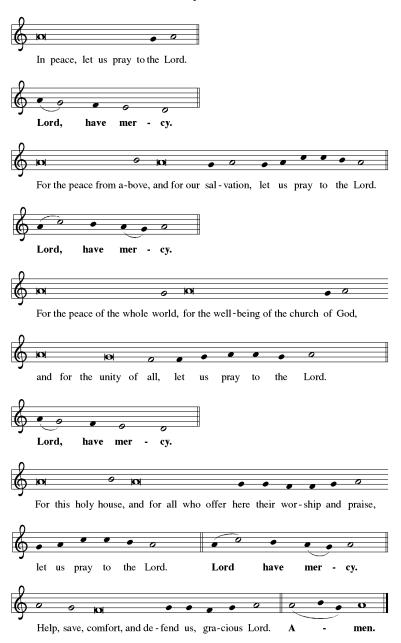
Let us pray together:

Loving God, pour into our hearts this day the light of your love, warming us to one another, enlightening our understanding of others, and blooming abundantly as only your love can, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sing O Come, O Come Emanuel ELW #257 (4th vs. only)

O come, O Branch of Jesse Free your own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell your people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, you made a commitment to Joseph that you would make Jesus a savior to all. Renew your commitment with us, so that all may know the saving grace of your son, Jesus. 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 love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart (where?) down in my heart, (where?), down in my heart, I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart to stay.

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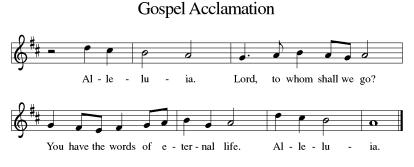
READING: PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Word of God; Word of Life Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS



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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came ELW #265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee; Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born! In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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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 promise, you sent Jesus into the world to be the fulfillment of all the promises you made to humanity. Help us to appreciate all that you have given to us. We give thanks for all those who have shared blessings with our shelter guests this week. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

Remind us during this hectic season to turn our attention toward you. Help us to continue caring for this earth, and all that live upon it. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

Fill our world's leaders with good will, and with a desire to work toward justice and peace, so that all your children might know you and sing your praise. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

Bring healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially today for...(pause) as well as **for Jeff, Pamela**, **Karen, Dennis, Megan, Sara, Alan, Pat, David, Jeanette, Lynne and Lauren and all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**. Let us not forget those for whom the holiday season is cause for grief. We call on our God, **O come, o come Immanuel.**

Shine your light upon all who do not know you, or who do not trust you. Help us to be examples of your gracious love that all might recognize your care for them. We call on our God, **O come**, **o come Immanuel.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who persisted in faith, even in the face of challenges. Let us persist as they did until we join them in the feast that has no end. 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: "Do Not Fear" Jon Althoff and Nathan Stiff

OFFERING SONG: *God, Whose Giving Knows No End* ELW #678 (vs: 1 and 3 only)

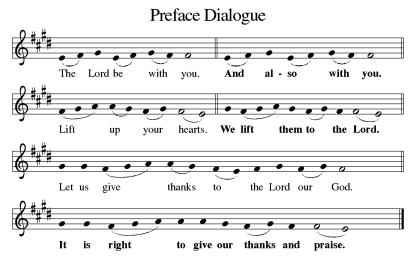
God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store; Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door, Gifted by you, we turn to you, Off'ring up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, Gain 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 guide and protect us, showering us with generosity. Accept now the gifts we offer in gratitude to you, for the sake of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

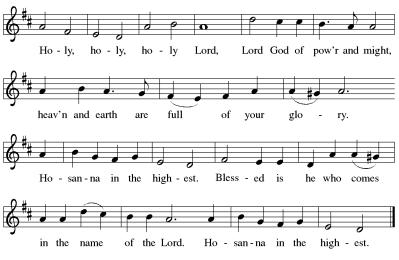
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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...

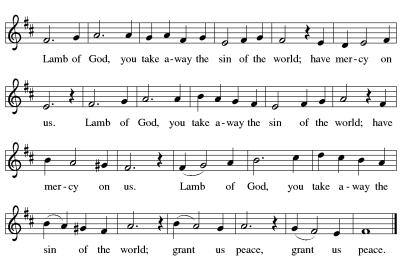
LORD'S PRAYER

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 who restores our souls invites us now to the table to feed us on the nourishing body and blood of Jesus Christ. All is prepared for you—come and be fed. **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: Your Little Ones, Dear Lord ELW #286

Your little ones, dear Lord, are we And come your lowly bed to see; Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, That we the way to you may find.

With songs we hasten you to greet, And kiss the ground before your feet. Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night, That gave you birth, our soul's delight.

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, And to us all your grace accord; True faith and love to us impart, That we may hold you in our heart.

Until at last we too proclaim, With all your saints, your glorious name; In paradise our songs renew, And praise you as the angels do.

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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 Joy to the World ELW #267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing And heav'n and nature sing And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rock, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness

And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

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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: Alla marcia from op. 73 Niels Wilhelm Gade

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:

Pastor Jon Althoff is a Christian songwriter from Miichigan, now active in Nashville, TN with the popular group Sovereign Grace. With his wife Shea and Nathan Stiff, he joined with Worship Director Bob Kauflin to establish worship music based on Biblical foundations. He writes: "We've been doing it for 35 years now, primarily to serve Sovereign Grace Churches, a family of churches joined together by a Statement of Faith, 7 shared values, 7 shaping virtues, and a common mission to plant churches in the gospel. We're happy that our songs are reaching a broader audience, and want to join the many others who are encouraging biblically informed, heartfelt, Spirit-empowered singing in the church. Like Charles Wesley, we wish we had "a thousand tongues to sing our great Redeemer's praise." We pray the songs we write will produce the same desire in you, your family, and your church, for the never- ending glory of God."

Niels Wilhelm Gade (1817-1890) was a Danish composer, conductor, violinist, organist and teacher. Together with Johan Peter Emilius Hartmann, he was the leading Danish musician of his day. Gade was born in Copenhagen, the son of a joiner and instrument maker. He was intended for his father's trade, but his passion for a musician's career was made evident by the ease and skill with which he learnt to play upon a number of instruments. He began his professional career as a violinist with the Royal Danish Orchestra, Felix Mendelssohn conducted his first symphony in Leipzig in March 1843, to enthusiastic public reaction. At Mendelssohn's death in 1847, Gade was appointed to his position as chief conductor of the Gewandhaus Orchestra, but was forced to return to Copenhagen in the spring of 1848 when war broke out between Prussia and Denmark. He also worked as organist in the Holmen Church in Copenhagen from 1850 until his death. Gade was director of the Copenhagen Conservatory. He was twice married and had four children. Niels Gade died in Copenhagen during the Christmas days of 1890.

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

		Assisting Minister	Usher(s)
Dec 18	9:30 A.M.	Joan Bradley	Dawn Marinich & Charlie Germain



Today's Altar Flowers are given by:



- Maureen Sergio in loving memory of her mother, Elsie McCloskey and by
- Don & Joanne Icken in loving memory of his father, Wilfred Icken.



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 <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

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