

Trinity Lutheran Church
Brewster, New York



January 8, 2023
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 in-person 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

PARENTS: *Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.*

The order for worship is Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Setting 3. The complete order for worship is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in bold. If you require an enlarged print bulletin or an assistive listening device, please ask an usher.

INTRODUCTION

The Pharisees and Sadducees went to the wilderness to see what John was about. He wasn't happy with their attitude of entitlement. He warned them another was coming to separate the ones who were producing good fruit from the ones who were not. Perhaps this one could be Jesus?

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

"Prayers of Kierkegaard" Knut Nystedt

Welcome and Announcements

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Your voice, O Lord...your voice is powerful and sweet,
tender yet awe-inspiring,

sometimes overwhelming, sometimes unheard.

We give you thanks that you spoke the world into being,

and that you continue to speak through your people and your creation.

We give you thanks for the Word Made Flesh,

and pray that your word would be made flesh again in this place.

Come into our world again, God, and speak your healing word
to those who are broken,

to those who are grieving,

to those who need work,

to those who despair,

to those whose lives are marred by violence or hate,

to those who struggle through flood and flame.

Remind them again and again and again:

You are my beloved, precious and treasured,

and I am with you to the end of the age.

Speak, Lord, that we may be whole.

Even as we pray this, **we wonder.**

We want to hear your voice, **but instead we hear our own.**

We want to hear your voice, **but instead we hear the racket around us.**

We want to hear your voice, **but instead we hear nothing.**

Where is the voice that twists cedars, **the voice that calls prophets,**

the voice that creates light, **the voice that makes animals play?**
Where is the voice that brings peace?
Where is the voice that calls our name with nothing but Love?

Lead us again beside your still water, O Lord,
and then trouble those waters with your Spirit
**that we might find there your living water,
refreshment and strength as we seek your way.**

Open our ears and eyes to you, O God, in the most unlikely of places...
in promises made and kept,
in still small voices
and in loud raucous laughter,
in the clink of forks against plates,
in warm socks, in tired smiles,
in a drip of water, incessant...
open our ears.
We listen.

Silence

We pray these and all things in the name of Christ, Beloved of God who
has born amongst us that we may know the fullness of God's love for all
people. **AMEN.**

GATHERING HYMN
"When Jesus Came to Jordan" ELW 305

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

**He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.
Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.**

**Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

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Music: English folk tune

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



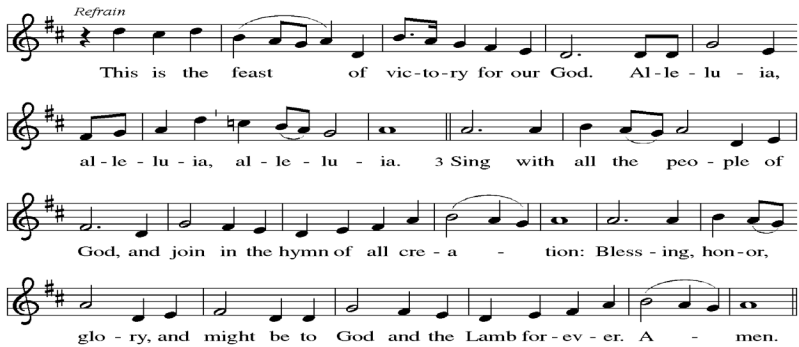
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 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-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 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.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Make us voices of proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SONG

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO!
I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine. *(sing 3x)*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me;
I'm gonna let it shine. *((sing 3x)*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

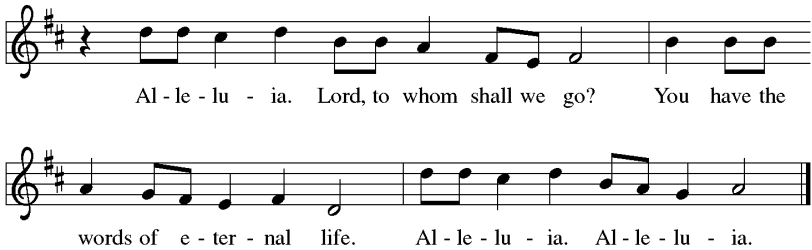
+ WORD +

READING: PSALM 2:7-8

I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, 'You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

***"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"* ELW 304**

**Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove,
And yet as urgent as a flame,
As urgent as a flame.**

**God called you, "My beloved Son";
You are God's servant true,
Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.**

Straightway and steadfast until death

**You then obeyed the call
To serve with free and willing heart,
To give your life for all,
To give your life for all.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
Your cross on us be signed,
That likewise in God's service
We may perfect freedom find,
My perfect freedom find.**

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Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1571

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NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence

Jesus, Son of righteousness, you came preaching a message of love and baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Set our hearts alight that we might have a passion for your justice. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

In the waters of baptism, you claim us as your own. Keep us ever mindful of the sacred and life-giving waters on the earth that we may protect and defend them. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Kindle the hearts of all leaders that they might work diligently for the good of all whom they lead and serve. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Pour your healing waters upon all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially today for...(pause) as well as for **Robert, Bert, Joseph, John, Rebecca, Mary, Lisa, Danielle, and Liam and all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Restore to wholeness all who are in need. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that there are some in our world who have not yet heard your word of love and forgiveness. Show us how we might reach those little ones so all may know you. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

With all the saints we celebrate Jesus' baptism, and the gifts his baptism bestows on the world. This week, we ask your blessing upon our shelter guests as we live out your love through meals prepared and warm beds to

enfold them. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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.

+ MEAL +

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please be seated as the gift of music is offered for the glory of God. Use this time as moments of prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donation online via our website:

www.trinitybrewsterny.org



Anthem:

"This Is My Beloved Son" Knut Nystedt

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP/OFFERING PRAYER

O God, you call upon us to bear good fruit. **Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and the world you have created, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

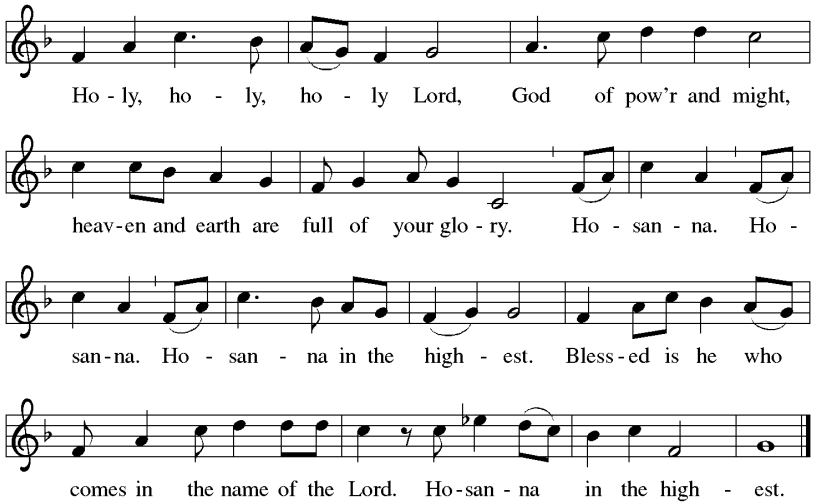
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Preface

It is indeed, 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In response to God's infinite love and boundless grace

We rejoice and give thanks at all times and in all places

To the one who created order out of chaos

Who penetrated the night of sin with the light of the world,

whose light cannot be overcome by human resistance

We thank you, God, living Spirit,

For sending a star to guide the wise to Christ

But even more we praise you for the signs and witnesses

In every generation that lead us to your Christ.

We thank you that Christ identified with sinners,

Preached good news to the poor,

Proclaimed release to those shackled by ignorance, prejudice, and injustice,

And brought life and immortality to light by living the gospel life.

Words of Institution

For we remember....do this in remembrance of me.

We bless you for the gifts that you have lavishly given us:

For new definitions of power and wisdom,
For removing the estrangement of sin,
For inviting all to faithful discipleship,
For promising courage in the struggle for justice and peace
For your presence in trial and rejoicing
For the sacrament of your extravagant love,
And for inviting us to dwell in your presence forever.
Mighty God, we worship and praise you
With magi and shepherds, apostles and martyrs,
We sing your glory
At the name of Jesus, let every knee bow,
Every tongue confess,
And every heart join in the song of witness. Amen

And so, remembering all that we have been given, we are bold to pray...

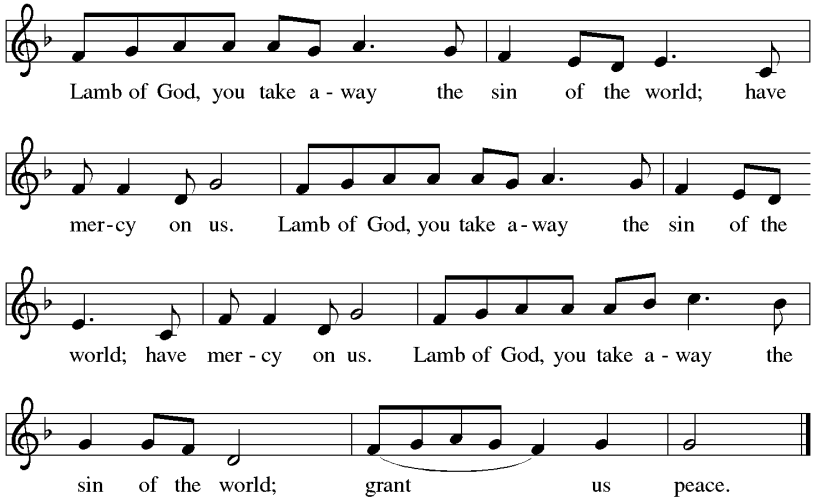
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God claims you as beloved children, and invites you to the feast that has no end. Come share in Christ's body and blood with your precious siblings. All is ready. **Thanks be to God!**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

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.

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Distribution of Communion and Blessings

All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.

All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.

Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time; please remain masked as you do so. You will receive a pre-filled cup with wine and bread. Please return to your seats before partaking of it.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" ELW 295

**Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,**

**Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.**

**Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred fact,
Evermore and evermore.**

**This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.**

**Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.**

**Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore! Amen.**

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite

Music: Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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AFTER ALL HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God,
that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life,
you give us food for our journey.
As you led the magi by a star,
as you brought the holy family home again,
guide us on the way unfolding before us.
Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim
good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

RECEIVING THE GIFT OF STAR-WORDS

God of open horizons and open roads, like the Magi so many years ago,
we are here, seeking you.

Step by step, we have wandered into this space
with the hope of feeling you in our midst.

Step by step, you have claimed us,
loved us, and fed us.

Today we have drawn star words.

For some, these words are full of meaning, challenge, and invitation already.

For others, these words are a blank canvas—inviting you into our lives.

So as a new year dawns, we pray that just as you have spoken to the generations before us,

you would speak to us again.

Allow us to use these star words as a tool that might help us hear you more clearly.

May they guide us, as the star guided the Magi.

And in a year, may we find ourselves here, together again,
**with mouths full of praise for the ways in which you have been present
with us.**

Together we pray, with the saints before us. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Response: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Earth and All Stars” ELW 731 (verses 1, 2 and 5)

**Earth and all Stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain:

**God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the lord a new song! Refrain**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE: “Fjellblomster” Knut Nytedt
Worship notes:**

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

- + Thanksgiving for Baptism (*Rev. Teri Peterson, Presbyterian Church of Palatine, IL*)
- + Introduction, Call to Worship/Confession, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (Clergy stuff)
- + Prayer of the Day (Working Preacher website)
- + Star Words prayer (Rev. Sarah Speed | sanctifiedart.org)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (setting 4) and All Creation Sings



MUSIC NOTES:

Knut Nystedt (1915 - 2014) was a Norwegian orchestral and choral composer. Nystedt was born in Kristiania (now Oslo), Norway, and grew up in a Christian home where hymns and classical music were an important part of everyday life. His major compositions for choir and vocal soloists are mainly based on texts from the Bible or sacred themes. Old church music, especially Palestrina and Gregorian chants, have had a major influence on his compositions. Nystedt studied with Aaron Copland among others. He was the organist in the Torshov Church in Oslo from 1946 to 1982 and taught choir conducting at the University of Oslo from 1964 to 1985.

Nystedt founded and conducted the Norwegian Soloists' Choir from 1950 to 1990. Key Nystedt works include the symphony *Apocalypsis Joannis* for soloists, choir and orchestra, op. 155 (1998), commissioned by the Oslo Philharmonic.





SCHEDULED TO SERVE: Sunday, January 8th

	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:30 AM	Ralph Rudolph	John Bertone & Jo-Ann Nestor

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Julius Cesare, Jan 9

Bradley Guszack, Jr., Jan 11

Luke Morello, Jan 11

Alexandra Alam el Din, Jan 13

Dunlin Stathis, Jan 13

Sarah-Marie Alam el Din, Jan 17

Robert Lee, Jan 18

Stephanie Ann Dudowitz, Jan 20

Jake Groundwater, Jan 23

Erin Markert, Jan 23

Jennifer Morello, Jan 24

Thomas DeMarchi, Jan 25

Kyle Steike, Jan 25

Daniel Minieri, Jan 27

Heather Larocchia, Jan 29

Anna Trieller, Jan 31



WORSHIP SERVICES — JANUARY 2023

Sunday, Jan 8, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 15, Service of the Word, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 22, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 29, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

The organ prelude and preparatory time for worship begins approximately ten minutes before each service.

A complete calendar can be found at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

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