

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, New York



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 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

Many people suffered from grief, sickness, poverty, and silence. Jesus promised them more: they would be blessed.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: *“Miracles”* Austin Cole Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism

Brief silence

Holy God, holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring,
you are the fire of rebirth

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams
Honor to you for cloud and rain,
for dew and snow
Your waters are below us, around us, above us:
our life is born in you
You are the fountain of resurrection
The living water of new birth

Praise to you for your saving waters:
Noah and animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well
The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock

Naaman washes his leprosy away,
And the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word
That saves us in this sacrament
Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation
Illumine our days.
Enliven our bones.
Dry our tears
Wash away the sin within us,
and drown the evil around us

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ our savior
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come” ELW 314

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive’s liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!

**Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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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



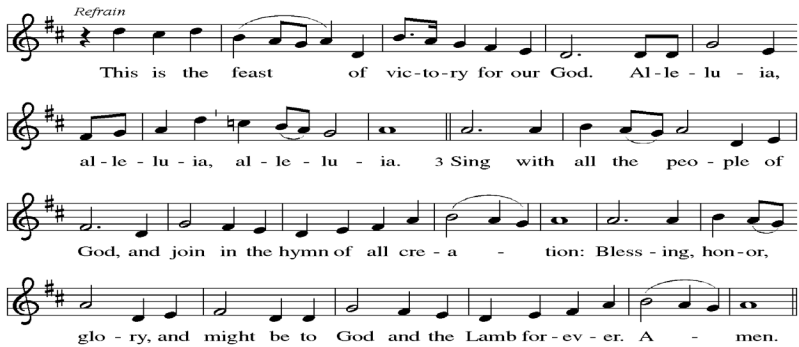
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

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

Loving God, your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. 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 1:1-3

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

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

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

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 5:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

“Gather Us In, Here in this Place” ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung through-out all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughter,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire...of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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

Brief silence

God of abundant mercy, pour your blessings upon all whose needs are visible and whose needs are not visible to our eyes. Make us instruments of blessing for others, and help us receive blessing from others. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the harms we have done to your creation. Keep us from inflicting further distress on what you have made, and make us good stewards of

this earth. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our elected leaders mindful of the needs of those they serve, that they might work for the blessing of all people. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessing is for all who suffer, O God. Grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, We pray especially today for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. (pause) We also lift up in prayer **George, Thomas, Kathie, Shaun, Mary, Rob, Dorothy, Shannon, Robert, Ed, Tracey, Nicole, Edward, Jeff and all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Walk with all peoples of the earth, both those who follow you, and those who do not. Remind us we are all your children, even when others' ways are unfamiliar to us. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with joy all the saints whose lives have been a source of incredible blessing. May we, in gratitude, bless others until we are all together in your eternal presence. 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: “The Beatitudes” Austin Cole Lovelace

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERING HYMN: God, We See What You Have Given

(Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"))

**God, we see what you have given;
Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven —
Gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty,
Called to give as we've received;
And your blessings have been plenty
From the day we first believed.**

**We are stewards, sent out sharing,
Offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring
May we give as we've been blessed.**

**God of love, may faithful living
Be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving;
Help us daily walk your walk!**

Biblical References: Psalms 148, 22, 100, 150; Luke 1:46-55

Tune: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

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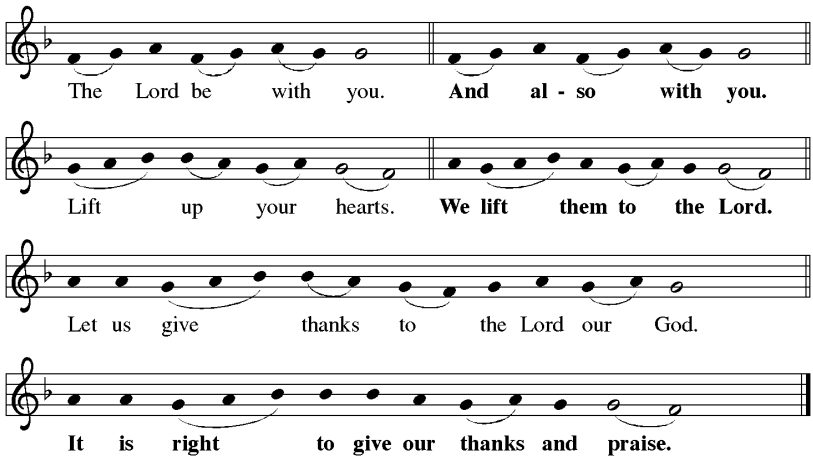
PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OFFERING/STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

You have planted us by streams of water, O God, **that we might bear good fruit. We offer now these gifts that they would be that good fruit, given for the sake of your children throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. 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.

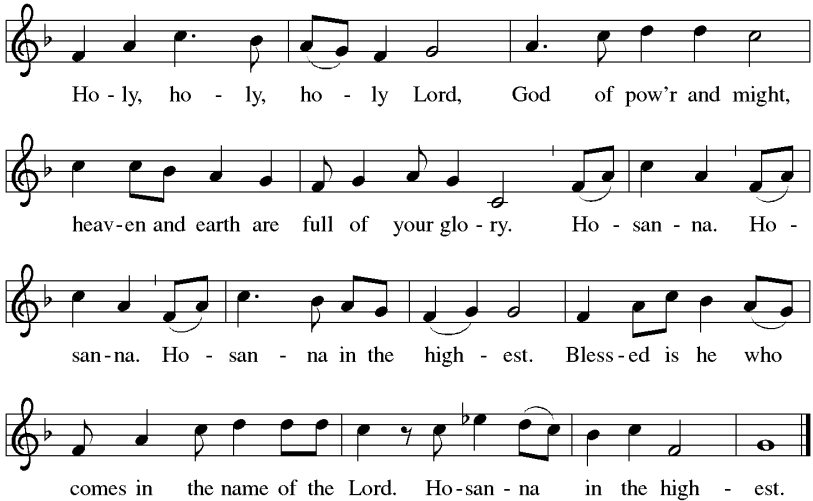
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Preface

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

We are blessed when we hunger and thirst for righteousness. Christ offers us his own body and blood to nourish us for our service to God and neighbor. You are welcome at this table. **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

"Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453

We are people created, chosen by God.

**Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
To a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
Endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,
And by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
Precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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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

BLESSING

Response: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" ELW 358

Great God, your love has called us here,
As we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
Your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
Of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
By social forces swept along,
By pow'rs and systems close confined,
Yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
And then receive us as your own
Not through some merit, right or claim,
But by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
And find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
And humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
And show how grandly love intends
To work till all creation sings,

To fill all worlds, to crown all things.

**Great God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer al that faith can do
While love is making all things new.**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: "A Message of Hope" Austin Cole Lovelace

Worship notes:

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

- + Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW Occasional Services for Assembly)
- + Introduction, Call to Worship/Confession, Prayers of Intercession, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (Clergy stuff)
- + 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:

Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010) who holds the Doctorate in Sacred Music from Union Seminary in New York City, was Minister of Music Emeritus of Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado where he completed 52 years of active music ministry. He is the author of five books, served on the editorial committee for five hymnals, published over 800 works for organ, choir, and solo voice with 40 publishers. He has played organ recitals, conducted hymn festivals, choral and organ workshops, and choral festivals in 45 states as well as in Scotland, Sweden, Hungary, Fiji, and New Zealand. He holds the AAGO degree and was elected a Fellow in The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada after serving as president of the society.





Today's altar flowers are given by:

♥ *Ursula Merolla for Dorothy Kafalas with prayers for a speedy recovery. We all miss you!*

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: Sunday, January 22nd

	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:30 AM	Joanne Halbekath	Dawn Marinich Don Icken

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

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 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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