Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, New York



4th Sunday after Epíphany January 29, 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

People had learned how to look like they had open communication with God. God taught us that everyone has direct access to God, whether they have treasures to store or not.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "Feed My Sheep" Natalie Sleeth

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 Samarian 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 "Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art: Thou my best thought both by day and by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, Raise thou me heav'nward, o Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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GREETING

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Extravagant God, you have promised treasure in heaven that outweighs any we could envision or imagine on earth. Help us to be grateful for the amazing gifts you have already given to us. 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 119:1-16

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

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

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:7-34

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they

disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. 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

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ELW 775

Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me: Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart has fainted, Thirsting, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spotless Lamb; Nothing in this world can hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear. Lightnings flash and thunders clash; Yet, though sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Hence, all fears and sadness, For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. God, who dearly loves us, From all trial save us, Gives sweet peace within. I have borne this worldly scorn; Still in thee lies purest pleasure:

Jesus, priceless treasure!

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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 holv 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.

A brief silence.

God of abundance, your son, Jesus, showed us how to pray so that the blessings of heaven might be ours. Keep us ever mindful of those things which are of true and lasting value. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Let the earth heal from the thoughtless damage we have done to it. Make us passionate stewards of your creation, working diligently for its nurture rather than its destruction. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our world's religious leaders, and encourage them to be models of faithful living for their communities of faith. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Place your healing hands upon all who are in need, those who are grieving, incarcerated, addicted, isolated, neglected, abused, or ill. We pray especially today for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause) We also lift up in prayer Jeff, Pamela, Karen, Dennis, Megan, Sara, Alan, Pat, David, Jeanette, Lauren and Lynne, and all those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Inspire us to share out of our abundance with those who suffer poverty. Commit us to ensuring that all people have what they need to flourish. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We lovingly remember all the saints whose lives have taught us to store up treasures in heaven. Keep them in your care until the day we all see you together. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **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: "Consider the Lilies" Natalie Sleeth

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

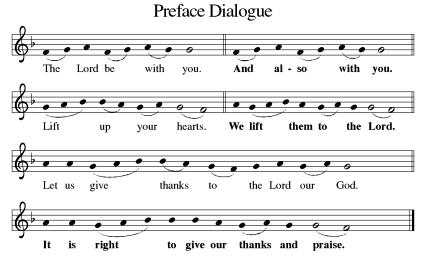
Be much more than Sunday talk. Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

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") Text: Copyright © 2010 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. *PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*

OFFERING/STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

You have given us an abundance of earthy treasures, O God. Make us generous to return them to your service, that we might put our hearts not in material things, but in selfless love for you and our neighbors. Accept these, our gifts, and use them to bring light and life to your world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

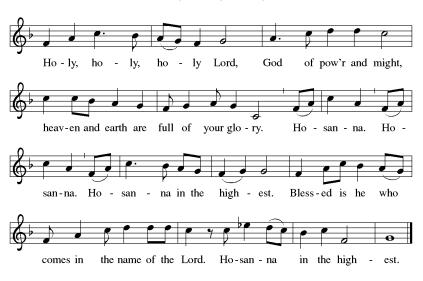


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Preface

It is indeed right, our 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. 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:



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EUCHARISTIC 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**,

Holy, Holy, Holy

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...

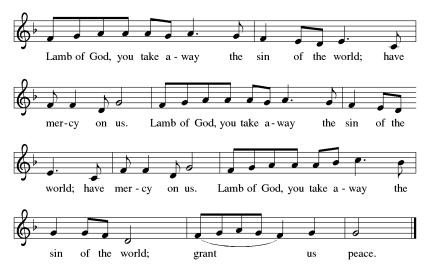
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites us to ask God for our daily bread, by which he means all that we need. Now he calls us to feast on the true bread, which is his own body, in remembrance of him. All is ready. Come to Christ's table to grace. **Thanks be to God!**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Lamb of God



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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

"Jesus, Come, for We Invite You" ELW 312

Jesus, come! For we invite you, Guest and master, friend and Lord; Now, as once at Cana's wedding, Speak and let us hear your word: Lead us through our need or doubting, Hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures, Guide us into paths unknown; Bring your gifts, command your servants, Let us trust in you alone: Though your hand may work in secret, All shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! In new creation, Heav'n brought near in pow'r divine; Give your unexpected glory, Changing water into wine: Rouse the faith of your disciples— Come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness, Make us willing to receive More than we can yet imagine, All the best you have to give: Let us find your hidden riches, Taste your love, believe, and live!

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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 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ELW 521

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright: On you the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune, Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," To the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation, The light first had its birth; On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth; On you, our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n; And thus on you, most glorious, A three-fold light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations The heav'nly manna falls; To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls, Where gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest, We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; The church its voice upraises To you, blest Three in One.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: "Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth

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:

NATALIE ALLYN SLEETH (née Wakeley 1930 –1992) was an American composer of hymns and choral music. Sleeth was born in Evanston, Illinois. She began to study the piano at the early age of four. In 1952, she earned a BA in music theory at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She married the Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth, a professor of Homiletics. Sleeth received an honorary doctorate from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1989, and then from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1990. An organist, she wrote over 180 highly successful selections for church and school, with works published by Choristers Guild and Hope Publishing. One of Sleeth's best-known anthems for the choir is entitled "Joy in the Morning" and was written for the West Virginia Wesleyan College concert chorale on the occasion of her husband's inauguration as president of the college in 1977. She was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.





Today's altar flowers are given by:

 Don & Joanne Icken in loving memory of his mother, Caroline Icken.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: Sunday, January 29th

	Assisting Ministers	Ushers
9:30 AM	Don Icken	Charlie Germain
		Bruce Market

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Heather Larocchia, 1/29 Anna Trieller, 1/31 Scott Dzibela, Sr., 2/1 Kristin Foley, 2/1 Luke Loftus, 2/1 Wendy Healy, 2/3 Ursula Merolla, 2/3 Nicole Morello, 2/3 Dowlette-Mary Alam el Din, 2/4 Lauren Baldanza-Giacomeilli, 2/4 Jennifer Gerfen, 2/6 John Gerfen, 2/6 Ashley Hansen, 2/6 Lois Lawerence, 2/7 Mark Morello, 2/8 Joseph Maston, 2/11 Alyssa Nastasi, 2/12 Olivia Giacomelli, 2/13 Brian Van Vlack, 2/13 Adam Beal, 2/14 Andrea Tiersch, 2/14 Mary Gerhardt, 2/20 Bruce Foley, Jr., 2/21 Andrew Klammer, 2/21 Jeffrey Von Bargen, 2/22 Erin Corbi, 2/23 Carol Fendt, 2/23 Lorraine Van Vlack, 2/29





WORSHIP SERVICES — JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday, Jan 29, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Feb 5, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Feb 12, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Feb 19, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Feb 26, 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 <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

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