

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 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. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

Website: <http://trinitybrewsterny.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

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 10. 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. Copyright material used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL14214 and #SBL14215.

INTRODUCTION

We begin a series that looks at the Wisdom writings in the Hebrew Bible. This week we turn to Proverbs.

Thank you: Rev. Chris Mietlowski, deployed Assistant to the Bishop, for preaching and leading us in worship today.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: *Psalm 91* James G. MacDermid

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The book of Proverbs tells us that from the beginning of time, since before the creation of the Earth, there has been wisdom. Wisdom cries out to all people. But we do not always listen. We do not always care to listen. We do not want to know wisdom's way. Let us bring our confessions to God together.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Great Wisdom-Maker, You arranged the world in beauty and brought humankind to life upon it. **You want what is best for us. You provide us with guides and examples. You even came to be among us in Jesus Christ. We confess that we do not always pay attention. We admit**

that we do not always listen. We own up to taking the shortcuts and the easy ways because sometimes we cannot handle the truth. Forgive us, we pray, for the things we can acknowledge and especially for the things we try to hide from ourselves and You.

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Beloved Children of God, the Maker of all Beauty, Goodness and Wisdom offers forgiveness to each and every one of us.

Amazed and relieved, we breathe in the Spirit of Forgiveness.

God is ever and always healing us, renewing us and preparing us for deeper understanding through the Holy Spirit. This is the good news that brings new life.

We thank God for it.

GATHERING HYMN: *Day By Day* ELW 790

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.**

Day by day, the blessings, Lord you send me

Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,

Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;

Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,

Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me

Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;

I will seek your loving will to guide me

O'er the paths I struggle day by day.

I will fear no evil of the morrow,

I will trust in your enduring grace.

Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow

Till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me

When my burdens grow too great to bear;

Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

**Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Praise Ye the Lord* #872 (vs. 1 & 3)

Refrain

**Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Ev'rybody, praise the Lord.**

**Praise God with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise God with the lute and the harp;
Praise God with the timbrel and dancing;
Praise God wherever you are.**

Refrain

**Praise God in the holy temple;
Praise God for almighty deeds;
Praise God for those bountiful mercies;
For God fulfills our needs.**

Refrain

Text: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-1986, based on Psalm 150

Music: J. Jefferson Cleveland

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another.

We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled

life that you have promised to each of us. O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8

For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,
for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;
to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—
let the wise also hear and gain in learning,
and the discerning acquire skill,
to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:34-35

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:

'I will open my mouth to speak in parables;

I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

REV. CHRIS MIETLOWSKI

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Listen, God Is Calling* ELW 513

Refrain

**Listen, listen, God is calling,
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

**Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
That he came to save us and set us free.**

Refrain

**Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize.**

Refrain

**Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
Walking in your precepts, led by your Word.**

Refrain

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919

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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

God, You have called us to be a people of prayer— to continue the ministry of intercession handed on to us by Jesus Christ. And so we come before You with confidence, bringing our prayers for the world You love.

Brief silence

Blessed God, who caused all holy scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope, we pray; **fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

Blessed God, we ask your care for those who are victims of wars and insurrections, may they not be terrified; for nations rising against nations and injustice within their own borders, let Your love, steadfast

and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope, we pray, **Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

Blessed God, grant your healing grace to the victims of great earthquakes, famines and plagues; let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope, we pray; **Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

Blessed God, when we are weary, help us to do what is right. Do not let us be led astray, help us to come, in Your name, praising Your goodness. Let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope we pray; **Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

Blessed God, we thank you for all the blessings of this life. For the gift of life. For the gift of Christ, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for your tender mercy. For Your saving love. Let Your love, steadfast and faithful, be a great sign from heaven, may Your peace bend our will to your will, like trees in a strong wind. Signs of heaven, sighs of hope we pray, **Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

Blessed God, we lift all those who are weary, burdened by pain and heartache in body, mind and spirit. Place your loving hand upon them and bring them comfort and healing. We pray especially today for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **Thomas, Morgan, Erica, Matt, Barbara, Madeline, Art, Lisa, Danielle, and Liam...And for those who have no one to name them And those who do not Christ's name** Signs of heaven, sighs of hope we pray; **Fill us O God, with Your words and wisdom.**

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

Pastor: May these prayers on our lips and in our hearts be heard by You, O God, and may we come to trust in your loving will for all humanity just as it was revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

You are invited to share a sign 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 peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

Music during the Offering:

“Trust in the Lord with All Thine Heart” James G. MacDermid

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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OFFERING/STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O God, your creative presence makes the earth abundant. **You provide us with what is needed, in your love. Through this offering, we participate in your work, so all your people might be dressed in pure joy, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

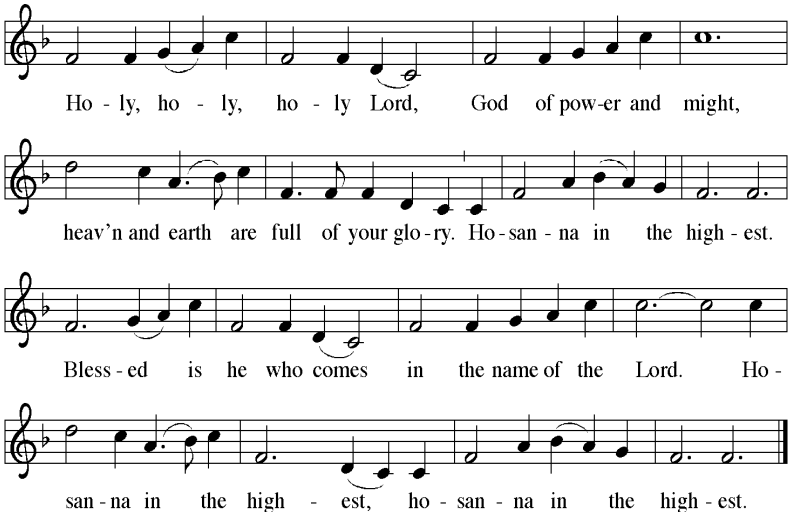
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Great God of all that is,

and was, and yet may be –

by your Word the cosmos became

you called for light, and light was

and it was good, many times over, good.

You are the one in whom we stand,

**the rock on which we build,
the wave that levels all.**

No life lives apart from you,
and no death comes that is secret from you.

We thank you for being, for making, and for knowing.

Christ Jesus, the Logos of God made flesh,
living all life at once, and for all time,
you offered your words on mountain and plain,
**at sea and at table,
on the cross and after.**

We treasure your words,
and listen for your knock at the door,
your voice calling us out of the dark.

For we do remember the night in which Jesus was betrayed, when he took bread and giving thanks, he broke it and said: "this is my body broken for you; do this in remembrance of me". In the same way, he took the cup and having blessed it, gave to them, saying "this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me".

Holy Spirit, indwelling life,
you intercede for us with sighs
when we have no words of our own.

**You are the fire on the tongue,
and the tongues of fire,**

the light in the dark,
the wisdom of the foolish,
**the strength of the child
and the vigor of the old.**

You subdue the violent,
overthrow the dominant,
and breathe new life into the least of us.

You make a way where there is no way,
and are God present with us now.

In the name of creator, redeemer and sustainer,
Being, Love and Life,

**we are thankful for all that is,
all that was, and all that yet may be. Amen.**

Let us pray as our Savior taught us,

**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 this table for it is in this meal that we are given a foretaste of the abundance of God's love. Come, all is prepared for you!
Thanks be to God!

O Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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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.

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. You will receive a pre-filled cup with wine and bread. Please return to your seats before partaking of it.

COMMUNION HYMN: *We Eat the Bread* ELW 518

Refrain

**We eat the bread of teaching, drink wine of wisdom,
Are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least,
We all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.**

**Wisdom calls throughout the city,
Knows our hunger, and in pity
Gives her loving invitation
To the banquet of salvation.**

Refrain

**Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,
Come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
Bread and wine she is preparing,
Know her loving in the sharing.**

Refrain

**Enter with delight and singing,
For her richness now is bringing
Us this joyous celebration;
Eat and drink in jubilation.**

Refrain

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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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.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your wisdom and your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING 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 though 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.**

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional

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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: “Sing, O Daughter of Zion” James G. MacDermid

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

- ✚ Introduction, Invitation to Communion (Pastor Jen Boyd)
- ✚ Call to Worship ,Prayer of the Day, (**Literature & Liturgy**. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>)
- ✚ Prayers of Intercession, (Terri, <http://revgalblogpals.org/2010/11/14/sunday-prayer-28c/>)
- ✚ Offering prayer (*Rev. Nathan Williams, Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA*)
- ✚ Call to Confession, Confession, ((*Rev. Martha K. Spong, Sabbatical Pastor, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Mechanicsburg, PA*)
- ✚ Eucharistic prayer (*Rev. Doug Hagler, First Presbyterian Church, Phoenixville, PA*)
- ✚ Other parts of worship are from the hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

MUSIC NOTES:

James Gardiner MacDermid (1875-1960) was a Canadian concert pianist and composer. He was born in Utica, Ontario and became an American citizen in 1906. He studied piano in London, Ontario and voice in Duluth, Minn He and his wife, Sybil Sammis, a concert soprano, gave recitals on tour from Chicago to Brooklyn, NY. Mr. MacDermid toured many parts of the nation and abroad as piano accompanist for his wife. He was best known as a composer of scriptural music. Mr. MacDermid came to New York in 1921 and joined the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in 1922. He is best-known for his settings of Scripture and poems of Mary Baker Eddy for Christian Science services.



Today's altar flowers are given by Neil & Marilyn Platt in celebration of their granddaughter Nicole's sixteenth birthday. Happy Birthday Nicole and blessings always!!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
July 16th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Joan Bradley</i>	<i>Jo-Ann Nestor Dawn Marinich</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Solomon Bettcher, July 20
 Erin Conroy, July 22
 Meagan Capecea, July 23
 Temitope Lanre-Amos, July 23
 Jane Lee, July 24
 Joy Baggetta, July 25

Joanne Dzibela, July 25
 Michael Langke, Jr., July 26
 Cyndi Bertone, July 27
 Douglas Noah, July 30
 Bryan Knapp, July 31





WORSHIP SERVICES—July 2023

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

July 16th; 9:30 AM: Holy Communion; Guest Pastor

July 23rd; 9:30 AM: Holy Communion; Pastor Jennifer Boyd

July 30th; 9:30 AM: Holy Communion; Pastor Jennifer Boyd

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at:

www.trinitybrewsterny.org

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.



Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

As a people of God, we desire to experience the presence of God in our lives that we might be the presence of God in the lives of others.

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