

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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/UCBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?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 continue our series that looks at the Wisdom writings in the Hebrew Bible with additional readings from Proverbs. Here Divine Wisdom is personified as a woman. Wisdom is the knowledge of God. Before God created anything, God made sure that knowledge of God was the foundation of all things. Knowledge of God is woven into the fabric of creation itself, and wisdom is the unfolding of that knowledge into our awareness.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: “Acquaint Now Thyself with Him” James G. MacDermid

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s Spirit calls—come! hear! live!

In every place and every time, the wisdom of God rings out.

Before the beginning, the Spirit danced.

Before we understand, God loves.

Daily, like a friend,

like a colleague,

like a child,

God whirls into our lives to say:

Come. Hear. Live.

Let us join the dance.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we gather as God’s people in the presence of our Christ, we pause to reflect on the ways that we have not lived into the gift and blessing of our baptisms...

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God, the psalmist declares
that you have given human beings
dominion over the works of your hands.

**All too often, though,
we confuse this holy charge with having ownership.**

We then treat your creation as a resource
to be used for our needs and our profit.

**We find ourselves reluctant to count the cost
of our failure to be your faithful stewards
until disaster strikes.**

And so we pray, show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Holy God, your cry for wisdom and understanding
echoes in our homes, our workplaces, our schools,
our church committee meetings, our legislatures and our courts.

**We confess we don't always want to hear that cry,
deciding instead to rely on familiar habits,
comfortable assumptions, and quick conclusions.**

We ask you to show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

Merciful God, the apostle Paul proclaims
peace, hope, and grace are your gifts to us.

**And yet there are times when
grief overwhelms us, anxiety holds us captive,
and suffering leaves us numb with despair.**

We wonder how, even *if* you are at work in our lives,
and we long for you to show us another way, O God.

Show us another way.

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, hear this great good news:

God continually shows us another way.

God's mercy is as wide as the ocean.

God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind.

So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love
through the Holy Spirit.

You are loved! You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the
+Son and of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *We Walk By Faith* ELW 635

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side,
Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found:**

**For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**

**And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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 of all wisdom and might,
send your Spirit this day that we might hear your word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believe in you.
May your scripture be a feast upon our lips
and a gladsome song to be sung for all eternity. Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.
Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

‘And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favour from the Lord;
but those who miss me injure themselves;
all who hate me love death.’

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.

GOSPEL: John 8:56-58

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

SERMON

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THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior and happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

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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

Creator God, you have infused your presence into every created thing. Teach us your ways and show us the path to righteousness, wisdom, and happiness. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

In all created things there is knowledge of you. Help us to protect and care for all that you have made, so that all people of all generations can continue to learn and grow. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

In the wake of so many destructive things: terrorism, consumerism, selfishness, Lord, we ask that you make strong those things that can overpower even the greatest of evils: peace, justice, compassion, and love. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Grant healing and wholeness to all who are in need of restoration of 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: **Robert, Donna, Barbara, Joseph, Claudia, Mackenzie, Shannon, Tony, Rebecca, Kristina, Justin and the Myers Family, And for those who have no one to name them and those who do not Christ's name.** Help us to remember in prayer all who suffer. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bring down the destructive forces of self-seeking, the striving for power, the acquiring of more. Lift up the life-giving forces of selflessness, the fight for justice, and the simplification of complicated lifestyles. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints that have gone on before us, and rejoice in the wisdom they shared with us, teaching us seek you over seeking possessions. God of wisdom, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

ANTHEM: *“Doth Not Wisdom Cry”* 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.

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, who is among us now, invites us to dine at this holy table of grace and mercy. Put on your garments of joy and come join in the feast, for 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.

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: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* ELW 469

**By your hand you feed your people,
Food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
By your grace have we been fed:**

Refrain

**Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
Cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
Given as living token
Of your world redeemed, restored.**

**In this meal we taste your sweetness,
Bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
Satisfy our deepest needs.**

Refrain

**Send us now with faith and courage
To the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
We become what we received:**

Refrain

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* ELW 645

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever
And our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness,
Hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants
What they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn., c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

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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: “Love” James G. MacDermid

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

- ✚ Introduction, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (Clergy stuff)
- ✚ Call to Worship (*Rev. Teri Peterson, the Presbyterian Church of Palatine, IL.*)
- ✚ Call to Confession, Confession & Absolution: (Rev. Heather A. Moody, **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>)
- ✚ Prayer of the Day, (*Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, NY*)
- ✚ Offering prayer (*Rev. Nathan Williams, Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA*)
- ✚ 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 Pastor Jen in loving memory of Michael Boyd and our anniversary on July 21st.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
July 23rd	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Don Icken</i>	<i>Bruce Markert Lois Lawrence</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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 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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