Tríníty Lutheran

Church

Brewster, NY

l've been meaning to ask... where are you from?

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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 inperson 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:
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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

Today we begin a new series called "I've been meaning to ask..." with this week's question of "where are you from?" This is about more than geography and place. We are invited to look at how we are truly grounded in our lives.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Sonata in d Willem de Fesch

(Played by Juergen Tempel-Violoncello)

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this county and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,

and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name, I would call it a moment for truth telling— A moment to pause, to reflect, to be honest about the places we want to grow and the way we need God's help. Family of faith, there is power in honesty. So pray with me for we worship a loving and gracious God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"
We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.
Can anything good come from that side of town?
From a school with poor test scores?
From a criminal history?
From the opposite political party?
From a history of addiction?
From a faith with doubt?
From a church with faults?
Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.
Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is.
Can anything good come from there?
Yes. Always yes. Amen.

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself,
"Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?"
Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes."
You were created in the image of God.
Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
God is here. God is at work among us.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: The Risen Christ Who Walks ELW 390

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet From garden tomb through darkened city street, Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side, Breathes out his Spirit on them to abide Whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; New grace, new strength, new purpose they receive. The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand The bread for those who fail to understand, Reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears, Enflames their hearts, than quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand With those oppressed in this and ev'ry land, Till all are blessed and can a blessing be, Restored in Christ to true humanity.

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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)

<u>Refrain</u> 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. <u>Refrain</u>

Praise God in the holy temple; Praise God for almighty deeds; Praise God for those bountiful mercies; For God fulfills our needs. <u>Refrain</u>

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, **but you find me anyway.** I don't always know how to listen, **but you are in my ears all the same.** I don't always know how to believe, **but you surround me with beauty and** I find myself held together in love. Where I come from there are so many distractions. Where I come from there is so much noise. Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear your grace given this day. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: Genesis 2:4b-15 (Common English Bible Translation)

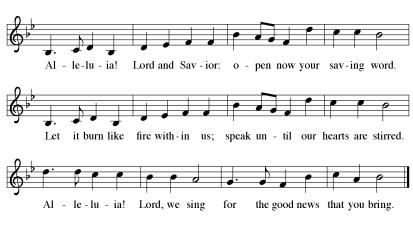
This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

On the day the Lord God made earth and sky— before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land— the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into their nostrils. Humanity came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the Lord God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. That land's gold is pure, and the land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the human and settled them in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.

Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS



Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL: John 1:35-51

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG: A COVENANT OF GRACE

We all come from the dusty earth And from the places of our birth Ancestral stories, who we'll be We bring it all to "come and see"

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

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SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Lamb of God (Your Only Son) ELW 336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.

<u>Refrain</u> O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh, wash me in your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God. <u>Refrain</u>

I was so lost, I should have died, But you have brought me to your side To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God. <u>Refrain</u>

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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

God of North, South, East, and West,

I have been meaning to say... thank you.

Thank you for scooping up the dirt and breathing life into it.

Thank you for forming this body, this life, this world, these people.

Thank you for drawing us in, for holding us up, and for weaving us together—

even when it's hard, especially when it's hard.

If people ask, "Where are you from?" my mouth speaks of geography, **but my soul always sings your name.**

So today we come to you in prayer with gratitude overflowing-

gratitude for the places we've been,

for the people who've shaped us,

and for the spaces we call home.

But we also come to you with prayers on our hearts.

There are people who are hungry, the hospitals are full, loneliness feels like the second

pandemic, parents are exhausted (playing teacher and guardian), there is grief that hovers far too close and far too heavy, etc. And so we pause to pray especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Jeff, Pamela, Charlie, Karen, Dennis, Megan, Steve, Sara, David, Alan, Lauren, and Liam and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.

And so we ask you to scoop us up like you scooped up the dirt on that first day.

Hold our hearts alongside our worries.

Relieve us of this burden.

Protect us in the palm of your hand,

and draw us closer to one another as you do.

God of creation, you have always been our first home,

So hear our prayers for the spaces we call home today.

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

PRAYER FOR PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE OFFERING

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "I Believe this Is Jesus" Spiritual

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.

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OFFERING/STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

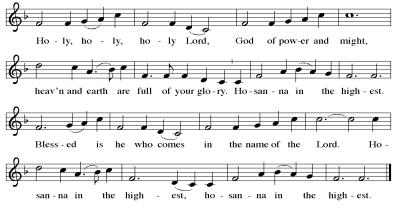
We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, for the praise of Jesus' name. Amen.

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



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of Every People, you created the world long before this nation or any other. In the first days of creation, you said, "Let there be light," and light separated itself from the night. How can we ever comprehend your power? How can we ever be worthy of your love? How can we ever measure up to your goodness?

Christ came to this world as a helpless infant, showing us that the weakness of humanity is not beyond redemption. Born as a refugee is a scary and violent world, your son came as one of us to show us the way.

Being born, he is a vehicle of your love. Walking many miles, he teaches us to travel to the unknown. Teaching love, he helps us understand our capacity for compassion. Healing the sick, he inspires us to share your healing power. Teaching the broken, he reminds us that we are works in progress. Sacrificing himself, he shows us that love triumphs over hate.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

We gather this day, God of all majesty and power, to lift up your holy name and proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Giver of All Goodness and Grace, bless this our gathering in your name. Bless our worship of you and bless those who worship in your name around the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, Holy God, both now and always. **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 said to his disciples, "Come and see."

He didn't reference check them before extending the invitation.

He didn't ask them a series of questions to prove themselves.

He didn't quiz them on temple attendance or Torah knowledge.

There was no prerequisite to being invited, they just were.

Friends, the same goes for you.

Whether you have been coming to this Table for years,

or if this is your first time—you are invited here.

Whether you come with a faith that could move mountains,

or a seedling-sized faith still growing with care—you are invited here.

Whether you come from near or far, east or west—you are invited here. And whether you come confident in the knowledge that you were made by God,

or if you are still seeking to trust that good news—you are invited here. All of you—your faith, your doubt, your hope, your fear—all of you is invited here.

Thanks be to God!

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

COMMUNION HYMN: O Word of God Incarnate ELW 514

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age. The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, Mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold To bear before the nations your true light, as of old; Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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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

God of glory, in this holy meal you show us your will for every meal. In Christ's strength, let us live and work for the day when all tables are filled with your abundance and surrounded by your people in peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

<u>Refrain</u>

We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion: We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King May tell their joys abroad, May tell their joys abroad. <u>Refrain</u>

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. <u>Refrain</u>

Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, We're marching through Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. <u>Refrain</u> Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain Music: Robert Lowry All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Minuet Willem de Fesch

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

- Introduction, Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Confession & Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion ("Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.")
- + Eucharistic prayer (*Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY*)
- Offering prayer, Post-Communion prayer: Rev. Nathan
 Williams, Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

MUSIC NOTES:

Willem de Fesch (1687, Alkmaar – 3 January 1761) was a virtuoso Dutch violone player and composer. The pupil of Karel Rosier, who was a Vice-Kapellmeister at Bonn, de Fesch later married his daughter, Maria Anna Rosier. De Fesch was active in Amsterdam between 1710 and 1725. From 1725 to 1731 he served as Kapellmeister at Antwerp Cathedral. Thereafter he moved to London where he gave concerts and played the violone in Haendel's orchestra in 1746. In 1748 and 1749 he conducted at Marylebone Gardens. He apparently made no public appearances after 1750. His works included the oratorios *Judith* (1732) and *Joseph* (1746), as well as chamber duets, solo and trio sonatas, concertos and part songs. Both oratorios were thought lost until 1980 when a copy of a manuscript of Joseph was found in London's Royal Academy of Music. De Fesch's music was influenced by the Italians, particularly Vivaldi, as well as Haendel.



Today's altar flowers are given by

- Linda Salinger in gratitude to God for the blessings of her wonderful family and friends
- & by Maureen and Mark Sergio in celebration and gratitude for their beautiful daughter Savannah as she turns thirty years old on August 16th. Happy birthday to you Savannah and blessings always!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023:

		Assisting Minister	Ushers
August	9:30 AM	Bruce Markert	John Bertone
13th	Holy Communion	Druce Markert	Jo-Ann Nestor

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ronald Hansen, Jr.	August	13	Jeanette Baldanza	August	21
Austin Beal	August	14	Dawn Ulrich	August	21
Nathaniel Beal	August	14	Barbara Sullivan	August	23
Savannah Sergio	August	16	Lynne Heuschkel	August	26
Alicia Maston	August	18	Mikayla Simon	August	26
Eric Fendt	August	19	Scott Stoecker	August	26
John Fendt	August	19	Constance Lanotte	August	27
Carol Brooks	August	20	Katelyn Steike	August	30





WORSHIP SERVICES—August 2023

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

August 13 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion August 20 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion August 27 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at: <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

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. **Trinity Lutheran Church** 2103 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509; 845-279-5181;

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