

Trinity Lutheran

Church

Brewster, NY



**I've been
meaning
to ask...**

what do you need?

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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/UCeBfzqgPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

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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

Our series called “I’ve been meaning to ask...” continues with this week’s question of “what do you need?” This is much different than our wants. What is it that you really need? What does the world truly need?

+ GATHER +

Prelude: “Are You Weary, Heavy Laden? -The Love of Christ -Sweeter As the Years Go By” Lella Naylor Morris

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of faith, this must be the place.

**This is the place for connection and growth,
for community and hope.**

This must be the place for questions like,

“Where are you from?” and, “What do you need?”

For whispers of: “I’ve been thinking of you,”

and, “I’ve been meaning to ask. . .”

This must be the place, because all belong here.

All are welcome here.

All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,

dreams and love, are welcome here.

So for our call to worship today, we are going to lean into invitation for connection.

I want to invite you to take a few moments to introduce yourself to someone around you and to share one thing that has brought you deep joy this week so that we might begin our service with joy, gratitude, and connection.

Time for conversation

We give praise that our God is indeed near.

Let us worship the God of everlasting grace

CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION/Truth telling

How many of you have ever had a bad day
and found someone offering you unsolicited advice?

How many of you have ever had a bad week and had someone rush in
with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things,
as if you hadn't thought of that before?

We have all been there, and we have all done that.

It is part of our humanity.

Our scripture reminds us today that often in the face of hurt, what
people really need

is not a list of advice or solutions, but the simple presence of love.

So let us pray to God today, acknowledging that we are works in
progress,

and that relationships always come with mistakes and confession. Let us
pray:

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,

**sometimes life feels like cooking with flour—
it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.**

This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.

**We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.**

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

**Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.**

Instead, give us the grace and the strength
to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need
to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Family of faith, no matter how many times you have
spoken without listening,
assumed without knowing,

offered without asking,
or rushed without waiting—
you are forgiven.

God knows your desire and your intent.

God knows when we try and miss the mark,
and God surrounds us in grace.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Every day is a new day for love.

We are claimed. We are forgiven.

We are invited into relationship.

Thanks be to God for love and grace that know no end.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: Irish tune

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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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of long winters and longer summers,
in the words of Paul, do your best to come to us quickly.
Come to us with loud praise and joy,
or appear to us in a still, small voice.
Come to us through friends,

or come to us through strangers.

Come to us in this text and in this hour of worship,

and come to us quickly if you can.

We are seeking you.

We are always seeking you.

With grateful hearts cracked open by love, we pray.

Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: Job 2:11-13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

READING: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

SONG: A COVENANT OF GRACE

***We all need people who will be
with us in solidarity
No explanation, no defense
Just ministry of their presence***

Tune: Old Waly Waly Traditional English melody

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SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing water flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 17822-1796, alt.

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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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 the here and now,

My, oh my, how we need you.

This world seems to turn upside down all the time.

Our center of gravity feels off.

In moments like these, we are particularly grateful

for the care you offer and the stability of friends.

So today we say a prayer of thanks for the people in our life who take the time to ask:

“What do you need?”

for the grocery store clerk who helps load our cars,

for the neighbor across the street who leaves sidewalk chalk notes,

for the friend in the pew who texts when we’re not there,

for parents and children who celebrate the good in life,

for teachers who pay attention,

for mentors who offer their support.

Gracious God, help us to be those people for others.

Give us the eyes to see when our neighbors are in need, and the wisdom to ask,

“What do you need?”

Stop our assumptions cold in their tracks, and instead, carve out space in us to listen.

We are practicing breathing deeply.

We are practicing being still.

We are practicing opening ourselves up to you.

We are practicing listening—slowly and intentionally.

We are practicing sitting with our pain and honoring it.

We are practicing saying what we need and not being afraid to ask for help.

And in all of this, we need you.

Oh how we need you.

So gather us in and hold us close.

Be with us in our waiting and in our praying.

Be with us in our grief and our sorrow.

Be in our relationships, that we might be blessed with friends who support us

and that we might be the friends who can bless others.

We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer **Sigrid, Cyndi, Fred, Matt, Barbara, Robert, Donna, Barbara, Claudia, Justin and Liam...and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.**

We offer these prayers to you, O Lord, for you know what we truly need

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, 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: *“My God Shall Supply Your Need”* Lelia Naylor Morris

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

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

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

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 in 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

One of the things I love most about this church is that we are never alone.

When someone is hurting in this community, you show up with compassion

When COVID forced us out of the sanctuary, you show up online.

When it comes time to set the budget each year, you show up with generosity.

One of the things I love most about the Church is that on our hardest days and our longest nights, we are never alone.

Job needed his friends.

Paul needed Timothy.

Jesus needed the disciples.

We need each other.

So today you are invited to the Table, but know that you are not invited alone.

You, your neighbor, your family, your friends, and those you haven't met are all invited.

Look around.

There is something special here.

We need each other, and we are all invited—together.

So come to the Table. You are not alone. **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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* ELW 464

**Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
Feed us with your love.**

**Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
Feed us with your love.**

**Grant forgiveness in the feast—
Jesus, feed us—
For the greatest and the least;
Feed us with your love.**

**Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children ev'rywhere;
Feed us with your love.**

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards

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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

SENDING HYMN: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* ELW 774

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning of the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, oh sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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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: “A Miracle of Saving Grace” Lelia Naylor Morris

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:

Lelia Naylor Morris (1862 – 1929) was an American Methodist hymn writer. She is sometimes known as Mrs. Charles H. Morris. Morris was born in Pennsville, Ohio. While still a child, she moved with her family to Malta, OH. Later, she and her sister and her mother ran a millinery shop in McConnelsville, OH. In 1881, she married Charles H. Morris. The couple were active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and attended camp meetings at places such as Old Camp Sychar, Mount Vernon, OH and Sebring Camp, Sebring, OH. In the 1890s, she began to write hymns and gospel songs; it has been said that she wrote more than 1,000 songs and tunes, and that she did so while doing her housework. In 1913, her eyesight began to fail; her son thereupon constructed for her a blackboard 28 feet long with oversized staff lines, so that she could continue to compose. Around 1928, she and her husband moved to live with their daughter in Auburn, NY, where she died.



Today's flowers are given by Marilyn & Neil Platt in celebration of their forty-ninth anniversary and in gratitude to God for His many blessings. Happy Anniversary to you both and many more happy, healthy years together!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
August 27th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Kathie Ruhs</i>	<i>Lois Lawrence Deb Lyon</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Constance Lanotte August 27

Katelyn Steike

August 30





WORSHIP SERVICES—August 2023

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

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

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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