

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 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

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. Today's readings are from the book of Song of Solomon; also called Song of Songs. This book is a celebration of physical, passionate love. It lifts up love as a gift from God that endures all of life's challenges.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: *Symphony* Henry David Purcell

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love for us is as strong as death.

God's love for us is as fierce as fire.

God's love for us cannot be washed away.

God's love for us cannot be drowned in the floods.

God calls us to remember God's love for us.

We will set it as a seal on our hearts.

It cannot be bought, this love God has for us.

We will accept this gift and return it in kind.

We come together to worship a God who loves,

A God who teaches wisdom,

A God who delights in righteousness,

A God who seeks our faithfulness,

A God who offers us the fullness of life

A God who loves to help us love one another

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 beauty and the fullness of the life with which God has blessed us...

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God of wisdom and grace, **too often we have sought happiness in all the wrong places. We have put our own needs above the needs of others. We have ignored your pleas to care for one another and have fought to care only for ourselves. We have forgotten to trust in you. Forgive us for our selfishness, our immaturity, and our blatant disregard for others. Restore us by your grace. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, hear this great Good News:

Our God sees and knows our sin. But God also sees and loves our humanity. On this day I proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, given as a gift of joy by a wise and loving God. You are loved! You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Gather Us In* ELW 532

Gather Us In

532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day,
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 passionate love, **You love your people fiercely and with enduring zeal. Show us how to love as eagerly, celebrating love as a precious gift given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ WORD +

READING: Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

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: Mark 8:35-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

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: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW 533

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
How-so-e'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1734; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

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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

O God, you love your children deeply with a love that endures all things. Help us to celebrate your gift by loving all our sisters and brothers in this world. God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

The flowers that appear on the earth, the turtledove that is heard in the land, the fig tree that puts forth its figs; all are signs of the enduring love that you have given us as a gift. Help us to nurture creation so that we may see in all its unfolding the love that you have for us. God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

In this season of rest, we ask your holy hand be upon all who travel, to lands both near and far. Give them eyes to see you in the faraway lands and return them home safely. God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

Shower your people with gracious healing. We pray especially today for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **George, Dorothy, Shaun, Mary, Rob, Shannon, Robert, Ed,**

Edward, Jeanette, Nicole and Jeff and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Restore all your creation and its people to wholeness and abundant life. God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

Where there is fear, bring courage, where there is isolation, bring companionship, where there is misery, bring relief, and where there is hatred, bring love. God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints that have gone on before us and rejoice in the wisdom they shared with us, teaching us to love with enduring passion. God of wisdom, **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

PRAYER FOR PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE OFFERING

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

ANTHEM: *“My Beloved Spake”* Franklyn Commisso

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

Loving God, you have generously entrusted to us your whole creation.
**Receive this day the offerings we bring before you, gifts freely given in
gratitude for your abundant blessings. 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the final line. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

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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

Our Savior, Jesus' Christ, whose love is stronger than death, now invites you to this celebratory feast of bread and wine. Come and be nourished on the love that sets us free to love others. **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: *Break Now the Bread of Life* ELW 515

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
As when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**

**You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
Your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

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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: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELW 534

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.**

**Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon your name.**

**Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
For us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
Your evening presence promise to your own.**

**Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.**

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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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: "*Hallelujah*" Henry David Purcell

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, Offering prayer, Invitation to Communion (Clergy stuff)
- ✚ 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:

Henry David Purcell (1659-1695) was the most important English composer of the Baroque period, most remembered for his more than 100 songs. He was born and died at Westminster and was buried in Westminster Abbey near the organ. When his voice broke in 1673, he was appointed assistant to John Hingston, keeper of the king's instruments, whom he succeeded in 1683. In 1677 he succeeded Matthew Locke as the composer for Charles II's string orchestra and in 1679 was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey in succession to his teacher John Blow. Upon Purcell's death, his teacher, Blow, composed an ode to him and resumed his old post at the Abbey organ. A further appointment as one of the three organists of the Chapel Royal followed in 1682. He retained all his official posts through the reigns of James II and William III and Mary. He married in 1681 and had at least six children. A fatal illness prevented him from finishing the music for the operatic version of John Dryden's verse tragedy *The Indian Queen* (1664), which was completed after his death by his brother Daniel Purcell who had also been brought up as a chorister in the Chapel Royal and was organist of Magdalen College, Oxford, from 1688 to 1695.

Franklyn composed the anthem from Song of Solomon for his beloved wife, Mary Beth.



Today's altar flowers are given by Jeanette & Joe Baldanza in thankfulness to God for their beautiful granddaughter, Mackenzie.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
August 6th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Joan Bradley</i>	<i>Deb Lyon Charlie Germain</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Gabriella Duben	August	7	John Fendt	August	19
Joshua Knapp	August	9	Carol Brooks	August	20
Amy Conroy	August	10	Jeanette Baldanza	August	21
Kristopher Markert	August	12	Dawn Ulrich	August	21
Ronald Hansen, Jr.	August	13	Barbara Sullivan	August	23
Austin Beal	August	14	Lynne Heuschkel	August	26
Nathaniel Beal	August	14	Mikayla Simon	August	26
Savannah Sergio	August	16	Scott Stoecker	August	26
Alicia Maston	August	18	Constance Lanotte	August	27
Eric Fendt	August	19	Katelyn Steike	August	30





WORSHIP SERVICES—August 2023

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

August 6 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion
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:

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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