

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 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/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PiPr21gA?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

Three strangers deliver an impossible promise to Abraham and Sarah, and Sarah laughs at the absurdity. But God has the last laugh, as Sarah indeed gives birth in her old age to a beautiful baby boy whose name means “laughter”.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: *Dedication #1* Jaromir Weinberger

Welcome and prayer requests

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this holy ordinary place,
with these holy ordinary people,

God appears.

In this holy ordinary time,
in this holy ordinary life,

God is doing amazing, unexpected things.

In our holy ordinary hospitality,
in our holy ordinary laughter,

**God catches us unawares,
and provides the impossible.**

CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we gather as community in God’s presence, we are reminded of the image in which we are created. We pause to reflect on the ways in which we have not been faithful in our God-given belovedness

Silence for reflection and self-examination

You appear, O God,
**and we confess that we do not always look up to see,
nor do we spring into action in welcome.
Though we pray to get a glimpse of you,
we normally don’t expect it will actually happen,**

**so we hold back our hospitality,
uncertain whether strangers deserve our effort.**

You appear, O God,
**and we confess that we do not always engage the conversation,
and when we do, we don't know how to believe it
so we dismiss what we hear,
unwilling to trust *those* people we don't know how to receive.**

You appear, O God,
**and we confess that our assumptions hold us back.
We confine you to what we have known,
scorning the idea you could do a new thing.**

**Forgive us, Lord God.
Make us open enough to welcome the stranger,
bold enough to be honest in community,
responsive enough to embrace the wonders you are doing,
even now. Amen**

ABSOLUTION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made new creations in Christ Jesus, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives us all our sin. Walk with God in this newness of life built by the love and mercy revealed through God the Father, God the + Son and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 596

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;

all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! [Refrain]

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Music: William B. Bradbury

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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 promises and surprises,
**we cannot imagine what you have in mind,
we can only trust that you remember us,
you take note of your world and its needs and longings,
and you will fulfil your promise.**
**As you appeared to Abraham and Sarah
bearing a message they could hardly believe,
appear to us again this day and make us ready to receive.
We ask in your holy name.
Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

CHILDREN'S SONG: *Love, Love, Love.... That's What It's All About*

"Love, love, love
That's what it's all about.
'Cause God loves us we love each other
Mother, Father, Sister, Brother
Everybody sing and shout!
'Cause that's what it's all about.
It's about love, love, love."

Peace, peace, peace...

Joy, joy, joy

+ WORD +

READING: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

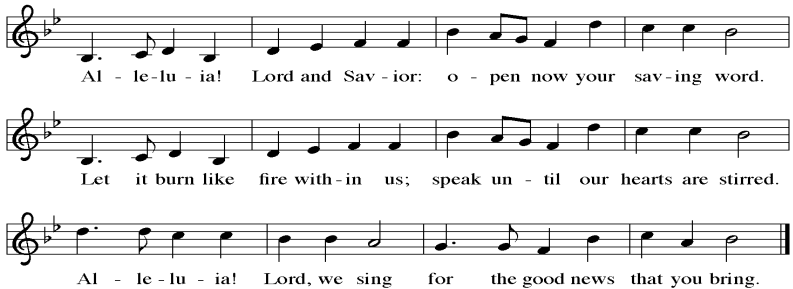
The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to

Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

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 10:27

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

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

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

PASTOR JENNIFER BOYD

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray* ELW 745

Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer;
oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.

Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;

Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
on Christ, on Christ alone.

Give these, and then your will be done;
thus strengthened with all might,
we, through your Spirit and your Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

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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

With gratitude for our whole selves, created in your image and made new in Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the impossible, you opened Sarah's womb and filled her life with laughter. Bless all expecting and new parents through birth or adoption, and comfort those who struggle to become parents or who have lost children. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

You made our life-giving sun, night-guiding moon and stars, and this tiny planet we live on. Open our eyes to the interconnectedness of all things. Give us the passion and curiosity to protect and preserve this precious island in your vast universe. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Inspire our leaders at every level to trust that with you, all things are possible. Open their eyes to new possibilities and creative solutions to challenging issues, for the good of all people. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who struggle with physical or mental health issues, addictions, broken relationships, or grief. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer **Stig, Joe, Mary & Rob, Carol, Dave, Alan, and for those who**

have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Make your presence known to them through the love and support of those around them. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Powerful forces continue to make war on others for their own selfish benefit, while communities are torn apart, lives are needlessly lost, and whole nations suffer trauma. We pray for peace throughout the world that all may see one another as made wholly in your divine image. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who gave us life and taught us how to live in you. Give us the same commitment to carrying our faith into generations to come. Eternal God, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy, though Jesus Christ our Savior. **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: “*Sarah’s Song*” Debbie Friedman Senior Choir

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

With joy and gratitude we come before you, Lord, bearing the gifts you have given us. **Our hearts are full, our hands are lifted up, and we bring you all we have and all we are. May this offering be a blessing overflowing with love into your world. May we be a blessing, overflowing with love into your world. 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 written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The third staff has 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases being held over from the previous staff.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God

Creator of heaven and earth

You rescued your covenant people

Led them on journeys

And taught them by the prophets.

You so loved the world

That you gave your only Son,

So that everyone who believes in him

May not perish but may have eternal life

In the night...do this in remembrance of me

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Pour out your Holy Spirit In this meal

And make us one in this community of faith

And with your people throughout the world
Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life
Word made flesh
Power of the most high
Now and forever. Amen

Blessed by God's loving grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray...

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

With God all things are possible, including the resurrection of our beloved Christ Jesus, who now invites you to feast in his name. Come and share with one another in this holy meal. All is prepared.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

Now we join in celebration at our Spirit's invitation,
Dress no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love and mercy till you come in final glory.

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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

O God, in this holy communion

You have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Go, My Children with My Blessing* ELW 543

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever
God, my children with my blessing, you are my own”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you
“Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

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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: *Dedication #4*

Jaromir Weinberger

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

- + Introduction, Absolution, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (© 2023 Clergy Stuff™)
- + Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Confession, Prayer of the Day, Offering prayer (© 2023 Teri Peterson)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

MUSIC NOTES:

Jaromír Weinberger (1896 -1967) was a Bohemian- born Jewish subject of the Austrian Empire, who became a naturalized American composer. Weinberger was born in Prague, Austria-Hungary, into a family of Jewish origin. He heard Czech folksongs from time spent at his grandparents' farm as a youth. He started playing the piano aged 5, and composing and conducting aged 10. He became a student at the Prague Conservatory at age 14, as a second-year student, where he studied composition with Vítězslav Novák. Later, at Leipzig, he studied with Max Reger, who influenced Weinberger on the use of counterpoint. In September 1922, Weinberger moved to the United States where he took up a position as an instructor at Cornell University. Between 1922 and 1926 he was professor of composition at the Ithaca Conservatory (now the music school of Ithaca College), New York. In 1939, after extensive travels to the United States, Bratislava and Vienna, he left Czechoslovakia to escape the Nazis and settled in New York state, teaching there and in Ohio. He wrote a number of works on commission from American orchestras. He became an American citizen in 1948.

Deborah Lynn Friedman (1951 –2011) was an American singer-songwriter of Jewish religious songs and melodies. She is best known for her setting the prayer for healing, which is used by hundreds of congregations across America. Her songs are used by some Orthodox Jewish congregations. Friedman was a feminist, and Orthodox Jewish feminist. The daughter of Freda and Gabriel Friedman, Debbie was born in Utica, New York in 1951. From age five, she was raised in St. Paul, Minnesota where she received choral training with her high school's chamber choir and song-leading lessons with her NoFTY youth group.



Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Roden in memory of her beloved husband, Erich Roden.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
September 17th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Kathie Ruhs</i>	<i>Charlie Germain & Bruce Markert</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ethan	Kovalec	Sept	17
Ronald	Strand	Sept	20
Emmy	Curcuruto	Sept	21
Linda	Lund	Sept	22
Robert	Fendt	Sept	25
Kelly	Tuthill	Sept	25

Ciaran	Cioffi	Sept	26
John	Powell	Sept	26
Angelina	Giacomelli	Sept	28
Melanie	Klammer	Sept	29
Jasmine	Moscato	Sept	29



WORSHIP SERVICES—September 2023

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

September 17 @ 9:30 a.m.; Holy Communion

September 24 @ 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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