

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*Third Sunday of Advent
December 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 (trinelutheranoffice@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>.

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PARENTS: *Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.*

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INTRODUCTION:

God promises Elizabeth and Zechariah a child in their old age. But not just any child—one who would prepare the world for the coming of the messiah. The work of building God’s kingdom is meant to be shared—and that means that the joy of God’s grace is, too.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: *Sonata # 1 in C* Don Ignazio Cirri

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

From generation to generation, we proclaim God’s steadfast love.

Those of us who have seen the ups and downs, challenges and successes,

and those of us whose experience is still limited,

together we are all still learning God’s goodness.

Remembering and looking forward,

connecting to our tradition and building something new,

whatever our joys and our sorrows,

we gather to sing praise that echoes through the years.

CONFESSION

Humbly coming before you, precious Lord, we offer our whole selves, seeking your grace and hoping in your steadfast love

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Holy God, you call us to bring our whole selves

to gather as your whole Body —

whatever our feelings, whatever our place, whatever our history.

You call us together as your Body

to worship you in spirit and in truth,

to focus on your presence in our midst.

We confess that focus is often displaced.

We admit want our worship to be just that: ours, and about us.

We want it in the ways we like,

in the place we love,
with the people we know,
and we forget sometimes that it just isn't about any of that.
Forgive us when we have worshipped the trappings instead of you.
**Forgive us when we have believed that this holy place
is only for certain kinds of people, certain kinds of feelings, certain
kinds of experiences,
and so kept others, or even ourselves, away
lest they ruin it.**

Forgive us when we have our priorities out of order,
and yet call them yours.

Clear our hearts of the clutter that obstructs our faithfulness,
and make us ready to welcome you wherever you meet us today.
**We ask in the name of the One who comes to embody your Word,
making every place holy. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

The promise is sure: Christ's advent is near, and in Christ we are forgiven all our sin. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and be strengthened in all goodness given through the grace of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ELW 272

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow'r so bright,
Amid the cold of winter night,
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah had foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.**

**This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.**

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Music: *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange*, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621
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GREETING

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Joy

You are the source,

the breath that enables our speech,

the power that moves us to action,

the One whose vision draws us onward.

You work even the most unexpected moments and people together for good,

and though we but rarely recognize your hand

still we rejoice at each glimpse of your kingdom vision.

Grant us this day clarity of call and courage of heart,

that we may follow your lead with joy.

~candle may be lit~

Let us sing of that promise with the third verse of “O Come, O Come Emanuel”

Sing *O Come, O Come Emanuel* ELW #257

**O come, O come, O Lord of might,
As to your tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times you gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel**

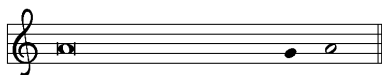
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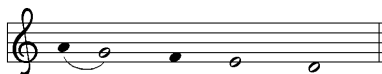
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Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



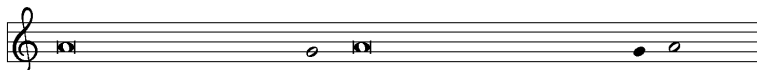
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



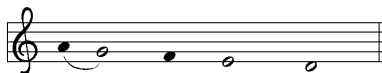
Lord, have mer - cy.



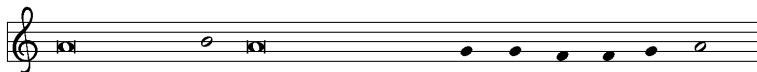
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, You call us into one Body of Christ for the good of the world. Strengthen us through your word and meal that we might support and sustain one another in all that you call us to do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon & Song

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

"He Came Down" ELW #253

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: LUKE 1:5-25, 57-80

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

Reader: In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Pastor Jen: Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him,

‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

Reader: You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ Zechariah said to the angel,

‘How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.’

Pastor Jen: The angel replied, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.’

Reader: Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Pastor Jen: On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote,

'His name is John.'

Reader: And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Pastor Jen: Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

(the following to be sung by Pastor Jen, LBW, pg. 134-36)

*'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,*

*as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.*

*Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.*

*And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'*

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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: *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW 250

**Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch of David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,**

In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

**My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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+SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM+

Dakota Rose Benson

Troy Benson & Tara Benson

Please be seated

**We ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the baptism and worship service. Following the service is the more appropriate time. Thank you.*

PRESENTATION

(Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.)

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Dakota Rose Benson.

(The minister addresses the parents.)

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

(The minister addresses the sponsors.)

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Dakota in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

(The minister addresses the assembly.)

People of God, do you promise to support Dakota and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly: **We do.**

(The assembly stands.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

BAPTISM

(The minister pours water on the candidate's head, saying:)

Dakota Rose Benson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

(Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:) Sustain Dakota with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

(The minister, parents, and sponsors mark the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and say:)

Dakota, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift that you have given them. Help them live as teachers and examples of your love and grace. Strengthen them in the covenant of their own baptism so they may continue to grow in the faith given to us through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome

(A candle for the baptized is given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says:)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

Music: Swedish folk tune

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Please stand as you are able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In anticipation of the coming messiah, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of song, we praise you for all the ways you show up and surprise us, calling us into your loving service for the sake of the world. Inspire us to carry the gospel message as John the Baptist would. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all who strive to bring endangered species back from the brink through captive breeding and reintroduction programs, so that all creatures you have made might flourish. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all leaders of faith communities in their call to serve you and the whole Body of Christ that they might inspire your people to proclaim the gospel in all they say and do. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our lives, named and unnamed, who struggle with physical or emotional challenges. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (*pause*). We also lift up in prayer: **Thomas, Morgan, Cyndi, Fred, Tom, Tyler, Brian, Elizabeth, Donna, Steve, and Sara and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Grant them your healing grace. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire and support all teachers, so that they might fill their students with wonder and equip them to think critically about the world around them. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

In gratitude we remember all the saints who have filled our churches with joyful song. May we lend our voices to your praise in their honor until we are reunited in the great choir that sings around your throne. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We lift all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, offering them into your loving arms, trusting in your love and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always **And also with you**

You are invited to share signs 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 ASSEMBLY SITS

Offering

You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org



+ MEAL +

Anthem: “Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace” Plainchant

OFFERING SONG: *God of the fertile fields* (All Creation Sings, #1063, vs. 1 & 2 only)

**God of the fertile fields,
Lord of the earth that yields
 our daily bread;
forth from thy bounteous hand
come gifts thy love has planned,
that all in every land
 be clothed and fed.**

**We would thy stewards be,
holding in trust from thee
 all thou dost give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care,
that earth may all be fair;
 your children live.**

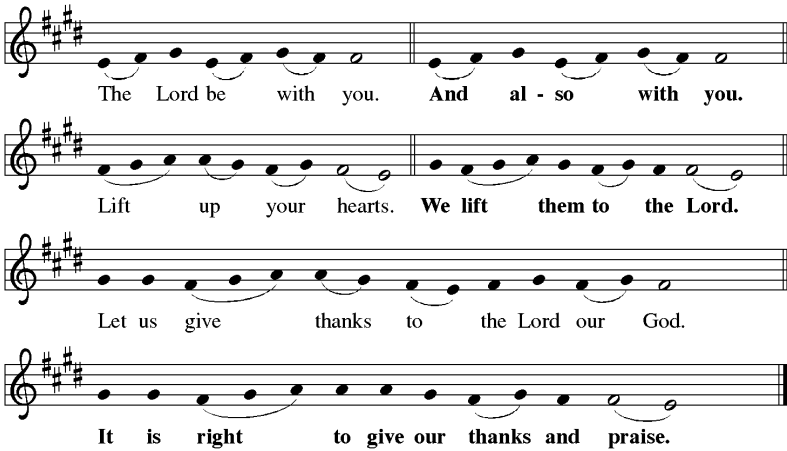
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OFFERING PRAYER

**With Elizabeth and Zechariah, we rejoice in all that God has given to us.
Accept, O God, our gifts in response, of our resources, our time, and
our skills, and dedicate them to the service of all the world. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

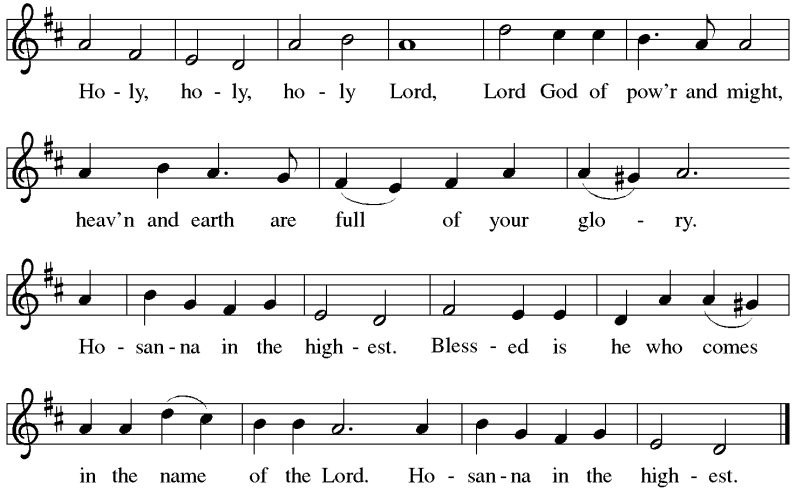
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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PREFACE

It is indeed our right, responsibility and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of a Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness, the shadows, and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hope and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who in the night...do this in remembrance of me

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people, fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

We pray with and for all people, joining in the prayer Christ taught, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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,

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.

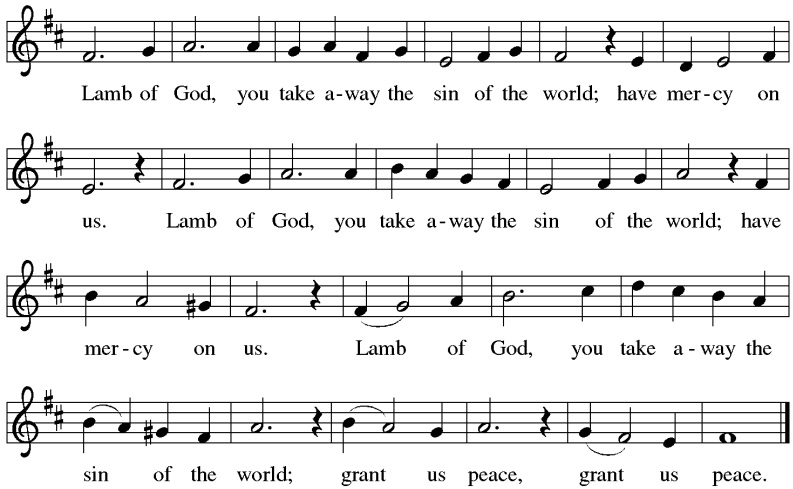
Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As promised, God raised up for us a savior, Jesus Christ, by whose death and resurrection we have been freed and united with him and one another. Come share in Christ's body and blood in remembrance of him.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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: *We Place Upon Your Table, Lord* ELW 467

**We place upon your table, Lord,
Where you by grace have bid us dine,
These tokens of our daily work,
The food of life, the bread and wine.**

**Within these simple things there lie
The height and depth of human life:
Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,
Our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.**

**Accept them Lord; they come from you;
We take them humbly from your hand;
Put these your gifts to higher use:
The holy meal that you command.**

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*Words for additional Communion hymns may be found on the card
inside the back cover of your hymnal.*

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

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path that we may do justice, love kindness and walking with you now and forever **Amen**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* ELW 452

**Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn his love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth and height.**

**To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.**

**There is one body and one hope,
One Spirit and one call,
One Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
One God who made us all.**

**Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.**

**For us Christ lived, for us he died,
And conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.**

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

Music: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829

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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: *Sonata # 2 in F* Don Ignazio Cirri

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

- + Introduction, Absolution, Prayer of the Day, Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (*@ Clergy stuff*)
- + Call to Worship, Confession, Candlelighting (Bible Worm, Rev. Teri Peterson.)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Notes:

Giacomo Matteo Ignazio Cirri (1711 – 1787) was an Italian organist and composer in the 18th century. He was the brother of composer Giovanni Battista Cirri and the father of composer and violoncellist Giovanni Battista Cirri (born 1740). He was born and died in Forlì (current Emilia-Romagna). He was a friend of Giovanni Battista Martini, who had a portrait of Ignazio Cirri among his valuable men's portraits. In 1759, he became Maestro di cappella in the Cathedral of Forlì and he was admitted in the Philharmonic Academy of Bologna.



Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne & Don Icken for the Glory of God and by Maureen Sergio in loving memory of her mother, Elsie McCloskey, whose birthday was December 22nd.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY:

		<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
December 17th	9:30 AM Holy Communion	<i>Joan Bradley</i>	<i>Ralph Rudolph Deb Lyon</i>

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- Barbara Von Bargaen Dec 17
- Willow Groundwater Dec 18
- Tyler Lee Dec 19
- Susan Megaro Dec 19
- Anna Ruopp Dec 21
- Sandra Kenny Dec 22
- Anthony Baggetta Dec 23
- Kaitlyn Hansen Dec 24
- Laurie Bell Dec 27





WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, Dec 17, Holy Communion 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, Dec 24, Holy Communion 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, Dec 24, Holy Communion 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Dec 24, Holy Communion 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
Monday, Dec 25, Holy Communion 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service
Sunday, Dec 31, Holy Communion 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols

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.

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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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