Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



December 3, 2023 9:30 AM



WELCOME as we gather in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst.

We welcome our visitors today. If you are looking for a church home and want to know more about living together as Christians, please contact Pastor Boyd during the week.

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us for worship in person or through our social media channels. They may also contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken inperson service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

Website: http://trinitybrewsterny.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756.
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view as=subscriber

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

Setting 4 reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #14214-ELW. Reprinted from Words for Worship, © 2015 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Scripture quotations from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

INTRODUCTION:

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God makes a new covenant with God's people and promises to do a new thing: send a messiah who will save God's people and rule in righteousness. In God, we have a robust history behind us and a hopeful future in front of us.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Consolation #5 in D Louis Lewandowski

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord of all, You brought order out of chaos, You lit the world with a word, You sculpted creation with your own hands.

You have the power to form and re-form, to shape a future with hope out of the chaos of today.

We trust in your powerful hand, preparing even now for healing we don't realize we need, and we pray for the courage to face whatever lies between here and there.

You are always ready to save, O God, and though we do not know how, we pray your grace will lead us toward your purpose.

CONFESSION

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

You are the source of our hope, O God.
We love the word hope, and the shiver of anticipation, and the warm fuzzy possibilities of feeling good, so we confess that we are easily seduced by the shallow, naive hope that ignores the trauma of the world.

We don't know how to face it all honestly,

so we use platitudes and shiny baubles and cheer, wishing for them to be good enough.

Or we decide to hold off,

not allowing any hope until the pain is already over and we can see the clearing of the way ahead.

But your hope is rooted in reality,

in the middle of the story not waiting for the best moment,

and real hope's power is in its impossibility that opens a crack for light to shine in.

Forgive us for the times we say "it'll be fine" as a way to make ourselves feel better,

even knowing it doesn't help.

Forgive us for the times we've dismissed hope as naive, assuming it can't help us now.

Forgive us for insisting on choosing either suffering or hope, rather than holding both as true.

Make space in us for your new world to become a possibility,

that we may trust you in the hardest of days and look for your promise to break through.

We ask in the name of the coming Righteous One who will restore all things. 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. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW 311

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
Your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression,
To set the captives free,
To take away transgressions
And rule in equity.

You come with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Are precious in your sight.

You shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in your path to birth. Before you on the mountains Shall peace, the herald go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before you, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore you, Your praises all people sing. To you shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; Your kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Music: Leonhart Schroter. 1540-1602

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

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 - Hope

Looking around at the world, it's easy to lose heart.

The evidence we see doesn't always look good — we need a big breakthrough.

We want to believe God's promise, but some days it's hard going. Into this world, where so much is wrong, into this weary world where we struggle along, God speaks: The days are surely coming.

The days are surely coming!

~The First candle can be lit~

It seems impossible, and yet...

Any moment could be the moment God breaks through.

The days are surely coming when God will fulfil the promise.

Let us sing of that promise with the first verse of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Sing O Come, O Come Emanuel ELW #257 (vs. 1 only)

O Come, O Come Emanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear

Refrain:

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

Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Kola, 1710; tr. Composite Music: French processional, 15th cent.

Test sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

Kyrie



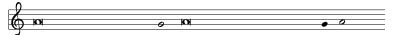
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



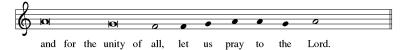


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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





Lord, have mer - cy.



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





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, Stir up in us the anticipation of this holy season of waiting. Fill our hearts with hope for the messiah's coming, and give us patience, for your time is not our time. Though we do not know the day or the hour, we trust and hope in your promise revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon & Song

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

"He Came Down" ELW #253, vs. 1

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

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949 Arr. © 1986 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

+ WORD +

READING: Jeremiah 33:10-11, 14-18

Thus says the LORD: In this place of which you say, 'It is a waste without human beings or animals', in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank-offerings to the house of the LORD:

'Give thanks to the LORD of hosts,
for the LORD is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever!'
For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt-offerings, to make grain-offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS





From Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by pennission of Augsburg Fortress under license #______

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'

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: Gather Us In ELW 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old who yearn for your face; We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

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

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

A brief silence.

Holy God, you inspired the prophets to bring good news to a world in pain. Continue to give us hope when we are faced with despair. God of Promise, hear our prayer.

Just as your people cried out for your help, so all of creation cries out for restoration and healing. Spur us to action in caring for all that you have made. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up prophets among us to speak your truth and call us into the work of justice and equity for all people. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to those who are living with physical or mental illness or other difficulties. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Joseph, Mary, Robert, Carol, David, Alan, Charlie, Jeff, George and Dorothy and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Help us to show your comfort and care through our support of them and those who care for them. God of Promise, hear our prayer.

Strengthen peacemakers in war-torn communities throughout the world, *especially Ukraine, Israel & Gaza*, that all might work together to bring about your reign of justice and peace for all people. God of Promise, **hear our prayer.**

Throughout history you have uplifted leaders in the church whose commitment to your word sustained the priesthood of all believers. We lift up before you Bishop Egensteiner and our synod staff along with Presiding Bishop Eaton. Help us to follow their example in providing leadership for our faith communities until we are united with them at the end of time. 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)



+ MEAL +

Anthem: "Light a Candle to Watch for Messiah" Israeli Folksong

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

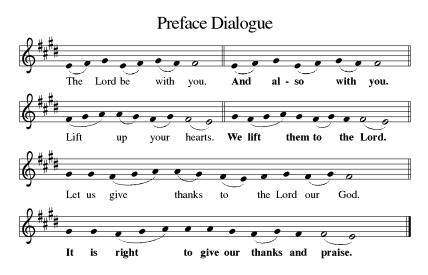
God of the fertile fields,
Lord of the earth that yields
our daily bread;
forth from thy bounteous hand
come gifts thy love has planned,
that all in every land
be clothed and fed.

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, you have given us all we need, material and immaterial, even to the gift of your own Son. Receive now our gifts as a sign of our gratitude and faithfulness to you, and use them for your good work in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

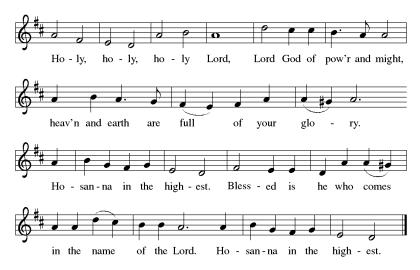


From Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #_____

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



From Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #______

EUCHARISTIC 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

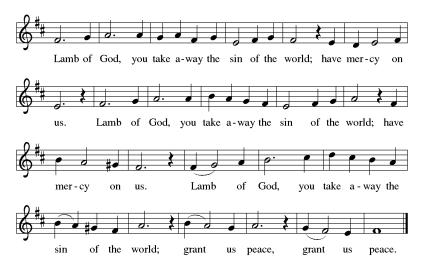
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ Jesus, who is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, invites you to feast in his just and holy reign. Come share in the bread and wine that is Christ's body and blood, and be strengthened for this time of waiting.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God



From Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #_____

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: All Who Hunger Gather Gladly ELW 461

All who hunger, gather gladly;
Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here is joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
Live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version

Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

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: The God of Abraham Praise ELW 831 (vs 1-4)

The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love—
"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command From earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake—its wisdom, fame and pow'r—And you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

The God of Abr'ham praise! Your all sufficient grace Shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, And sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt. based on the Yigdal, c. 14th cent.

Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797

All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Adon Olam" (Eternal Lord and Sovereign of the Universe)

- Louis Lewandowski

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:

Louis Lewandowski (1821 –1894) was a Polish-Jewish and German-Jewish composer of synagogal music. He contributed greatly to the liturgy of the Synagogue Service. His most famous works were composed during his tenure as musical director at the Neue Synagogue in Berlin and his melodies form a substantial part of synagogue services around the world today. Lewandowski was born in Wreschen, Grand Duchy of Posen, Prussia. At the age of twelve, he went to Berlin to study piano and voice, and became solo soprano in the synagogue. Afterward he studied for three years under A. B. Marx and attended the school of composition of the Berlin Academy. There his teachers were Carl Friedrich Rungenhagen and Eduard Grell. Lewandowski was the first Jew to be admitted to the school at the request of Felix Mendelssohn. After graduating with high honors, he was appointed in 1840 choirmaster of the Berlin synagogue. In that capacity he developed an extensive body of music for the synagogue ritual. His arrangements of ancient Hebrew melodies for choir, cantor, and organ are considered masterly productions, characterized by great simplicity and a profound religious sentiment. Many of Lewandowski's pupils became prominent cantors. Lewandowski was the principal founder of the Institute for Aged and Indigent Musicians, an institution that prospered under his management. Lewandowski died in Berlin in 1894. He and his wife Helene are buried in the Weißensee Cemetery. On their gravestone is inscribed: "Liebe macht das Lied unsterblich!" (Love makes the melody immortal!) A daughter, Martha (1860–1942), died in Terezin, the Nazi concentration camp, in 1942, at the age of 82.



Today's altar flowers are given by Jeanette & Joe Baldanza in gratitude to God for His many, many blessings and also by her granddaughter Mackenzie who is "thankful to everyone for all the prayers" said for her. May God continue you bless you!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023:

		Assisting Minister	Ushers
December 3 rd	9:30 AM	Jo-Ann Nestor	John Bertone
	Holy Communion		Dawn Marinich

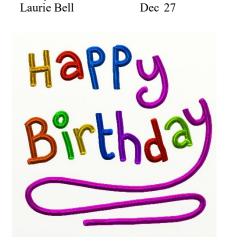
LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sandra Kenny

Anthony Baggetta

Kaitlyn Hansen

Helga Siebern	Dec 2
Robert Briggs, III	Dec 4
Lisa Ulrich	Dec 4
Lauralee Ulrich	Dec 7
Heather Loftus	Dec 8
Juliette Dudowitz	Dec 10
Sawyer Loftus	Dec 10
Meagan Beal	Dec 12
Marisol Langke	Dec 12
Cassandra Wise	Dec 12
Kevin Wise	Dec 12
Joseph Bettcher	Dec 13
Susan Kolar	Dec 15
Freyja Smith	Dec 15
Vivienne Howard	Dec 16
Barbara Von Bargen	Dec 17
Willow Groundwater	Dec 18
Tyler Lee	Dec 19
Susan Megaro	Dec 19
Anna Ruopp	Dec 21



Dec 22

Dec 23

Dec 24



Sunday, Dec 3, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 10, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent 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

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church

2103 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509; 845-279-5181; <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org;</u>

Office Hrs.: M-F, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Rev. Jennifer Boyd, Pastor: revjedyer1@yahoo.com; 845-279-5181

Charles A. Germain, Jr. and Dorothy R. Kafalas: Deacons

Franklyn W. Commisso, Ph.D.: Minister of Music

Sue Ellen Kelly, Office Admin: TrinLutheranOffice@yahoo.com

Peter Donoghue, Council President: trinitylutherancouncil@yahoo.com

Members of Trinity: Ministers to the Community & World