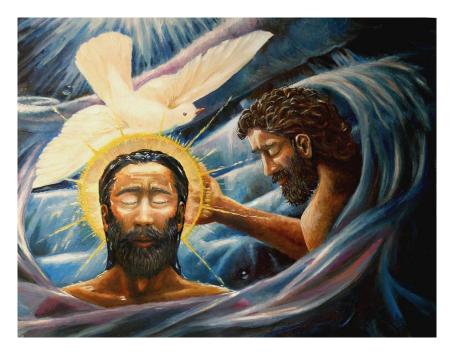
# Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas
January 7, 2024 @ 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/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\_as=subscriber

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

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#### INTRODUCTION:

Our God works as much in between the lines of our faith stories as God works in the headlines. Jesus is foretold, arrives, is baptized, goes out into the wilderness, and returns to call his first disciples and start his ministry. And this is the just beginning of the good news!

#### + GATHER +

**Prelude:** Adagio from Sonata #7 in D Baldassare Galuppii

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The good news begins —
and it moves fast!
Listen out for the messenger proclaiming:
world-changing good news is coming!
Come now and join the story,
good news reverberating through earth and heaven!

Dear Lord, You see us at work and at worship,
and you call us to lay aside what we think we have to do
so we can turn our hand to the task of your kingdom.
You see us at work and at worship,
and you call us to return to your way
and let our lives point toward your love for the world.
You see us at work and at worship,
and you call us to commit to your good news
with our actions as well as our thoughts.
You see us at work and at worship,
and we pray today to see you, too, and have courage to follow.

#### CONFESSION

Seen, claimed and called by God, we humbly come to offer up all those ways that we did not live into the covenant of our own baptisms

Silence for reflection and self-examination

You come into our lives, O God,

embodying your kingdom and inviting us in.

We confess that we can't quite see how to live your way

while also being secure in the world's way.

We hear you calling us to turn our skills to the good of our neighbor,

but we worry about losing our place on the socio-economic ladder.

We long for the freedom you offer,

even as we refuse to face our demons and so remain bound by them.

Forgive us, loving God,

and return us to the way you reveal.

Forgive us for hiding our vulnerability behind an image we can never let slip.

Forgive us for neglecting your good news when it is too different than the world's expectations.

Forgive us for our way of life that points to ourselves rather than to you.

Give us courage to follow you

in the wilderness and in the world.

We ask in the name of Jesus,

who fulfilled your word and invited us to follow. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Friends God has come near — though the kingdom may feel far off, the truth is that in Christ, God comes to us in order that we too might know ourselves close to God. Hear and believe the good news: the time is fulfilled, God is with us, so that we may be with God. Let your life reflect this forgiveness revealed through the Father, and the + Son and the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.** 

GATHERING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW 249

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings! Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without your grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, And make us rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won, Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

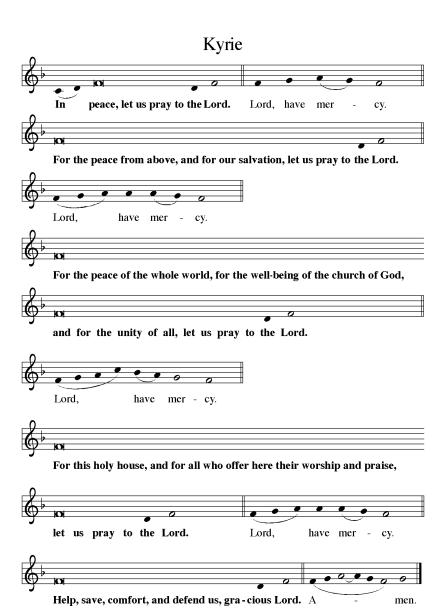
Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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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.



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## This Is the Feast



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness, you claimed him as your son. Claim us as your children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

#### Children's Sermon & Song

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd** 

"This Little Light of Mine" ELW #677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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+ WORD +

READING: Psalm 91:9-12

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

## Gospel Acclamation



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#### GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-22

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John

was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" ELW 305

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: English folk tune

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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 confidence in your promises kept, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### A brief silence.

Holy God, you called Jesus into ministry through baptism and wilderness. Strengthen us by our own baptism, that we might overcome challenges and live fully into your call to follow Jesus. God of Promise, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Your beautiful creation is inseparable from our story, from rivers like the Jordan, to wilderness spaces, to seas like the Sea of Galilee. Make us to appreciate our interdependence with the natural world. God of Promise, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Give wisdom and discernment to those who lead and those who follow, that they might choose the path of justice for the good of all. God of Promise, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Hold all who live with short-term or long-term illness of body, mind, or spirit in your loving care, and give them the peace only your presence can bring. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Jeff, George, Charlie, Hayden, Dorothy, Joseph, Shaun, Mary, Rob, Carol, David and Alan and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God of Promise, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain those who work for climate justice around the world, and soften the hearts of those who would sacrifice the health of the world and its people for their own gain. God of Promise, **In mercy, hear our prayer.** 

With gratitude, we remember all the saints who left their nets and followed you. Lead us by their example into discipleship, until we are all united in your eternal reign. We give thanks this day for those who have officially joined the membership of this congregation – particularly: Susan,

Barbara, Kathleen, Lauren & George, Kristina, Matt, Grayson & Asher, and Julie. God of Promise, **In mercy, 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, 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: "Comfort Ye My People" Dmitri Stepanovich Bortnianski

## OFFERING SONG: "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685 (vs. 1, 4, 6)

Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

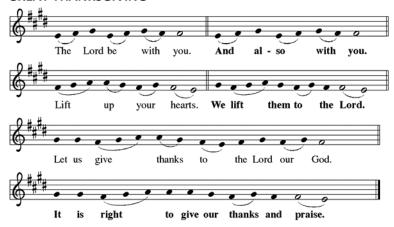
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#### OFFERING PRAYER

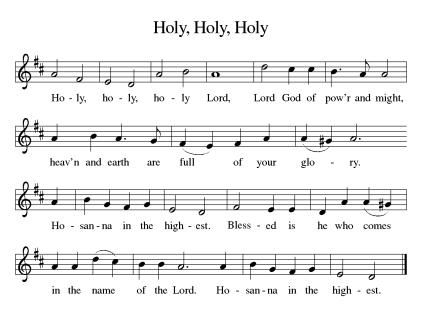
Generous God, out of your abundance you provide all that we need. We return now our gifts, from what you have given us. Use them for the sake of the one who gave all of himself for the good of the world, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



#### PROPER 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. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and in his healing of others he revealed your glory. 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:



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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In response to God's infinite love and boundless grace

We rejoice and give thanks at all times and in all places

To the one who created order out of chaos

Who penetrated the night of sin with the light of the world,

whose light cannot be overcome by human resistance

We thank you, God, living Spirit,

For sending a star to guide the wise to Christ

But even more we praise you for the signs and witnesses

In every generation that lead us to your Christ.

We thank you that Christ identified with sinners,

Preached good news to the poor,

Proclaimed release to those shackled by ignorance, prejudice, and injustice,

And brought life and immortality to light by living the gospel life.

#### Words of Institution

For we remember....do this in remembrance of me.

We bless you for the gifts that you have lavishly given us:

For new definitions of power and wisdom,

For removing the estrangement of sin,

For inviting all to faithful discipleship,

For promising courage in the struggle for justice and peace

For your presence in trial and rejoicing

For the sacrament of your extravagant love,

And for inviting us to dwell in your presence forever.

Mighty God, we worship and praise you

With magi and shepherds, apostles and martyrs,

We sing your glory

At the name of Jesus, let every knee bow,

Every tongue confess,

And every heart join in the song of witness. Amen

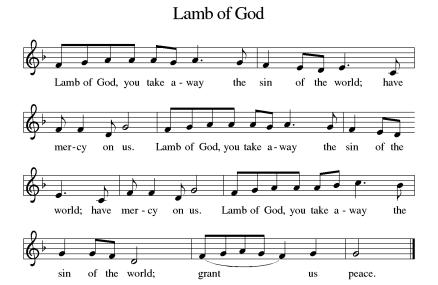
We pray with and for all people, joining in the prayer Christ taught, saying...

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As Christ called his first disciples beside the sea, he now calls us to this holy table. Come share in the bread and wine that is his body and blood. The feast is prepared for you. **Thanks be to God!** 



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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: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether ELW 470

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in your name
Two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the giver
Break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of you, That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

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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**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ Jesus. Now send us forth to be your people, the Church in the world and to proclaim your truth of love and grace this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### + SENDING +

## **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

#### **BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN: Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW #326

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow, But waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993 Music: Welsh tune, 19<sup>th</sup> cent. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace and be Christ's light in the world!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Presto from Sonata in D Baldassare Galuppi

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

- → Introduction, Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (@ Clergy stuff)
- + Call to Worship, Confession Absolution (Bible Worm, Rev. Teri Peterson.)
- + Prayer of the Day (Working Preacher)
- + Eucharistic Prayer (Touch Holiness: resources for worship ed. Ruth Duck & Maren Tirabassi)
- Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran
   Worship and All Creation Sings

#### **Music Notes:**

Baldassare Galuppi (1706 –1785) was a Venetian composer, born on the island of Burano in the Venetian Republic. He achieved international success, spending periods of his career in Vienna, London and Saint Petersburg (where he taught Bortniansky), but his main base remained Venice, where he held a succession of leading appointments, especially as maestro di capella at Saint Mark's Cathedral. In his early career Galuppi made a modest success in opera seria, but from the 1740s, together with the playwright and librettist Carlo Goldoni, he became famous throughout Europe for his comic operas. Throughout his career Galuppi held official positions with charitable and religious institutions in Venice. In these various capacities, he composed a large amount of sacred music. He was also highly regarded as a virtuoso performer on and composer for keyboard instruments. Galuppi's skill as keyboard player is well documented. It is no surprise that a number of Galuppi's keyboard works should make it into print during his lifetime, including two sets of six sonatas, published in London as opus 1 (1756) and opus 2 (1759) respectively.



Today's altar flowers are given by Maureen Sergio in celebration of the wedding of her niece, Moriah McCloskey, and Rodrigue Beleho on December 31, 2023. May God bless your union with love and much happiness always!

Scheduled to Serve Sunday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 AM		
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ushers	
Jo-Ann Nestor	John Bertone	Ralph Rudolph

## Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Helena Cusano, Jan 7 Julius Cesare, Jan 9 Bradley Guszack, Jr., Jan 11 Luke Morello, Jan 11 Alexandra Alam el Din, Jan 13 Dunlin Stathis, Jan 13 Sarah-Marie Alam el Din, Jan 17 Robert Lee, Jan 18 Stephanie Ann Dudowitz, Jan 20 Jake Groundwater, Jan 23 Erin Markert, Jan 23 Jennifer Morello, Jan 24 Thomas DeMarchi, Jan 25 Kyle Steike, Jan 25 Daniel Minieri, Jan 27 Heather Larocchia, Jan 29 Anna Trieller, Jan 31



Sunday, Jan 07, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, Jan 14, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Sunday, Jan 21, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Sunday, Jan 28, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Sunday, Feb 04, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

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**

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