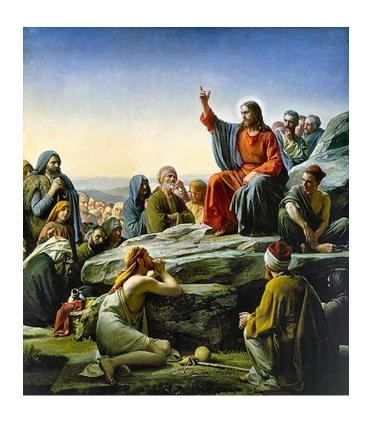
Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 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:

Jesus tells a parable that compares God's word to scattered seed, and asks us to wonder if our hearts are good soil for growing it. But it also invites us be involved in the scattering.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: Adagio from Sonata #7 in D Baldassare Galuppi

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and listen!

What are we meant to hear?

Stories of how God works...

in seeds and soil,

in the darkness of the earth,

in the unexpected consequences of growth,

in people whose methods surprise us.

What if we don't understand?

Listen again!

Thankfully, nothing is hidden forever...we come to hear.

CONFESSION

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

Your good news, O God, is precious to us, and we confess that sometimes we treat it like it's fragile, rare, and meant only for the few.

All the while you are out scattering good news everywhere, with no thought as to whether the recipients are worthy or ready. Forgive us, extravagant God, for our tendency to judge what communities deserve your grace,

and which can safely be ignored while we focus on those most likely to be a success story.

Forgive us, God of abundant life,

for hoarding your love for ourselves

and assuming those other places and people wouldn't know what to do with it.

Forgive us, creator God,

for focusing so much on the right way to share your good news that we stunt our growth and restrict your harvest.

Turn us aside from the empire's insistence on efficiency and productivity and control

and toward your kingdom ways of sharing far and wide, trusting in your mysterious work under the surface. 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: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: Handt Hanson

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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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Glory to God



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of creation, By the Holy Spirit, make our hearts to be good soil, rich and nourishing, so that when we hear your word, it will grow in us and bear fruit for the sake of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 103:6-14

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse,

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made;

he remembers that we are dust.

Word of God; Word of Life

Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow and as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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: Now the Green Blade Riseth ELW 379

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Thinking that he would never wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,

He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: French carol

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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

Trusting in the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You described the reign of God in ways people could understand. Help us and all who share your good news to find the right words to connect with others and inspire them to follow you. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Your parables often touched on the mysteries of nature, like the growth from a tiny seed. Let us be awed by the miraculous intricacies of your interconnected natural systems, that we might be committed to protect and preserve them for future generations. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

Till and keep the hearts of all our leaders that they might be good soil in which your word of love, justice, and mercy might flourish through all they say and do, for the sake of all your beloved children and the world. We give thanks for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. who invited us to see and work for your kingdom here on earth. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

You come to us in the midst of our challenges, holding us in our fears and our pain. Give strength to those who journey with illness or grief. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Pamela, Karen, Maryann, Jayne, Carleen, Thomas, Shannon, Megan, Ed and Steve and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those living in areas affected by war, extreme poverty, or natural disasters. Mobilize us to respond to those places in the greatest need of your peace and healing. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy**, hear our prayer.

With gratitude we uplift all the saints who have gone before us whose faith, even as small as a mustard seed, bloomed into great shrubs in which our own faith was fed and nurtured. We give thanks this day for those who have officially joined the membership of this congregation — particularly: Susan, Barbara, Kathleen, Lauren & George (Adelina, Gavin & Jake), Kristina, Matt, Grayson & Asher, and Julie. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Pastor: Confident that in Christ Jesus you answer prayer, we lift to you all for whom pray, aloud and in our hearts, 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: "Christ Taught Us of a Farmer" Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: William HI Havergal, 1793-1870

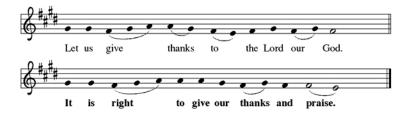
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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, Jesus says to us, "The measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you." In gratitude, we return to you out of our abundance, that you might use our gifts for the flourishing of all that you have made. Amen.

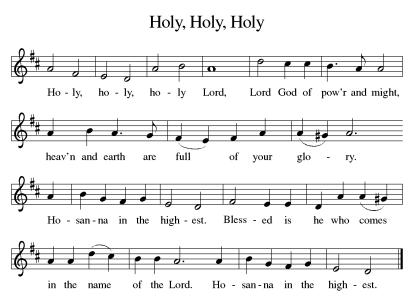
GREAT THANKSGIVING





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.
Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at this holy table, for the reign of God is here in the midst of us. Come share in the body and blood of Jesus with this and the whole beloved community throughout the world. **Thanks be to God!**



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.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt. Music: Harold Friedell, 1905-1058 Text © Oxford University Press

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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: Sent Forth By God's Blessing ELW 547

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, The people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face— Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, Embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune

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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, Prayer of the Day, Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (@ Clergy stuff)
- + Call to Worship, Confession Absolution (Bible Worm, Rev. Teri Peterson.)
- + 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, including a famous poem by Robert Browning.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette is a hymn writer and Presbyterian pastor. She has written over 400 hymns. Gillette and her husband Bruce are the pastors of First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, New York since December 2018. They have previously served as pastors in Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware, Pitman, New Jersey and Sussex County, New Jersey. Gillette was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia on May 28, 1961. She grew up in a Methodist family, and her father was a graduate of Drew Seminary. She was baptized and confirmed in Methodist congregations. She graduated from United Methodist Church-related Lebanon Valley College. She and her husband Bruce are graduates for Princeton Theological Seminary. They are the parents of three children and four grandchildren.



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 14 th @ 9:30 AM		
Assisting Minister	Ushers	
Kathie Ruhs	Bruce Markert	Don Icken

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

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 14, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, Jan 21, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, Jan 28, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4th Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, Feb 04, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 5th Sunday after 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.

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