Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 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:

The faith of a leader of the synagogue and the faith of a nameless woman in the crowd both lead to miraculous healings, making it clear that anyone can ask for—and receive—God's help.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: "My Hope Is in the Everlasting" from *The Daughter of Jairus* by Sir John Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, bring your burdens, your hopes, your last-ditch efforts, your pain, your longing.

We come seeking God's compassion, present in Christ.

Whoever you are, whatever positions you hold, whatever experience life has brought you,

we come seeking healing, restoration, peace, grace.

Trusting in what Jesus can do,

we come seeking the One who gives life.

God among us, you have never been content only to heal bodies, you long for wholeness for people and community and creation.

We give you thanks for asking for our stories, for listening when we have the courage to come before you,

and for your grace in naming us part of your family.

As we seek your gift of life today,

may we sense your power taking us by the hand and calling us to get up.

CONFESSION

Claimed and called by God, we humbly come to offer up all those ways that we do not love and offer grace as you love and forgive us

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God of restoration and wholeness, you are the One who brings life even where all seems lost...

though we have questions about your timing and priorities.

We confess we have mixed feelings about those whose illnesses linger, we're unsure how to treat them and it's so easy to judge their faith, their fortitude, and their finances.

We confess we want immediate healing for ourselves and our loved ones, and we're willing to push and complain if others also have needs we don't understand.

We confess we have offered platitudes and cliches instead of comfort and companionship,

often to distance ourselves from a failure of faith or a risk of grief we can't handle.

Forgive us, Lord, for our hard hearts.

Forgive us for perpetuating the isolation of illness, and the stigma that prevents people seeking help.

Forgive us for judging people so we can pretend those things could never happen to us.

Forgive us, and restore us to wholeness —

the kind that seeks the good of all your people together, that reaches out with kind hands and an open heart, that brings normal life to those who have suffered long. We ask in the name Christ whose healing power is for all. 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: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me ELW 755

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey thy will When thou say'st to them: "Be still." Wondrous sov'reign of the sea. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on thy breast, May I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888 Music: John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

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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.**



Glory to God



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-loving God, high and low, rich and poor, healthy and ailing, joyous and sorrowful, we come to you, knowing that in you is rest and restoration. Quiet our spirits that we might be open to receive your blessings in word and meal, for our own good and for the good of all. 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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READING: Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and for evermore.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of

the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Come to You for Healing, Lord ELW 617

We come to you for healing, Lord, Of body, mind and soul, And pray that by your Spirit's touch We may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets And reached toward those in pain, Come, risen Christ, among us still With pow'r to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, Through nurses' gifts of care, And through the love of faithful friends Who lift our lives in prayer.

When nights are long with wakefulness, Through days when strength runs low, Grant us your gift of patience Lord, Your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, In our distress and pain, In trust that through our nights and days Your grace will heal, sustain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Music: Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824 Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc.

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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 gave aid and comfort both to a leader of the synagogue and a nameless woman in a crowd. Give us willing hearts to lovingly serve all people, regardless of background or status. We give thanks for all who offered their compassion and grace to our shelter guests this week. God our teacher and healer, In mercy, hear our prayer.

So much of your beloved creation has been irrevocably lost to the ravages of pollution, habitat destruction, and climate change. Give us the urgency we need to meet these challenges head on and protect species and ecosystems on the brink of extinction. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Inspire our leaders to work for just and equitable systems of healthcare, so that all people would have access to what is needed for a healthy, flourishing life. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We uplift to you all whose chronic health conditions go unresolved. Hold them in their grief and suffering, and help us to honor their feelings and those of all who struggle. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Barbara, Donna, Barbara, Mackenzie, Ursula, The Myers Family, John, The Parraggio Family, Franco, Bert, Joseph and Rebecca 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.

Shake us out of our complacency, O God that we might strive for justice on behalf of all oppressed and marginalized communities. God our teacher and healer, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all those who have gone before us proclaiming their stories of your healing love. With them, we reach for the hem of your cloak, knowing you have the power to transform our lives. 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: "Awake, Thou That Sleepest" Sir John Stainer

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.

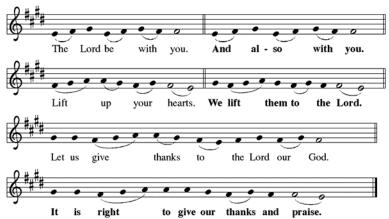
Music: William HI Havergal, 1793-1870

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OFFERING PRAYER

Bountiful God, you provide for us every good thing that we need to have life and have it abundantly. With gratitude we return to you this small portion of your gifts, that you might use them for your holy work in this community and beyond. Amen.

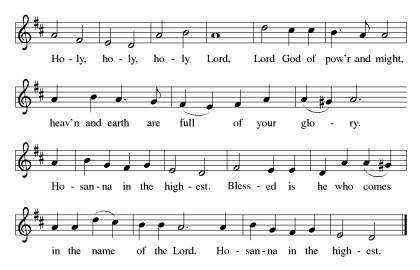
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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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

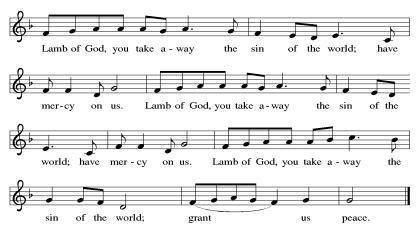
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus, whose touch means healing and wholeness, reaches out to you, takes you by the hand, and invites you to this holy table, where all are fed and nourished by his grace. Come and eat. All is prepared for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of 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: I Come with Joy, a Child of God ELW 482

I come with joy, a child of God, Forgiven, loved, and free, The life of Jesus to recall In love laid down for me, In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near

To find, as all are fed.
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And strangers now are friends, And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, Unseen, but ever near. Is in such friendship better known, Alive among us here, Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound By all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to give the world The love that makes us one, The love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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

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: The Church of Christ in Every Age ELW 729

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age Beset by change, but Spirit-led, Must claim and test its heritage And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, A caring church that longs to be A partner in Christ's sacrifice, And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone whose blood was shed, Can cure the fever in our blood, And teach us how to share our bread And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve

In full obedience to our Lord; To care for all, without reserve, And spread his liberating word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000 Music: William Knapp, 1698-1768 Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company

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DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: "Hosanna in the Highest" Sir John Stainer

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:

Sir John Stainer (1840 –1901) was an English composer and organist whose music, though seldom performed today (with the exception of The Crucifixion, still heard at Passiontide in some churches of the Anglican Communion), was very popular during his lifetime. His work as choir trainer and organist set standards for Anglican church music that are still influential. He was also active as an academic, becoming Heather Professor of Music at Oxford. Stainer was born in Southwark, London, in 1840, the son of a schoolmaster. He became a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral when aged ten and was appointed to the position of organist at St Michael's College, Tenbury at the age of sixteen. He later became organist at Magdalen College, Oxford, and subsequently organist at St Paul's Cathedral. When he retired owing to his poor eyesight and deteriorating health, he returned to Oxford to become Professor of Music at the university. He died unexpectedly while on holiday in Italy in 1901. The Daughter of Jairus was composed in 1878.



Today's altar flowers are given by Kathleen Harpster in gratitude to God for His many blessings.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 @ 9:30 AM			
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Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Heather Larocchia, Jan 29 Anna Trieller, Jan 31





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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