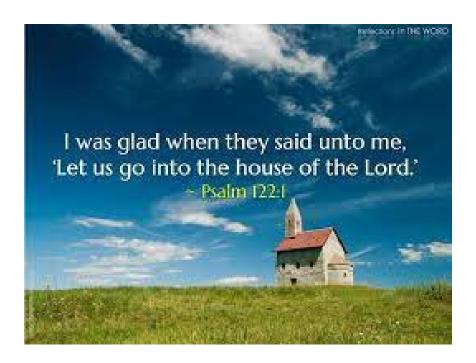
Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



5th Sunday after Epiphany February 4 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 (reviedyer1@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 proclaims the Good News of God's love for all people. This message is not for us alone, but we are each called to share this gospel message with all whom we encounter daily.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: "Merciful God" Tony Alonso

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You dwelt among us in the flesh, O God, complete with a body, a family, a job, a community.
You had friends who stayed through thick and thin, and audiences who didn't get what you were talking about, and enemies who undermined your every move.
You traveled, and worked, and laughed, and cried, and prayed, and loved.

Still today you dwell among us by your Spirit, inviting us to be your Body, to live your grace in bodies, families, jobs, communities, among friends and enemies and people who don't get us; to trust you as we travel, work, laugh, cry, pray, and love. Today may we do more than simply enjoy your word, may it touch us deeply and move us to new life.

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

Holy and living God, you lived and served in all sorts of situations, and we are grateful for your story that reveals your kingdom's presence even in our present circumstance.

We confess, though, that sometimes we get tripped up by what we have known,

unable to allow others to grow because we want them to be the person we remember,

unable to grow ourselves because others want us to always be like we've always been.

(moment for reflection)

We confess that sometimes it feels as if we are simply swept along, the system has a mind of its own,

and our only option is the one that tradition or expectation or reputation dictates.

(moment for reflection)

We confess that sometimes we question your instructions, unwilling to believe we could ever do what you're asking us to do, unwilling to be vulnerable enough to fully experience your providing.

(moment for reflection)

Forgive us, loving God,
and open our minds and hearts,
empower our spirits and wills,
move our hands and feet and voices,
to not only silently recognize your power
but to speak up and stand up, to participate in your purpose.
We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ
who used every avenue to bring your good news to every place. 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: Lead Me, Guide Me ELW 768

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Refrain

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see. Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

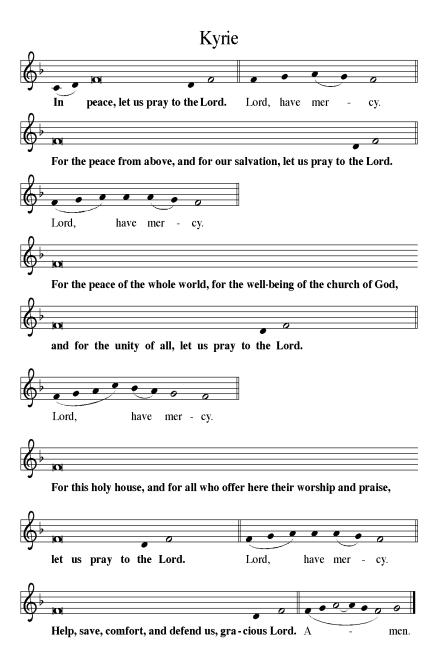
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GREETING

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

Holy Jesus, you sent many into the world to proclaim your kingdom on earth. Send us, equip us, and walk with us so that everyone can learn of your abundant love that has been revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 122

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'

For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil

many who were sick and cured them.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

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: Here I Am Lord ELW 574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"
Refrain

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: Daniel L. Schutte

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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.

God of courage, guide us to stand firm in our convictions, even in the face of opposition. May we honor those who speak truth to power, including activists, whistleblowers, and children who challenge injustice with innocence and determination. God, draw near **and receive our prayer.**

Creator of integrity, inspire us to live lives of honesty and principle. May we value the work of those who strive to uphold your standards which reflect your desire for righteousness and truth. God, draw near, and receive our prayer.

Guide our leaders, lawmakers, and those who wield power, that they may do so with wisdom and a deep sense of responsibility. May they reflect the teachings of Christ, nurturing a society that prioritizes justice and the well-being of all. God, draw near, and receive our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for those who are in need of courage and strength as they struggle in body, mind and spirit. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Stig, Gene, Melanie, Heidi, Janice, Peter, Kyle, Judy, Maisa, Jim, Mary, Debbie, Bill and Lillian and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. May they find comfort in your love, and may mentors, friends, and even inspiring stories be instruments of your grace and encouragement. God, draw near, and receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, we pray for those who navigate complex ethical dilemmas, including judges, medical professionals, and all who face difficult decisions. Strengthen them to act with discernment and compassion, reflecting the integrity you have shown through Christ. God, draw near, and receive our prayer.

We remember the saints who have gone before us, those who have lived lives of courage and integrity. May we be inspired by their example, honoring the legacy of saints, prophets, and all who have embraced your call with fortitude and faithfulness. God, draw near, and receive 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, trusting always in your will revealed 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: "God Sends Us Forth" Tony Alonso

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.

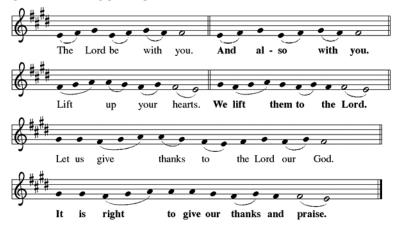
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OFFERING PRAYER

God from whom all blessings flow, we offer now our gifts and our tithes out of what you have first given us. Accept these offerings for the sake of Jesus Christ, and use them on behalf of all who suffer oppression and injustice throughout the world. Amen.

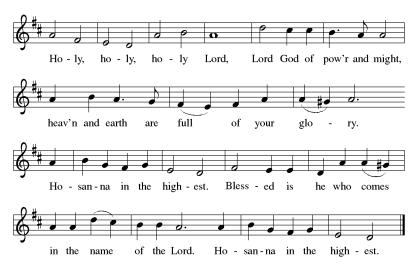
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

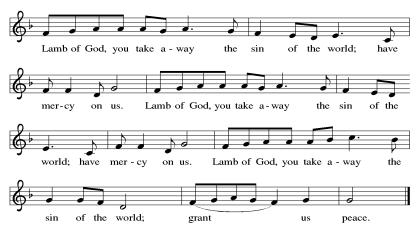
LORD'S PRAYER

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

All are welcome at this table. Come into the presence of our savior, Jesus Christ, and join with the whole Christian family throughout the world in this holy meal, that we might be united with him and one another, now and forever. **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: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep They know and heed his voice; So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. <u>Refrain</u> With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. Refrain

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contains Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. <u>Refrain</u>

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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.**

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'ryday 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.

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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: "And Jesus Said 'Don't Be Afraid" Tony Alonso

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, Luther Seminary)
- + 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:

Tony Alonso is a Latin Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. A Cuban-American Roman Catholic, Tony's compositions embrace multicultural musical expressions and reflect a commitment to strong ritual song. His music appears in compilations and hymnals across Christian denominations throughout the world. His "Mass of Joy and Peace" is one of the most widely sung Mass settings in the English-speaking world. In 2015, Tony's compositional work was recognized with an invitation to compose the responsorial psalm for the first Mass Pope Francis celebrated in the United States. In 2020, he was nominated for a Latin Grammy for his groundbreaking album "Caminemos con Jesús" (GIA Publications, 2020).



Today's altar flowers are given by Don and Joanne Icken in loving memory of his mother Caroline Icken.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 @ 9:30 AM				
ASSISTING				
MINISTER	USHERS		ACOLYTE	
Jo-Anne	John	Charlie	Zach	
Nestor	Bertone	Germain	Duben	

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

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Scott Dzibela, Sr.	Feb 1	Joseph Maston	Feb 11
Kristin Foley	Feb 1	Alyssa Nastasi	Feb 12
Luke Loftus	Feb 1	Olivia Giacomelli	Feb 13
Wendy Healy	Feb 3	Brian Van Vlack	Feb 13
Ursula Merolla	Feb 3	Adam Beal	Feb 14
Nicole Morello	Feb 3	Andrea Tiersch	Feb 14
Dowlette-Mary Alam el Din Feb 4		Mary Gerhardt	Feb 20
Lauren Baldanza-Giacomelli Feb 4		Bruce Foley, Jr.	Feb 21
Jennifer Gerfen	Feb 6	Andrew Klammer	Feb 21
John Gerfen	Feb 6	Jeffrey Von Bargen	Feb 22
Ashley Hansen	Feb 6	Erin Corbi	Feb 23
Lois Lawerence	Feb 7	Carol Fendt	Feb 24
Mark Morello	Feb 8	Lorraine Van Vlack	Feb 29





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.

Trinity Lutheran Church

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