

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



*2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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

Peter's "Wandering Heart" finds him impetuously getting out of a storm tossed boat. Yet his fear overcame him when his eyes were no longer focused on Jesus.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: *Adoration* by Florence Beatrice Price

played by Juergen Tempel

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,
the courageous and the fearful,
the hungry and the hopeful,
the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,
the poets and the prophets,
the faithful and the tired,
the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey,
wherever your boat is at sea,
there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits.

Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this

prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.

This is our moment to crawl out of the boat.

So friends, let's be like Peter.

Join me in being courageous.

Join me in truth-telling.

Join me in prayer.

It's time to get our feet wet.

Let us pray together:

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,

There are days that threaten to swallow us,

days when the storms of life feel too big.

In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,

spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves.

Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.

With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter,

or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do,

Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting,

Christ is always walking toward you. So hear and believe this good news:

God's love is stronger than any storms.

On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved.

God is always walking toward you.

That is the good news of the gospel. You are loved! You are forgiven!

Trust in this everlasting covenant of love and grace given to you this day in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW 773

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storms, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

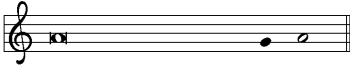
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



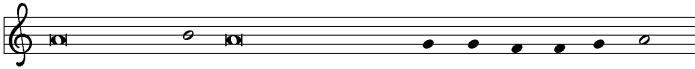
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

There are days where the wind is loud.

There are days where the rain tears through the trees

and the storms of life beg for our attention.

So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts.

Quiet our restless minds.

Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word

so that we might hear, really hear, your message to us today.

With one foot out of the boat, we pray, amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon & Song

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

"Jesus Loves Me" ELW 595

Jesus loves me! This I know,

For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to him belong,

They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me,

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died

Heaven's gates to open wide;

He will wash away my sin,

Let his little child come in.

Refrain

Jesus loves me! He will stay

Close beside me all the way;

When at last I come to die,

He will take me home on high.

Refrain

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Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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+ WORD +

READING: Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Return to the Lord”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

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:

Into the Waters

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Johann Crüger, 1640



In - to the wa - ters, tim - id and un - stead - y
But then the winds shift and I let my gaze break
Safe in the boat I won - der where the fault lies
Grace for the jour - ney, grace for all my fail - ings



Bare feet find pur - chase in the wa - ter's ed - dies
Fear starts to drag me un - der - neath the lake's waves
Was it the storm or my own reck - less de - sire
Grace when I'm sink - ing, grace when storms as - sail me



Eyes fixed on Je - sus while the storm is ra - ging
In my dis - tress I cry out to my Sa - vior,
To have con - trol or prove my - self as a - ble
Faith in my - self and faith in God's pro - vis - ion



And waves are break - ing
"Save me from dan - ger!"
Rath - er than faith - ful
Not my am - bi - tion

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you came in the person of Jesus not to be served, but to serve others. Help us set aside our desire for greatness and our need for certainty that we might love our neighbors as ourselves. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Give us a deep appreciation for forests and grasslands, deserts and mountain ranges, oceans and rivers, that we would care for them as you would have us. Enable us to restore the goodness of your creation. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Encourage those who lead and those who follow to work cooperatively with one another toward common goals, that all might have life and have it abundantly. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Enfold in your loving arms all who are living with chronic or terminal illness, addiction, mental health challenges, or grief. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (*pause*). We also lift up in prayer: **Jeff, George, Jeanne, Hayden, Jayne, Heidi, Georgina, Janice, and Jim and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Show us how best to love and support those in our families or communities who suffer. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the many ways in which scripture has been used to marginalize those living with disabilities, that we might be intentional about welcoming and affirming every single child of God as they are. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

With gratitude we remember those who shared with us stories of lives transformed by your love, teaching us by their example that your love can change us in powerful ways. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

The love and 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 IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

As we receive the choir's offering of music, we invite you to share your own offering with Trinity by placing them in offering plate, mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org



Use this time of prayer and reflection, as the offerings are received, to use the "Community Prayers" insert to write your own prayers. You may either place them in the offering plate now or in the basket as you come forward for Communion. Following worship, the basket will be at the door for you to pick someone else's prayer to lift up to God during the week.

ANTHEM: "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

by Matt Crocker Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee;
May I still thy goodness prove.**

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

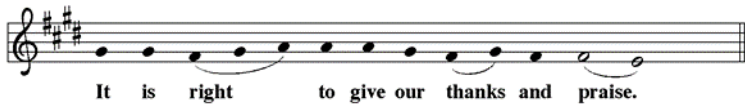
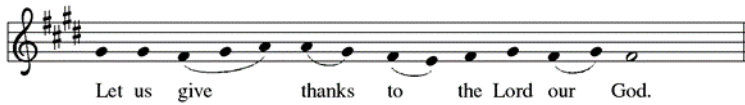
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OFFERING PRAYER

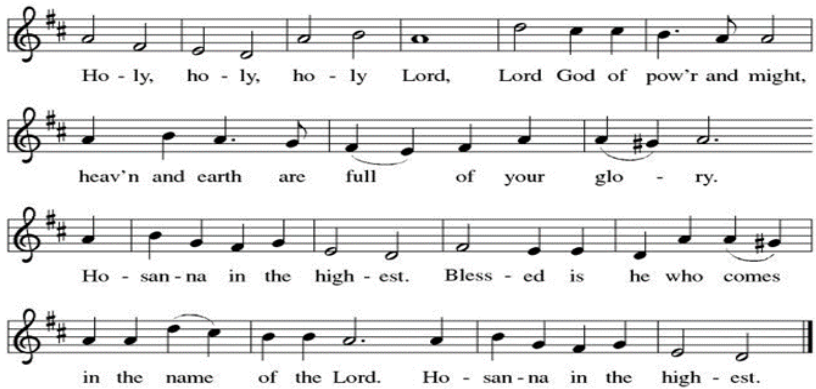
Generous God, **you demonstrate your greatness by providing us with everything we need. In humility and gratitude we return to you a portion of these gifts. Accept them, we pray, for use in service to others according to your will. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears

you have brought us this far along the way

in times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

but guided us into the path of love and light

in every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity

the cry of the poor has become your own cry

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire

in the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant

to preach good news to the afflicted

to break bread with the outcast and despised

and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin

In ...the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of sin and death.

Come, Lord Jesus

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 against us;
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**

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus, who has given everything to and for us, even to his own life, now invites you to this holy table to give you yet more: his presence in this bread and wine, in order that you would be strengthened for life's journey. Come to the feast of love. **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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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: *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* ELW 520

**Dearest Jesus, at your word
We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you
As the promises here given
Draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**All our knowledge, sense and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks the night,
Filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
Comes but by your gracious giving.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of Light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please you,
As with grateful hearts we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most;
All your gospel's consolation
While we here on earth await you,
Till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure
in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW 756

**Eternal Father, strong to save
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the might ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: *"The Deserted Garden"* by Florence Beatrice Price

Worship notes:

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

- + Introduction (Pastor Jen)
- + Offering prayer, Prayers of Intercession, Invitation to Communion (@ *Clergy stuff*)
- + Call to Worship, Confession, Words of Forgiveness, Prayer of the Day (Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.)
- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Notes:

Florence Beatrice Price (née Smith; 1887 –1953) was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Price composed over 300 works: four symphonies, four concertos, as well as choral works, art songs, chamber music and music for solo instruments. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.

Hillsong Church is a globally diverse church in Australia which is committed to ethnic and racial reconciliation, healing and unity. Our mission is to be a healthy church changing lives through Christ. Jesus Christ is our hope— as his Kingdom is the expression of his rule and reign in and amongst the nations. This has immediate and eternal implications for human thriving. As a global Church centered on Jesus and his gospel, we are compelled to ensure that all people are treated with justice, equity, and inclusion. The anthem today was composed by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Salomon Ligthelm.



Today's altar flowers are given by Ann-Marie Palmo in memory of her loving parents and by Kathie Ruhs & family in memory of husband & father, Larry Ruhs, who was born on February 29th and would have had a genuine birthday this year. Happy Birthday in heaven, we miss you so very much!!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 @ 9:30 AM

ASSISTING

MINISTER

USHERS

ACOLYTE

**Joanne
Halbekath**

**Ralph
Rudolph**

**Bruce
Markert**

**Jonathan
Sciarra**

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Lorraine Van Vlack Feb 29





WORSHIP SERVICES— February and March 2024

The organ prelude and preparatory time for worship begins approximately ten minutes before each service.

Sun, February 25	(2 nd Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 3	(3 rd Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 10	(4 th Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 17	(5 th Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 24	(Palm Sun)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 31	(Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement

As a people of God, we desire to experience the presence of God in our lives that we might be the presence of God in the lives of others.

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Members of Trinity: Ministers to the Community & World

