

Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



*3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024
9:30 AM*

MARCH

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

Upon Peter the Rock, the Church was established. Through the witness of countless generations, the witness of Christ's loving grace has been shared for the sake of the world.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: *"God So Loved the World"* by Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 19*)

If you ask the sky who God is,
the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,
the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,
the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1).

Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter said, "You are the Messiah."

Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered?

Did he respond loudly and with confidence,

or with a tentative whisper?

We'll never know. The text doesn't provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we

speak to God,

when we speak, God is listening.

So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love.

Let us pray together:

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Holy God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends,

Whether we speak to God

in a whisper or with clear conviction,

with questions or with answers,

with hope in our hearts or with doubt in our throats—

God will always listen with love and mercy.

So rest in this good news:

regardless of how loudly you live your faith—you belong to God.

You are loved. You are claimed. You are forgiven.

Speak that good news with confidence.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* ELW 796

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

**“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov’reign eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”**

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

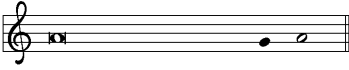
Music: Early American

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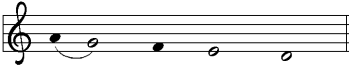
GREETING

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.



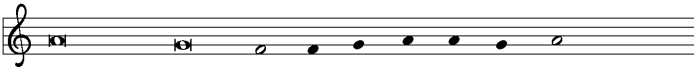
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



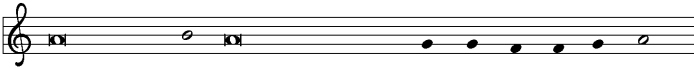
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Word,

For generations people have bowed their heads,

have prayed the Psalms,

have asked for your presence in their lives.

For generations people have whispered,

“May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart

be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God.”

For generations we have gathered here,

we have quieted our minds,

we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst.

So once again, just as the generations before,

we turn our hearts to your Word.

Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today.

With joy and hope 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

+ WORD +

READING: Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell

you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: *Built on a Rock* ELW 652

**Built on a rock the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling—
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**

**Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
High in the heav’ns his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav’n above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.**

**Christ builds a house of living stones:
We are his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
He in their midst will show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear your Word,
Who here this promise is bringing:
“I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”**

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.

Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

Church, what do you say?

Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,
the voice of truth spoken over us,
and love without walls.

Jesus is justice for the weary,
healing for the hurt,
and welcome for the stranger.

Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—
with me on the mountain
and beside me in the valley.

Jesus is a star in the night,
and the love that knows my name.

Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”

Like Peter, we say,
“Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”

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.

Holy God, you have entrusted us with the care of all that you have made. Keep us ever mindful that nothing we have is our own, that we might be wise and loving stewards of your creation. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Remind leaders at every level that they are to be careful stewards of the people and resources under their authority, and hold them accountable to those they serve. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We are all charged with the loving care of those in our lives who face physical or emotional challenges. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (*pause*). We also lift up in prayer: **Karen, Joseph, Lois, Madeline, Mackenzie, Loretta, John, Joseph, Kyle, Judy, Lillian, and Rose and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ’s name.** Make our arms extensions of your own, and bring healing and wholeness through us and all those who provide professional care. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.** We each play a role in the global systems that can either create staggering

injustices or work for lasting, cooperative change for the better. Keep us mindful of how our individual actions can have far-reaching effects, that we might make wise and loving choices in all we do. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We praise you for all the good stewards who have come before us, caring deeply for us, for your church, their communities, and the world. Inspire us to do likewise, that your church might flourish in the world until the end of time. 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: "Upon This Rock" by Pepper Choplin

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.

Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your live, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

We are invited to this table by the One who created the grains of the earth and the fruit of the vine. Come to be fed and nourished by Christ's loving grace! **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: *We Place Upon Your Table, Lord* ELW 467

**We place upon your table, Lord,
Where you by grace have bid us dine,
These tokens of our daily work,
The food of life, the bread and wine.**

**Within these simple things there lie
The height and depth of human life;
Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,
Our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.**

**Accept them, Lord; they come from you;
We take them humbly from your hand;
Put these your gifts to higher use:
The holy meal that you command.**

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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: *You Are the Way, to You Alone* ELW 758

**You are the way; you alone from sin and death we flee;
All those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.**

**You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind and purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

Text: George W. Doanes, 1799-1859, alt.

Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God! Amen!

POSTLUDE: "*Behold the Lord of Love*" by Pepper Choplin

Worship notes:

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

- ✦ Introduction, Invitation to Communion (Pastor Jen)
- ✦ Prayers of Intercession (*@ Clergy stuff*)
- ✦ Call to Worship, Confession, Words of Forgiveness, Prayer of the Day, Affirmation of Faith (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:

Pepper Choplin (born 1957) is a full-time composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. With a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he went on to earn a Master of Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. With a diverse musical background, Choplin incorporates varied styles such as folk, Gospel, classical, and jazz. His published works includes over 330 anthems for church and school choir plus 24 church cantatas and 4 books of piano arrangements. Over 150 groups have commissioned him to write original works for them. An original hymn, "Come to the Water" appears in the hymnal, Celebrating Grace. Each week, thousands of singers present his music in churches and schools in the United States and around the world.



Today's altar flowers are given by

Joanne and Don Icken in loving memory of her father, Joseph Goscinski. You are missed and remembered with love every day!

And by Dorothy Kafalas in loving memory of her daughter Pattie whose birthday was on February 23rd. Happy birthday in heaven my darling daughter!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: SUNDAY, MARCH 3 @ 9:30 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER	USHERS	ACOLYTE
Charlie Germain	Don Icken	Ralph Rudolph
		JP Maston

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Debra Lyon	March 6	Heather Coyle	March 26
Violet Coyle	March 8	Ralph Rudolph	March 26
Samantha Torlish	March 10	Lisa Schuldt	March 27
Angela Nastasi	March 12	Liam Conroy	March 28
Joseph Baldanza, Jr.	March 13	Moriah McCloskey	March 29
Audrey Stone	March 13	Doris O'Toole	March 31
Lucas Bertone	March 14		
Matthew De Marchi	March 15		
Kristyn Larocchia	March 15		
Sigrid Allen	March 17		
Daniel Minieri	March 17		
Victoria Sciarra	March 18		
Hannah Simon	March 18		
Morgan Andren	March 20		
Philip DeRoberts	March 21		
Liam Torlish	March 24		
Susan Brown	March 25		





WORSHIP SERVICES—March 2024

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

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
Thurs, March 28	(Maundy Thurs)	12 noon & 7 PM
Fri, March 29	(Good Friday)	12 noon & 7 PM
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

