Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



4th Sunday in Lent March 10, 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:
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INTRODUCTION

From his confession of faith to his rebuke of Jesus, we walk alongside Peter in his journey of faith. May the strength as well as struggles of his faith inspire and direct our own path.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "Suo Gan" Welsh Lullaby

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

On our worst days, God is good. On our best days, God is good. When life is consistent, God is good. And when life turns on its head, God is good. Day and night, Monday through Sunday, God is good. God is here. God is love. Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

There's a moment in our scripture today when Jesus turns to Peter, named "the rock" of the church, and says, "Get behind me, Satan!" I don't know about you all, but that's a pretty bad day for Peter. It's a pretty bad day when Jesus calls you Satan! Fortunately, this absurd moment comforts me with the knowledge that even Peter made mistakes. Peter, who was given the keys to Heaven. Peter, Jesus' right-hand man, made mistakes just like me. And still. Jesus chose him. Knowing that, let us speak honestly with God. For even on our worst days, we belong to God, and that will never change. Join me in prayer—

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Holy God,

We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.

Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"

We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.

We want to hold your world in our hands.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity.

Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.

Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many.

Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, no matter how many times you have dug your heels in,

no matter how many fights you have wanted to pick with God,

no matter how many times you have disagreed, raged,

or clung to what you know instead of embracing holy change we worship a God of grace.

Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine.

We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven.

Now follow Peter, and go be the Church in the world.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW 810

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; But, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

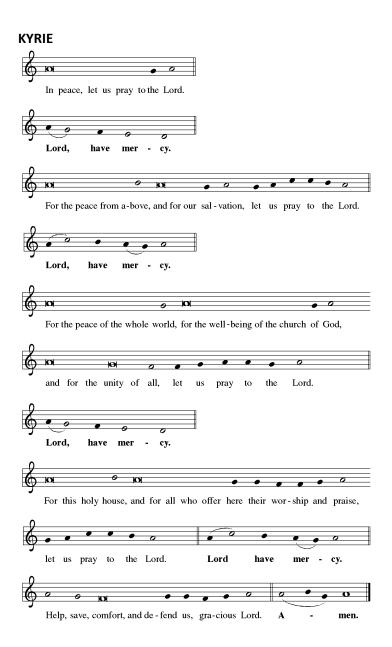
Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you That where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Listening God,

If we could attach ourselves to you, we would.

We would scribble your scripture onto our tender hearts.

We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being.

We would bind ourselves to you,

but instead,

we wander.

Instead of attaching ourselves to you,

we find ourselves swept up in the business of the day.

Like a seesaw of faithfulness, we move back and forth, up and down, constantly trying to find you in the midst of it all.

So speak clearly to us now.

Quiet the distractions long enough for us to affix ourselves to your good news.

We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. 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.

<u>Refrain</u> 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. <u>Refrain</u>

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+ WORD +

READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

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: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: You alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And all of the fam'ly you saved by your love, We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of second chances,
a God who sees through my stubbornness
and holds my fear with tenderness.
I believe that this God of second chances
uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.
Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.
This change is holy and important work, although challenging.
When fear and scarcity plague me,
or when the impossible feels out of reach,
I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

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.

O God, your commandment to us is love. Keep us ever mindful that love is not a feeling but an action, the kind of action that allows your reign of justice and mercy to break into the world each day. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Your charge to love our neighbors as ourselves includes every living thing in all your vast creation. Fill us with such love for animals and plants that we cannot help but strive for the preservation of the ecosystems in which they thrive. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide leaders around the world to act in love for all people, rather than serving the interests of a few. Give them a spirit of cooperation that all nations might work together for the flourishing of the whole world. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Walk with all those whose lives are diminished by pain, that they might know your loving and healing presence, and find comfort, strength, and hope to endure. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (*pause*). We also lift up in prayer: **Morgan**, **Pamela**, **Maryann**, **Matt**, **Melanie**, **Mary**, **Rob**, **Megan**, **Peter**, **Martin**, **Maisa**, **Mary and James and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**. God of the journey, **In mercy**, hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the saints, from the first disciples to the present day, who modeled your great commandment for us. Inspire us to the same love of God and others each and every day. 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: <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>



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: "Lo! He Sent His Word and Healed Them"

Rowland Huw Pritchard

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

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

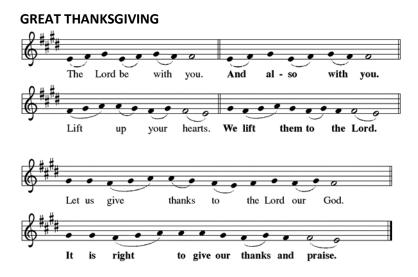
Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, creator 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 love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



PREFACE

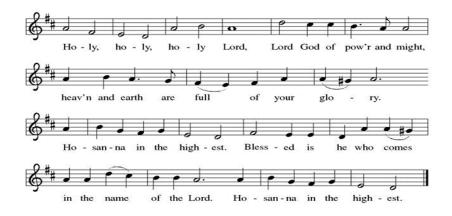
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

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:



EUCHARISTIC 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:

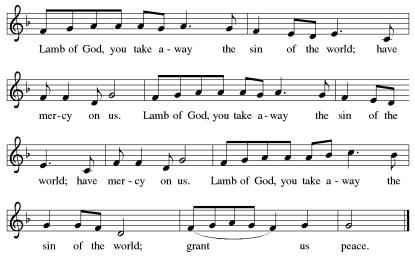
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus the Messiah invites all to this table of grace. Through his death and resurrection, we receive the fullness of life in this meal. **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: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are trav'lers on the road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

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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: O God. My Faithful God ELW 806

O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, Without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing; Give me a healthy frame, and may I have within A conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing Whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling— To do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless Whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling; Guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling; But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak, Then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.

When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless; Help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless; Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small, And, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Lisa Lan" Gustav Holst

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

Cover Art:

Beseeching by Hannah Garrity Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23 Ink on paper "God forbid it!" says Peter to Jesus (Matthew 16:22). In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality. After ten years in ministry, I work in a church for the first time. In this text, I feel Jesus speaking directly to me: "You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Matthew 16:23). This is exactly where frustration surfaces for me in my amazing church job. It is when I have set my eye on human things. I worry about the budget. I worry about the email. I worry about the building. So why am I so focused on human things? And the negative ones, at that? Because I'm human. Because these things matter. But not if I miss the grandeur of this incredible organization sharing the expansive love of God! With every brush stroke in this ink painting, the humanity of Peter's face deepens, his expression clarifies. He cannot let his beloved friend be murdered. He worries about human things. How weighty and legitimate those things feel. Jesus seems free of those human worries. He focuses with confidence on the path ahead, though Peter's concern causes him to falter. Perhaps we can each be free of human concerns as well... However, that feels like a pipe dream, and Jesus knows it: "Get behind me, Satan" (Matthew 16:23). He does not blame Peter. Instead, he calls out Satan from within his friend. In doing so, he offers us a much needed reminder to refocus. Thanks be to God. —Hannah Garrity

Music Notes:

The manuscript of **Robert ap Huw** is the earliest surviving harp music in Europe and it comes from Wales. The Plygain Tradition: this singing is of a religious nature, the type of singing associated with Christmas time and heard in plygain services in churches and chapels. It is more akin to folk and ballad singing than to hymn singing: natural, unassuming, untrained singing, always unaccompanied and more often than not in simple harmony. Many of the melodies onto which the words are set are folk tunes.

Gustav Theodore Holst (1874 – 1934) was an English composer, arranger and teacher. Best known for his orchestral suite The Planets, he composed many other works across a range of genres, although none achieved comparable success. His distinctive compositional style was the product of many influences, especially folk music as in his setting of 12 Welsh melodies.



Today's altar flowers are given by Kathie Ruhs in celebration and gratitude for her daughter, Heather's birthday which is on March 11th. Happy Birthday to my sweet girl—God blessed us the day you were born!

Scheduled to serve: Sunday, March 10 @ 9:30 AM				
Assisting				
MINISTER	Ushers		ACOLYTE	
Jo-Anne	Bruce		Fiona	
Nestor	Markert		Cioffi	

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Samantha Torlish	March	10
Angela Nastasi	March	12
Joseph Baldanza, Jr.	March	13
Audrey Stone	March	13
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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
Heather Coyle	March	26

Ralph Rudolph	March	26
Lisa Schuldt	March	27
Liam Conroy	March	28
Moriah McCloskey	March	29
Doris O'Toole	March	31





WORSHIP SERVICES—March 2024

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

(4 th Lent)	
(5 th Lent)	
(Palm Sun)	
(Maundy Thurs)	
(Good Friday)	
(Easter)	

Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM 12 noon & 7 PM 12 noon & 7 PM Holy Communion 9:30 AM

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 2103 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509; 845-279-5181; <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org;</u> Office Hrs.: M-F, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Reverend Jennifer Boyd, Pastor: <u>revjedyer1@yahoo.com;</u> 845-279-5181 Charles A. Germain, Jr., Deacon Franklyn W. Commisso, Ph.D.: Minister of Music Sue Ellen Kelly, Office Admin: <u>TrinLutheranOffice@yahoo.com</u> Doris O'Toole, Council President: <u>trinitylutherancouncil@yahoo.com</u> Members of Trinity: Ministers to the Community & World

