

*Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
Brewster, NY*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 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](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjedyer1@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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

As Peter and John are walking into the Temple, they are stopped by a man begging for alms. Instead of money, Peter gives him something else: healing, transformative focus, and witness. When we open ourselves to true encounter, we create space that the Holy Spirit uses to transform us.

## + GATHER +

**Prelude: Psalm 63 “O God, Thou Art My God”** Franklyn Commisso

*Let us prepare ourselves to worship God together. You are encouraged to pray during the prelude for God's Spirit to infuse our time of worship and this community of faith.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Come, it is the time for worship —

**the time we come together in praise and prayer.**

Celebrating resurrection, still singing our Hallelujahs,

**we come together in praise and prayer.**

With joy and with sadness,

carrying all the experiences of life,

**we come together in praise and prayer.**

In the middle of everything going on in our lives and in the world,

this is the time we pause to look intently toward the living God,

**coming together in praise and prayer.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

**GATHERING HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us ELW 789**

**Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

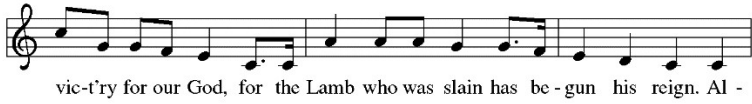
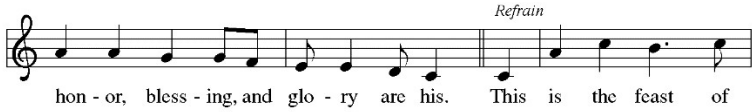
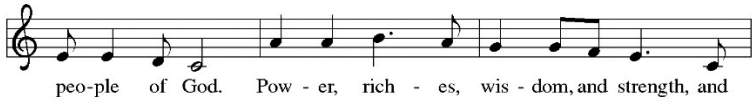
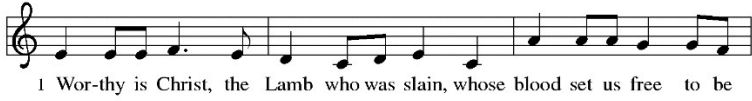
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The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All our power to do good comes from you,  
Source of all being, breath of life.

**All our power to praise and to pray comes from you,  
in your grace and mercy.**

**The very gift of life, and of resurrection life, comes from you,  
Holy One.**

**Take us by the hand today,  
raise us up to stand in your presence  
and fill us with wonder and amazement,  
in the name of Jesus Christ whom you raised from the dead. Amen.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

### **Children's Song**

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T

and I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

**+ WORD +**

### **READING: Acts 3:1-10**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and

leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

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Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-iah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:53-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: There Is a Balm in Gilead ELW 614**

**Refrain**

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.**

**Refrain**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."**

**Refrain**

**Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.**

**Refrain**

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual

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**NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Healing God, by your power, Peter was able to liberate a man from the need to beg for his survival. Give us the power to transform lives and systems so that all your children have what they need to flourish.  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Within the complexity and beauty of the world you created can be found sources of life and healing we have yet to encounter, but which could be transformative to humanity. Help us to preserve and protect the gifts you have given us in nature.  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Move the leaders of wealthy nations to provide health and humanitarian aid wherever it is needed and commit them to addressing the international inequities that cause these health crises in the first place.  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who are experiencing challenges to their health and wellbeing and all who provide care to them. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... *(pause)*. We also lift up in prayer **Morgan, Raul, Maryann, Matt, Melanie, Mary, Rob, Judy, Nicole and Lillian and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name**  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We uplift all who do not have access to healthcare, both in our own country and throughout the world. Make us advocates for this most essential human right so that every one of your beloved children might be cared for as you would care for them.  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the departed saints who have been healers in our lives. In their footsteps, may we engage in the healing practice of our faithful presence with those around us.  
God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

*Pastor:* We place in your arms all for whom we pray, confident in your

mercy and grace bestowed upon all people through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

**SHARING OF PEACE**

The love and peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**

*You are invited to share a sign 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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org)



**ANTHEM: "Healing of the Lame Man"** Franklyn Commisso

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

**OFFERING HYMN:**

# We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we return to you out of your abundant gifts these offerings of our possessions, as well as our time and our talents. Use them for the sake of a world in need to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy God, you alone are holy

### **You alone are God**

The universe declares your praise

**Beyond the stars; beyond the seas**

Within each cell; with every breath

### **We praise you, O God**

Generations bless your faithfulness

**Through the water; by night and day**

Across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future

### **We bless you, O God**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

**At the heart of human life; near to those who suffer**

Beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now

### **We thank you, O God**

In the night...do this in remembrance of me

Remembering his love for us

**On the way, at the table, and to the end,**

We proclaim the mystery of faith **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit

**In our gathering**

Within this meal

**Among your people; throughout the world**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you

Holy God, through Christ Jesus,

**By your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen**

Gathered by the Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

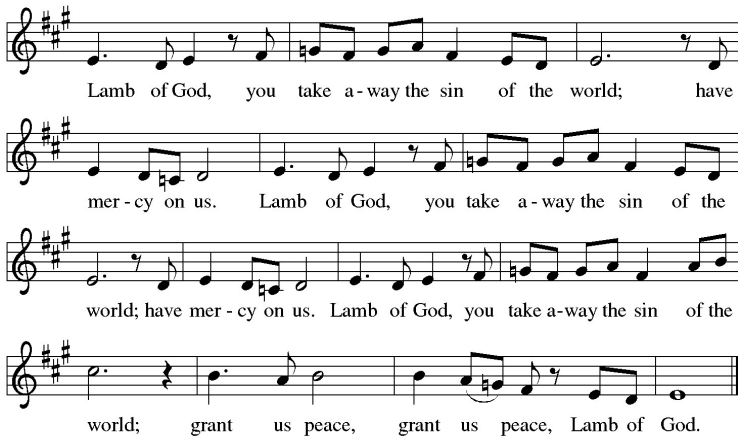
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The one in whose name Peter healed now invites you to this feast of promise. In bread and wine, Jesus gives his very self to strengthen you in your life of faith. Come and eat. **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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*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 Walk by Faith ELW 635**

**We walk by faith and not by sight;  
With gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side,  
Nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
And seek where you are found:**

**For you, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.**

**And when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
May we behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: English traditional

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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.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord,  
We have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.  
Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word  
And to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **+ SENDING +**

THE ASSEMBLY SITS

### **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN: Blessed Assurance ELW 638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### **Refrain**

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,

**Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

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**DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended, let the service begin  
Go in Christ's peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: *"Yea, I Have Loved Thee with an Everlasting Love"***

Franklyn Commisso

## **Worship notes:**

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

- ✦ Introduction, Prayers of Intercession, Offering Prayer, Invitation to Communion (*@ Clergy stuff*)
- ✦ Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day (*written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson*)
- ✦ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

## **Music Note:**

**Franklyn** was trained in White Plains by Cesare Borgia and Carlo Tomanelli of the Metropolitan Opera. He served Hope United Presbyterian Church in Tarrytown, First Church of Christ Scientist in White Plains, Saint Andrew's Lutheran in Yorktown, Hopewell Reformed Church, and Resurrection Lutheran in Mount Kisco. He went through Diakonia here at Trinity and interned with Pastors Roger Imhoff and Albert Alstrom. He has served at Trinity, Brewster for twenty- three years as Minister of Music. The prelude Psalm 63 was composed in honor of Franklyn's aunt, Inez Rowe, and the anthem on today's lectionary was written for church soloist Kathryn Bellingham of Pelham, NY. The postlude is a setting of Jeremiah 31:3.



Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne and Don Icken in remembrance and celebration of their forty-first wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary to you both and God's blessings always!

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
<b>April 14th @ 9:30 AM</b>	Charlie Germain	<i>Jo-Ann Nestor &amp; Don Icken</i>	<i>Tatiana Bettcher</i>

**Let's Wish Happy Birthday To:**

Ariana Dzibela, April 14

Ryan Loftus, April 16

Dawn Torlish, April 16

Sharon Laird, April 20

Ann-Marie Palmo, April 20

Charles Germain, Jr., April 24

Loretta Christiano, April 27

Wyatt Torlish, April 27

Mary Beth Commisso, April 28

June Daniel, April 28

Rosanna Tempel, April 28

Maysen Edmondson, April 29

George O'Toole, Jr., April 29

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



## WORSHIP SERVICES—April 2024

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

Sun, April 14	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 21	(4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 28	(5 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at:

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**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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