

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, NY*



*4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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

As Paul and Silas travel through Thessalonica and attempt to grow the early church there, they are met with dramatic resistance. Their story combined with Paul's letter to the Thessalonians shows us why that might not be such a bad thing. Rejection does not have to alter the strength, the consistency, or the nature of God's love that we strive to bring into the world every day.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: "I Thank You, Lord" Joseph M. Martin

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

Grace to you, and peace
in the name of God our Maker and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace to you, and peace.

we give thanks to God for you!

Together, we come to learn from the Spirit and each other

and to pass on what we have heard,

so together we may grow in Christlikeness.

We are one link in the chain, one ripple moving outward,

embodying our faith so all may see and know God's love.

It isn't easy to share the good news of Jesus.

Following Jesus is never the easier path.

It is a call into a life of working for the good of others.

Many people only want to hear that they are loved

and that no effort is required of them.

God does love us in this way, and it is beautiful.

But it is the beginning of faith, not its ending.

**In gratitude we are inspired to take the hard path
to bring the gospel of justice and equity to all who suffer.**

The good news of Jesus will not always be well received.

We trust that God is with us as we answer the call.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia

GATHERING HYMN: O Zion, Haste ELW 668

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

Refrain

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
And died on earth that we might live above.**

Refrain

**He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
Make know to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
Let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
Through your neglect, unfit to see his face.**

Refrain

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Music: James Walch, 1837-1901

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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


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of




vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You have turned the world upside down, O God,

bringing life out of death.

Still you shake things up, disturbing our uneasy "peace"

by showing us a more excellent way.

Open us today to be persuaded by your word that changes everything.

Strengthen us by prayer,

empower us by your Spirit,

orient us by your truth,

that we may confidently live lives worthy of your calling,

changing the world with your love. 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 17:1-9

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, 'This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.' Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers

before the city authorities, shouting, 'These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.' The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

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

The image shows a musical score for three voices in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le. hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:9-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

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: You Servants of God ELW 825

**You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save,
Yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

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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.

O God, you sustained Paul and the early Christians through harsh opposition and persecution. Give us the persistence to do your work of justice even when we face strong pushback or personal risk. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We human beings are the most adaptable creatures on earth, inhabiting even the most hostile of climates. Wherever we live, fill us with mutual love for the natural world around us, that we would sustain the environments that sustain us. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Open the minds of all who lead to new ideas and learnings from younger generations and other nations, that together we might solve the issues

that negatively affect the whole world. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to those recovering from injury or surgery, and to all whose health is challenged in any way. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... *(pause)*. We also lift up in prayer **Thomas, Jeanette, Stig, Chuck, Richard, Megan, Peter, Martin, Maisa, and Mary 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.**

Comfort the victims of violence, especially gun violence, and bring healing to families and communities torn apart by it. Commit us to doing whatever is needed to end violence in our nation and our world. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

So many saints from Paul to the present have risked their safety, their reputations, and their lives for the sake of the gospel. Inspire us by their example to be willing to do whatever is needed to make sure your message of love and justice is carried forward. 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



ANTHEM: "I Thank My God for You" Joseph M. Martin

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

We Are an Offering

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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
P.M.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, who guided Paul to carry to the good news of Christ to all the world, **and who inspires us in our giving to support the life and ministries of this congregation, accept these, our gifts, for your good purposes revealed to us through the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Jesus, who meets us wherever we are, and strengthens us in our call to work for his justice, now invites us to the feast of his body and blood. Come and experience the presence of Jesus in this holy meal. **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: I Received the Living God ELW 477

Refrain

**I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**

**Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me need not ever fear to die.**

Refrain

**Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home to be one with us anew.**

Refrain

**Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my world shall make you free.**

Refrain

**Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know.**

Refrain

Text: Anonymous

Music: Anonymous

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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: We All Are One in Mission ELW 576

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.**

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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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: "A Triumphant Alleluia" Joseph L. Martin

Worship notes:

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

- ✦ Introduction, Call to Worship, 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:

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959), a native of North Carolina, earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Subsequently he earned a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Texas, Austin. Joseph taught for five years in the Piano Pedagogy Department of the University of Texas. He is a member of the staff at the Hal Leonard Corporation and Shawnee Press, Inc. as Director of Sacred Publications, with responsibilities for overseeing the editorial and creative direction of the company and also coordinating the recording and production aspects of future sacred publishing efforts. Recognized throughout the United States for his many choral compositions, both sacred and secular, Joseph's music is published by numerous publishing houses. Over two thousand compositions are currently in print and the list continues to grow. Joseph is Artist in Residence at Concordia University in Austin, Texas where he lives with his wife Sue, and his children Jonathan and Aubrey.



Today's altar flowers are given by Chris & Sandy Sciarra in celebration of their wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God. Congratulations to you both and blessings always!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 4th Sunday of Easter, April 21st

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
April 21st @ 9:30 AM	Joanne Halbekath	<i>Dawn Marinich Ralph Rudolph</i>	<i>Jonathan Sciarra</i>

Let's Wish Happy Birthday To:

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 21	(4 th Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 28	(5 th Sun of 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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