Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



7th Sunday of Easter May 12, 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

Paul tackles the question of whether resurrection is truly possible. To him, it's not only possible, it's the entire point of the faith! We, as Christians, will always be able to find ourselves and center ourselves in Jesus's resurrection.

+ GATHER +

Prelude Podbrdo, Welsh Tune, 1909 and "Praise His Holy Name" Mrs. H. A. Farnsworth

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

Listen! I will tell you a mystery!

We are listening, eager to learn.

God became fully human in the person of Jesus.

Jesus, fully human, experienced a human death.

It was not God pretending to be a human, pretending to die.

It was God as a human enduring an actual death.

Then, on the third day, Jesus, fully human, returned to life.

Jesus' resurrection swallowed up death.

As Jesus rose from the dead, so shall we.

This is the mystery that binds us all together as the Body of Christ.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia

GATHERING HYMN: Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing ELW 389

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, Where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, Can feel the Spirit, hear the call, And find the way, the life, the truth, Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and ev'ry age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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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

God of resurrection, Yours is the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, yet we are so often surrounded by pain, illness, and death. Stir up in us the hope of salvation, and the strong conviction that we will overcome the trials of this life and live in your tender, loving presence forevermore. In Jesus' name we pray. 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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts

on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS



GOSPEL: Mark 12:26-27a

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Thinking that he would never wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: French carol

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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,

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Risen God, through the power of your act of love on the cross and your subsequent resurrection, you shattered the power of death and opened

to us the way of everlasting life. Make us confident in this promise, that we might live and work fearlessly to bring about your reign in the here and now. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the redemption of all that you have made, and trust that the promise of eternal life extends to this beautiful earth upon which we stand. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Renew hope in the face of discouragement, that our leaders continue to persist in the often-frustrating work of addressing inequity, so that all might have life and have it abundantly. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who grieve the loss of loved ones, the loss of health, or any other loss with the promise of the resurrection. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Debbie, Georgina, The Myers Family, The Paggaggioi Family, Ed, Mary, and Jim 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 every community throughout the world where death is a harsh daily reality due to war, famine, disease, natural disasters, and other factors. Strengthen all people in the hope that death will not have the last word and spur us to action to address these pressing issues so that your beloved children might live long, healthy lives in this world. God of new life, In mercy, hear our prayer.

We can be grateful for all the departed saints because we live in the hope that because of Christ Jesus, we will once again see them in the flesh in the resurrection. Keep us strong in our gratitude and our hope each day. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Grace-filled God, we give you thanks for all those who have mothered us with your love. Bless their hands and hearts that they may continue to bear witness to you. Be with all those for whom this day is difficult - parents and children separated by distance, death or estrangement and those who are unable to be parents. Surround them with your comfort and peace. 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: "O Earth! Throughout Thy Borders" Mrs. H. A. Farnsworth



OFFERING PRAYER

God who provides all we need in this life, we proclaim our gratitude for your generosity and trust in your promised future by returning these gifts to the service of this community of faith and all that you have created. Accept them, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

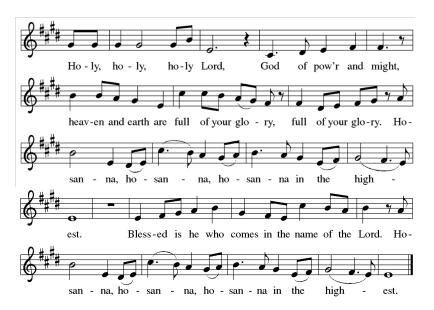
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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,

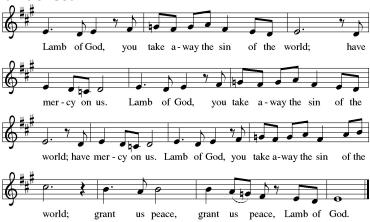
but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Our resurrected savior, Jesus, invites us now into his presence to share in bread and wine, a foretaste of the feast of heaven which has no end. Come and eat, for all is prepared for you. **Thanks be to God!**

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: Bread of Life from Heaven ELW 474

Refrain:

Bread of life from heaven, Your blood and body given, We eat this bread and drink this cup Until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; Giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; In Christ's presence the loaves will abound Refrain Seek not the food that will pass away; Set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, That the fullness of life may be yours. Refrain

Love as the one who, in love for you, Gave himself for the life of the world. Come to the one who is food for you, That your hunger and thirst be no more. Refrain

Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; Make your home in the life-giving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, And believe in the truth you have heard. Refrain

Drink of this cup and declare his death; Eat this bread and believe Easter morn; Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, Praise the one in whom you are reborn. Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: Argentine traditional, refrain: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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: My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning; My Lord, what a morning; Oh, my Lord, what a morning, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

You will hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.
Refrain

You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual

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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: "Who Will Volunteer?" Mrs. H. A. Farnsworth

Worship notes:

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

- Introduction, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Prayers of Intercession, Offering Prayer, Invitation to Communion (@ Clergy stuff)
- Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Note:

Around 1914, a piano piece was published by a somewhat mysterious American woman composer. The author of this piece is always referred to as **H.A. Farnsworth**, but some believe that it might be one Julia Paine Cushman, born in the 1820s, in Troy, New York, who married an Amos Henry Farnsworth in 1850, and was certainly referred to as Mrs H.A. Farnsworth at a brother's funeral in 1901. She seems to be mainly noted as a hymn composer. Her best-known hymn, 'Who will volunteer?', identifies her as Mrs. Farnsworth, but she wrote a series of piano pieces published in the 1910s. Our anthem was originally a Christmas carol titled "The Stars Are Brightly Shining" here sung to words by Rochester, NY poet George Newell Lovejoy (1843-1915).



Today's altar flowers are given:

- ▼ In loving memory of my husband, Michael Boyd for his birthday on May 11th from Pastor Jennifer Boyd.
- And by Kathie Ruhs in honor and in celebration of her granddaughter Jenna's nineteenth birthday (May 11th). Happy Birthday Jenna and God bless you always!!

SCHEDULED TO SERVE: 7th Sunday of Easter, May 12th

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolyte
May 12 th	Bruce Markert	Jo-Ann Nestor Ralph Rudfolph	

LET'S WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Caleb Sweeney, May 3 Alex Bertone, May 4 Emily Sloan, May 7 Tyler Knapp, May 8 Erik Markert, May 11 Christopher Sciarra, May 12 Nelida Guinyard, May 15 Tyler Hansen, May 15 Michael Stringer, May 15 Halsey Tuthill, May 15 John Bertone, Jr., May 18 James Ulrich, May 18 Fred Fendt, May 20 Joanne Icken, May 20 Robert Briggs, Sr., May 22 Heather Efferen, May 23 Diana Kolar, May 23 Matthew Kolar, May 23 Christopher Donovan, May 24 Donald Icken, May 25 David Wise, May 27 Alicia McKeon, May 28 Claire Brusie, May 30 Kristen Stoecker, May 31





WORSHIP SERVICES—April 2024

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

Sun, May 12	(7 th Sun of Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, May 19	(Pentecost Sunday)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, May 26	(The Holy Trinity)	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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