

*Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
Brewster, NY*



*December 22, 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 ([trinelutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinelutheranoffice@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:

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

An angel went to Mary and told her about the impending birth of Jesus. With faith, Mary believed the word of the angel and went to visit Elizabeth, who was also pregnant by the will of God. When the two women met, they both gave praise to God. Faith comprises our trust in God's deliverance as well as our willingness to accept the pain and suffering that follow from our belief.

## **+ GATHER +**

### **Prelude: *Magnificat anima mea* by Didrik Buxtehude**

*We invite you to take a time of prayer during the prelude. We look to focus our hearts and minds on God, seeking God's spirit to infuse our time of worship and this community of faith. This is the first day of the week and we long to be reminded of who we are in Christ Jesus. If you need particular prayers to help center you in this time, you can use any of the hymns as well as prayers that are listed in the hymnal (pg. 72-87)*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

*You are invited to share any prayer requests that you would like Pastor Jen to include in this morning's worship. If you would like someone to be put on our weekly prayer list in the Trinity weekly, please fill out a prayer list request form found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate or give to Pastor Jen following worship.*

### *THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here we are, servants of the Lord.

**We will trust God in all things.**

God calls us to challenging tasks.

**We will trust God in all things.**

God sends us to proclaim the good news to all the world.

**We will trust God in all things.**

Look! Not with the world's eyes, but the Holy Spirit's.

**God is in the business of transforming the world!**

Not in ways we expect or have planned ourselves,

**but from the edges and the obscure.**

Younger and elder, well-heeled and unknown,

**God's work is seen through us.**

Look! The light shines.

**We will trust the Holy One whose love turns the world around.**

### **CONFESSION**

We gather in God's holy presence, seeking to more fully trust in God's promises. We pause in these moments to confess our lack of trust as well as our tendencies to trust in other people and things. We offer up to God our sinful selves, longing for restoration and grace in all parts of our lives

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

You are Love, O God,

**and in Love you lift up and fill,**

in Love you bless and show mercy,

**in Love you bring down the powers and scatter the proud.**

We confess that we long to be the ones lifted up and filled and blessed,

**and we never see ourselves as the powerful or proud.**

Instead we domesticate your Love,

**fitting it into our notions,**

**not allowing it to transform us.**

Forgive us when we box your Love into ours,

**and so look with judgment rather than welcome at the people you choose to honor.**

Forgive us when we ignore the movement of your Holy Spirit

**and so overlook those who know your work best.**

Forgive us when we hold onto the way things are,

**and so cannot recognize your kingdom growing quietly in unexpected places.**

Remember your mercy, O God,

**and help us to trust your promise.**

Open our hearts and minds to receive your good news,

**and to magnify your revolutionary Love in the world.**

We ask in the name of the One who comes among us,

**Jesus the Christ, Immanuel. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

If anyone is in Christ, the creation is made new, the old has gone and the new has come. God-with-us changes things. The world begins to turn first in the turning of hearts and lives. Trusting that Love in the flesh changes things, trusting the Holy Spirit shows us a more excellent way, trusting that God is indeed with us, let this forgiveness turn your heart and life, and then the world. Receive God's steadfast love and grace revealed through the Father, and the +Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* ELW 251**

**My soul proclaims your greatness Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim—  
Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.**

**To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.  
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.  
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;  
The hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.**

**To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;  
The promise to our parents made their children will secure.  
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,  
And praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.**

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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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 all.

**And also with you.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Love**

God, in the waiting and the tension

**You are teaching us**

The characteristics of True Love.

**Like a prism, it has many faces:**

Patience,

**Courage,**

Gentleness,

**Honesty,**

Kindness,

**Freedom.**

For years, for generations, we said

**“God is Love,”**

When what we really thought was

**“God is wrath.”**

We thought of you as moody and prickly,

**Distant and disembodied.**

We know better now.

**The Christ has taught us.**

We like to imagine the night Love became incarnate:

**Clear,**

Still,

**Peaceful;**

Perfect conditions for Love’s emergence

**Perfect timing for Love’s expansion.**

It’s in quiet that Love has its purest voice.

**It’s in stillness that Love finds its rhythm.**

And indeed, Love smiled upon us that day,

**Its every face beaming:**

A tiny voice bawling out Love’s insistence;

**A tiny heart beating out Love’s cadence.**

Shhh, we can still hear it:

**I love you.**

I love.

**I am Love. Amen**

*Fourth candle is lit*

**Sing *O Come, O Come Emanuel* ELW #257 (vs. 4 only)**

**O come, O Branch of Jesse,  
Free your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave,**

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel**

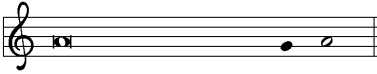
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# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



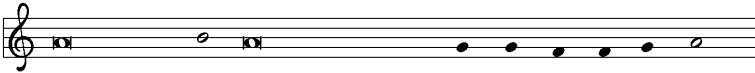
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy One, we so often feel small in the face of your glory  
**and yet we are here to magnify —**  
**to make your work visible,**  
**even in our own small lives.**  
**Reveal yourself today**  
**in the tiniest glimmer**  
**and the largest of promises,**  
**that we may indeed turn our attention and so turn the world.**  
**Amen.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

**CHILDREN'S SONG: God is Love (tune: Row, row your boat)**

**Love, love, God is love**  
**All who live in God**  
**Live in God and God in them**  
**And have eternal life**

**Love, love, God is love**  
**Gave the only Son**  
**Who believes will never die**  
**But have eternal life**

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**+ WORD +**

**READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

Word of God; Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he

came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.


In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

# My Soul Gives Glory to My God, Song by Senior Choir

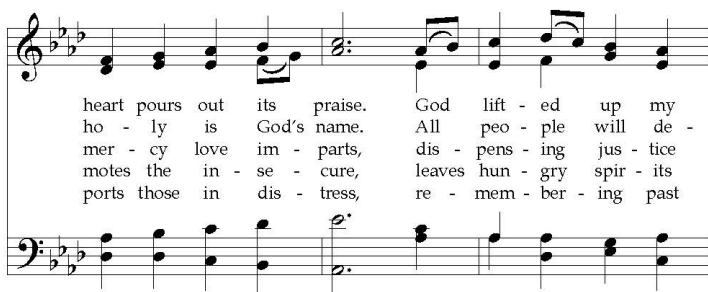
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## My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

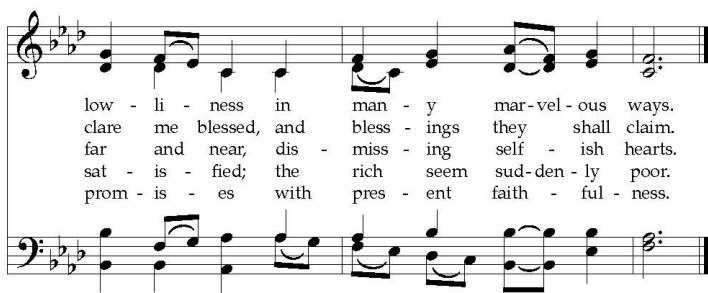
Song of Mary



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my  
2 My God has done great things for me; yes,  
3 From age to age to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice -  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

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MORNING SONG

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And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

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: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* ELW 864**

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!**

**God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.  
God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

**Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!**

**Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!**

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## *Baptism of Vivienne Helene Beleho*

*Parents: Rodrigue and Moriah Beleho*

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### **PRESENTATION**

*(Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.)*

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Vivienne Helene Beleho.

*(The minister addresses the parents.)*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

*(The minister addresses the sponsors.)*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Vivienne in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

*(The minister addresses the assembly.)*

People of God, do you promise to support Vivienne and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Assembly: **We do.**

*(The assembly stands.)*

## **Profession of Faith**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### **Baptism**

*(The minister pours water on the candidate's head, saying:)*

Vivienne Helene Beleho, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*(Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:)*

Sustain Vivienne with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*(The minister, parents, and sponsors mark the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and say:)*

Vivienne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift that you have given them. Help them live as teachers and examples of your love and grace. Strengthen them in the covenant of their own baptism so they may continue to grow in the faith given to us through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Welcome**

*(A candle for the baptized is given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says:)*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*(The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.)*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Children of the Heavenly Father"**

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, trusting in your gracious love and care.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for gratitude for all you have done. As we reflect on Mary's song of praise, fill our hearts with the same joy and thankfulness. May our lives be a witness to your goodness and grace. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wellbeing of creation, our home. Help us not to take the earth's abundance and beauty for granted, and inspire us to be faithful stewards. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our nation. May they lead with integrity and empathy. Help them make decisions that reflect the wellbeing of all of our diverse communities and people. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all under emotional and mental duress or suffering physical illness. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: **the Brink Family, Jeff, George, Kathy, Donna, Dorothy, Donna, Rose, Judy, Maisa and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name.** Help them find peace and clarity, and be their refuge in this time of need. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that all ongoing conflicts and wars around the world might come to an end. Guide people and leaders to reconciliation and peace. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for inspiration to pass on the faith to the next generation as those before us passed on the faith to us. Guide us as we continue to share your love with others. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Pastor:* We humbly offer up all these prayers before you, trusting in your steadfast love and grace revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

The 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 SITS*

## **Offering**

*You are invited to use this time as moments of silence for prayer and reflection. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*



+ MEAL +

**Anthem:** *“Give Us Hope, Give Us Peace”* by Ruth Elaine Schramm  
Juergen Tempel on cello

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

God, our hearts leap for joy when we realize all that you have done for us. **In gratitude, we return to you a portion of all you have given to us. Use these gifts according to your holy will for the sake of all creation. Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

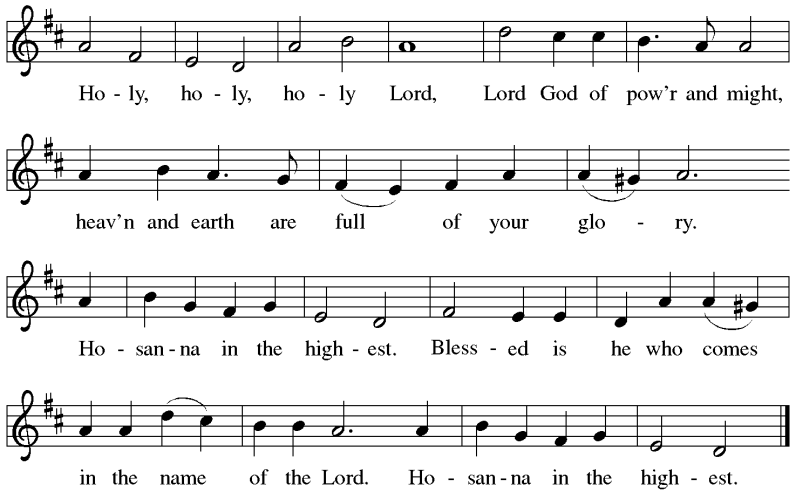
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## PREFACE

It is indeed our right, responsibility and 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 comforted your people with the promise of a Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

**Blessed are you for the birth of creation.**

Blessed are you in the darkness, the shadows, and in the light.

**Blessed are you for your promise to your people.**

Blessed are you in the prophets' hope and dreams.

**Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.**

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who in the night...do this in remembrance of me

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

**We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.**

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

**Come among us. Bless this meal.**

May your Word take flesh in us.

**Awaken your people, fill us with your light.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth

**Come, Holy Spirit**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

**Word of God incarnate,**

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

We pray with and for all people, joining in the prayer Christ taught, saying...

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,**

**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 child who would be born to Mary for the redemption of the world now invites you to feast in his presence at this holy table. Come and be fed on his body and blood, and be strengthened for God's work in the world. **Thanks be to God!**



## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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### THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS

*All the baptized are welcome to feast in the Eucharist. You may receive only the bread or wine and still experience the full benefit of our Lord's meal. Those who do not receive bread or wine are invited to come for a blessing.*

*All members and visitors, please complete a Record of Communion card (in the pew racks) and hand it to an usher as you come forward.*

*Ushers will direct you to come forward at the appropriate time.*

#### Communion Hymn: *We Are People Created* ELW 453

**We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
To a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
Endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,  
And by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
Precious river, everflowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956

Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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## **TAIZE LYRICS**

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid:  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

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*Words for additional Communion hymns may be found on the card  
inside the back cover of your hymnal.*

*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**

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path that we may do justice, love kindness and walk with you now and forever **Amen**

**+ SENDING +**

## **Mission and Ministry Announcements**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

## **BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: *Joy to the World* ELW 267**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rock, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow  
Nor thrones infest the ground;  
He come to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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## **DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended, let the service begin!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: *Gloria Patri et Filio* by Didrik Buxtehude**

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

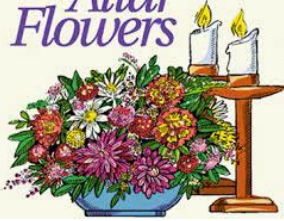
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- + Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings

## Music Notes:

**Didrik Hansen Buxtehude (1637 –1707)** was a Danish composer and organist of the Baroque period, whose works are typical of the North German organ school. Buxtehude's style greatly influenced other composers, such as Johann Sebastian Bach and Georg Frideric Haendel. His father originated from Oldesloe in the Duchy of Holstein, which at that time was a part of the Danish realms in Northern Germany. His father – Johannes Buxtehude – was the organist at St. Olaf's church in Helsingør. Dieterich was employed as an organist, first in Helsingborg (1657–1658), and then at Helsingør (1660–1668). Buxtehude's last post, from 1668, was at the Marienkirche, Lübeck. There he succeeded Franz Tunder and followed in many of the footsteps of his predecessor. He married Tunder's daughter Anna Margarethe in 1668. It was the practice that a man marry the daughter of his predecessor in his occupation. Buxtehude and Anna Margarethe had seven daughters who were baptized at the Marienkirche. In 1673 he reorganized a series of evening musical performances, initiated by Tunder, known as Abendmusik. In 1703, Handel and Mattheson both traveled to meet Buxtehude, who was by then elderly and ready to retire. He offered his position in Lübeck to Handel and Mattheson but stipulated that the organist who ascended to it must marry his eldest daughter, Anna Margareta. Both Handel and Mattheson turned the offer down and left the day after their arrival. In 1705, J.S. Bach, then a young man of twenty, walked from Arnstadt to Lübeck, a distance of more than 250 mi and stayed nearly three months to hear the Abendmusik, meet the pre-eminent Lübeck organist, hear him play, and, as Bach explained, "to comprehend one thing and another about his art." In addition to his musical duties, Buxtehude, like his predecessor Tunder, served as church treasurer.

**Ruth Elaine Schram** wrote her first song at the age of twelve, and her first octavo was published twenty years later, in 1988. In 1992, she became a full-time composer and arranger and now has over 2,000 published works. Over seventeen million copies of her songs have been purchased in their various venues, and she has been a recipient of the ASCAP Special Award each year since 1990. Her songs have also appeared on such diverse television shows as "The 700 Club" and HBO's acclaimed series "The Sopranos." Ruthie began piano and theory lessons at the age of five. She studied music at Lancaster Bible College and Millersville State College and taught Elementary Music in Pennsylvania for several years. She now lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband, Scott Schram and they have two grown daughters, Crystie and Celsie.

## Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers are given

♥ by Joanne & Don Icken in loving memory of his father Wilfred Icken who went to his heavenly home on 12/22 and

♥ by Maureen Sergio in memory of her beloved mother, Elsie McCloskey, whose

birthday was on December 22 and in celebration of the baptism of Vivienne Helene Beleho (daughter of her niece Moriah and husband Rod). Blessings always Vivienne!!!

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

	<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
<b>December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:30 AM</b>	<i>Don Icken</i>	<i>Ralph Rudolph Kathleen Harpster</i>	

## WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, Dec 22, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec 24, Holy Communion, 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec 24, Holy Communion, 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, Dec 25, Holy Communion, 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Dec 29, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://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.



Sandra	Kenny	Dec	22
Anthony	Baggetta	Dec	23
Kaitlyn	Hansen	Dec	24
Laurie	Bell	Dec	27
Greyson	Turri	Dec	29

**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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