Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



December 8, 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 inperson 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.
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PARENTS: Please help your children follow the worship service, including standing up with the assembly. Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION:

Reminding the Israelites of the goodness of God, Joel called his people to genuine repentance, to which God responded with the revelation of the Day of the Lord when God's Spirit would fill all people. God's vision can shift the hearts of a community willing to be transformed.

+ GATHER +

Prelude: "Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen

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

We are waiting and waiting,
longing for God to appear.
Even now, we seek with all our hearts
trusting that God's promise is true.
Our hope is sometimes fragile
but a spark is enough for God to work with.
Look! The light shines.
We will trust the Holy One who draws us on to peace.

CONFESSION

We gather in God's holy presence, aware of the ways in which we have not lived into the image of God in which we are created. So, we take this opportunity to confess our sins seeking restoration in our relationship with God, one another, ourselves and the world

Silence for reflection and self-examination

You are a God of possibility, promising a future we can't yet imagine, calling us forward when we are paralyzed by our fear.

We hardly know how to hope

because all we see is loss, and hurt,

and to-do lists, and expectations,

and worries, and not-enough.

Sound your trumpet today,

and draw our eyes out and up,

draw our hearts near to you,

that we might be held safe while we come undone.

For we confess we have tried to hold it together, O God,

instead of acknowledging our part in the problem.

We admit we have gone round in circles trying to figure out what to do,

but we have not yet simply torn open our hearts

and cried out to you,

without also advising you on how to solve it for us.

We would rather sink in despair

than let go of our desire for control and power and more.

Yet even now, you promise it is not too late — though we may think there's no hope.

Yet even now, you hold our torn hearts with compassion.

Yet even now, you promise restoration we don't even know how to long for.

Even now, your peace is on its way.

Not a simple easy peace,

not a painless peace,

but peace beyond understanding

will be born, even now.

So we beg for your forgiveness today,

your healing, your Spirit poured out

that we might be ready when your day of peace arrives,

however dimly it may seem to shine now.

We ask in the name of the coming Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends hear and believe this good news: God's Spirit is poured out on all flesh, no exceptions. In your very breath is the love and vision and promise of God-with-us, and the peace that passes all understanding is for you, for us, for the world. Receive God's steadfast love and grace revealed through the Father, and the +Son and the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn ELW 242

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.

Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

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Music: Marty Haugen

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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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Peace

God, we are longing for a silent night—

For a reprieve

From noise and anxiety and hurry;

For a moment

Of space and time, empty yet full.

Gift us the gift of quiet.

This is the peace:

Of baby's breath,

Of feathered wing,

Of rustling leaf,

Of sphere's turn,

Of light beam.

The heavenly peace in which we long to rest,

To sweetly sleep

In safety and freedom,

In certainty and repose.

We can smell the peace

Coming on the wind.

We can feel the peace

Arriving with the morning.

We can taste the peace
In the bread and cup.
We look in your direction, God
The Place from which peace comes;
For you are its author
and the home of its Prince,
And in your peace we dwell. Amen"

Second candle is lit

Sing O Come, O Come Emanuel ELW #257 (vs. 2 only)

O Come, O Wisdom from on high, Embracing all things far and nigh: In strength and beauty come and stay; Teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel

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Kyrie



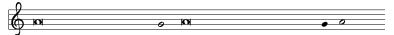
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



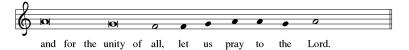


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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





Lord, have mer - cy.



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





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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Empty us, O God.

Give us the courage to pour out, to let go, to make space.

In this season of shiny new things, make room in us for the gift you are giving, room for your Spirit to pour out into us, into every single one, that we may see your truth and pursue your kingdom of peace. 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: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

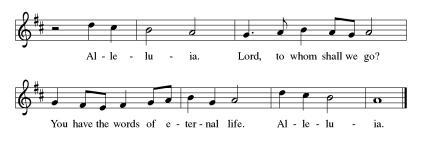
Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Word of God; Word of Life
Thanks be to God

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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GOSPEL: Luke 11:13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

HYMN OF THE DAY: Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396

Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, And you goaded your people with a law and a land; And when they were blinded with idols and lies, Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.

From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;

Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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.

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 the outpouring of your Spirit on all peoples. Grant us the wisdom to follow you each and every day, on the path you have set before us. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for change and conviction in how we care for creation. Open our eyes to the interconnectedness of all living things and help us to live more sustainably. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ethical and compassionate leadership around the world. Help leaders to focus on the needs of the most vulnerable and guide them to champion policies that promote equity and opportunity for all. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all in need. May we provide support and comfort for those in our care, and may you draw near to all who cry out to you. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Lois, Madeline, Carole, Peter, Kate, Martin, Kyle, Anna, Joan, Steve, Sara, Lucia and Nicole and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are facing injustice. Help us to see situations from the perspectives of those most affected, and to advocate for solutions addressing the root causes of injustice. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray to honor the saints who have gone before us. Even as we grieve their loss, may we be grateful for the time we shared with them in this life. 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)



+ MEAL +

Anthem: "Let Us Return to the Lord" by Marty Haugen

OFFERING SONG: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful ELW #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

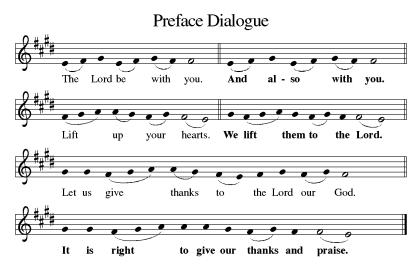
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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have poured out upon us an embarrassment of riches. Receive now this portion of what you have given us, and bless these resources for the good of all creation. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

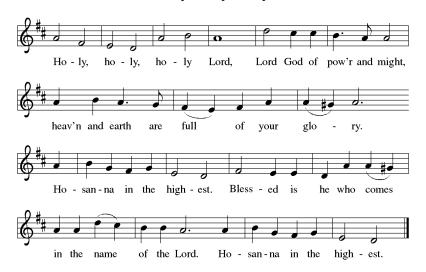


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PREFACE

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



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EUCHARISTIC 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...

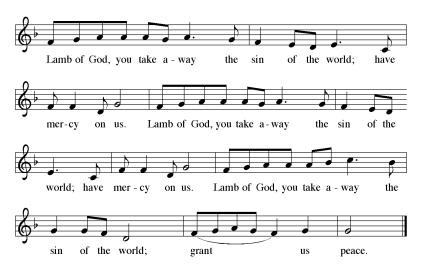
LORD'S PRAYER

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

God, who pours out the Holy Spirit on all people now invites you to this holy meal, in which Jesus is poured out for the redemption of creation. Jesus meets us in this bread and wine and renews us for the purpose working for justice and peace. Come, for all is prepared. **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God



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THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS

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

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

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

Communion Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life ELW 485

"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons."

Refrain
"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever
You shall live forever." Refrain

"Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you." Refrain

"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
Even though you die,
You shall live forever." Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe That you are the Christ, The Son of God, Who have come into the world. Refrain

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Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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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: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW 244

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; Go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Music: Swedish folk tune

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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: "All Are Welcome" by Marty Haugen

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. (Copyright © 2024 Clergy Stuff™)
- + Call to Worship, Confession, Words of Forgiveness, Prayer of the Day, (© 2024 Teri Peterson. Usage rights granted to the public with proper attribution (https://patreon.com/biblewormpodcast)
- + Advent Candle lighting litany (Call and Response: Litanies for Congregational Prayer by Fran Pratt)
- Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings

Music Notes:

Marty Haugen was born December 30, 1950, in Wanamingo, Minnesota. He was raised in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Minnesota, and became a member the United Church of Christ. His first iob was as a worship leader in a Catholic parish in Minnesota in 1973. He began composing there in response to the poor quality of some of the music he was required to lead. He writes contemporary hymns and liturgical music for the Lutheran church. Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and an M.A. degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He pursues a career as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter. Haugen has also composed other works, including liturgical settings, choral arrangements, sacred songs, and hymns, including "Gather Us In", "Eye Has Not Seen", "We Are Many Parts", "We Remember", "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn", and "Shepherd Me, O God", as well as psalm settings and paraphrases. Haugen is a performing musician, and has recorded a number of CDs. He holds a position as composer-inresidence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis.





Today's altar flowers are given

- by Pastor Jen to the Glory of God and for the blessing of the church family at Trinity
- ♥ and also by Kathie Ruhs with love and in gratitude for God's many blessings.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolyte	
December 8 th	Joanne	John Bertone	Solomon Bettcher	
@ 9:30 AM	Halbekath	Bruce Markert	Solomon Bellcher	



Sunday, Dec 8, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 15, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec 22, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM 4th 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, 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.







Heather	Loftus	Dec	8
Juliette	Dudowitz	Dec	10
Sawyer	Loftus	Dec	10
Meagan	Beal	Dec	12
Marisol	Langke	Dec	12
Cassandra	Wise	Dec	12
Kevin	Wise	Dec	12
Joseph	Bettcher	Dec	13
Susan	Kolar	Dec	15
Freyja	Smith	Dec	15
Vivienne	Howard	Dec	16
Barbara	Von Bargen	Dec	17
Willow	Groundwater	Dec	18
Tyler	Lee	Dec	19
Susan	Megaro	Dec	19
Keira	Markert	Dec	20
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.

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Members of Trinity: Ministers to the Community & World

