

*Trinity Lutheran
Church
Brewster, New York*



*Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2024
10:00 AM*

WELCOME as we gather to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, the love of God enfleshed among us. ! 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 online. They may also contact the church office and/or Pastor Jen (see emails below)

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 our Youtube channel or on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The weekly bulletin and Trinity Weekly with announcements and the calendar is posted on our website:

If you would like to be on our weekly email distribution list, contact the church office.

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Website: <http://trinitybrewsterny.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-Brewster-NY-160570420670756>.

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBFzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber

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



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

PRELUDE

"A la Venue de Noel"

by Jean-Claude Benigne Balbastre

INTRODUCTION

In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

The Assembly Stands

WELCOME

Now, may we all take a deep breath and center ourselves in this place. Christ is born. God has come. We are not alone. Let us celebrate that good news.

Let us dwell with God! Please stand in body or in spirit and join me in a responsive call to worship. With energy and joy, I invite you to repeat each phrase after me. We'll repeat these lines a few times, so please feel free to shout and fill our space with loud celebration. Repeat after me. . .

CALL TO WORSHIP

I have good news! **I have good news!**

Christ is born! **Christ is born!**

Joy is alive! **Joy is alive!**

God is here. **God is here.** (Repeat 3x)

Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen. **Amen.**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Music: German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856

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CALL TO CONFESSION

On a day like today we may want to skip the prayer of confession because today is a day for joy. Why should we pause to think and talk about the ways we as humans mess things up? I get that argument. However, I also believe that the joy of this day is even more joyful when we are honest about who we are. We humans tend to be messy, scattered, and full of doubt at times. Knowing that Jesus was born in a manger for us, and that Jesus loves and forgives us, is even better news. So let us confess together to God, knowing that the honest truth of our lives only makes this good news better.

Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION + WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Holy God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless. The problems of this world feel too big, the path forward is unclear, and we are not confident that we can truly make a difference. We give up hope.

Liturgist snuffs out the candle of hope.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing hope.

Holy God, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales. Our spirits are anxious. Our bodies are weary. Our world is fractured. Instead of praying for peace—both in ourselves and in our society—we assume that peace is no longer on the table. We give it up.

Liturgist snuffs out the candle of peace.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing peace.

Holy God, too often we paint joy as naive—a luxury reserved for children and pets. We forget that you ate with friends, that you went to weddings, that you laughed and rested and hiked mountains. We forget that you knew joy, and that you want joy for us in this fractured world. Forgive us for turning away from your light.

Liturgist snuffs out the candle of joy.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing joy.

Holy God, too often we treat love like a vending machine. We put some coins in and assume that we'll get something back. However, in our wiser moments, we know that love is not meant for keeping score. Love is meant to overflow, to spill out to our neighbors, to transform our world. Forgive us for holding love so tightly.

Liturgist snuffs out the candle of love.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing love.

Family of faith, sin separates us from things like hope, peace, and joy. Sin wiggles its way between us and love, both love of neighbor and love of self. Fortunately for us, God had something else in mind. God sent God's only Son to this world so that we could see another way.

So friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: no matter how many times we turn our back on hope, or extinguish peace, or snuff out joy—no matter how many times we let love burn out—God continues to light our way.

Liturgist relights the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love from the Christ candle.

We are forgiven. We are seen. We are loved. The good news of this day—the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of this day—exists for you. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

EXTENDED PASSING OF THE PEACE/ A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

Friends, we often wait to pass the peace until later in the service. However, in receiving the grace of God’s forgiveness and Christ’s healing that is birthed into the world, we share the fullness of God’s peace with one another now!

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

CAROL: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow’r so bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah had foretold it
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.**

**This flow’r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev’rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev’ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.**

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Music: *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange*, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius 1571-1621
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we prepare to hear the Good news, we seek the Spirit to open our ears and our hearts to receive this message that is may renew our lives:

God of manger straw
and swaddle cloth,
God of silent nights
and joyfully-chaotic mornings,
we long to know you.

The hustle and bustle of this time of year can be more than distracting,
so for a moment, we pray,
still our busy hearts.

Quiet our minds.

Help us to sink deeply into this day.

Help us to pause here,
to linger here

as we hear your good news spoken over us.

God, we long to know you,
so speak to us now.

With grateful hearts, we pray.

With grateful hearts, we listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

Voice A: Let us listen for God speaking to us through the ancient poetry of John 1, with contemporary poetic additions by Rev. Sarah Speed:
In the beginning was the Word,

Voice B: way back, a long, long time ago,
before the stars,
before the day,
before the rivers were carved out of clay.

Voice A: In the beginning,

Voice B:
way back in that beginning,

Voice A:
was the Word.
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
He, Jesus, was in the beginning with God.

Voice B:
In other words, we cannot say
that love was born in a stable that day,
for love was born when the horizon was drawn.
It was born in the dark,
long before dawn.
Love was born with the very first sea
and when God breathed life into you and me.
Long before Magi
or shepherds or dreams,
long before sheep or angels that sing,
love was here—
building a way,
then and now,
and on Christmas day.

Voice A: For all things came into being through him,
and without him, not one thing came into being.
And what has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Voice B:

And so Jesus shined.

Like a light in the dark,

or a star in the sky,

Jesus walked into this world

and opened our eyes,

shining a light on social divides

and loving the scars we try to hide.

He lit up this world like it's never seen,

the light of all people, Emmanuel, King.

Voice A:

The light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness did not overcome it.

Voice B:

Hatred did not overcome it.

Fear did not overcome it.

Greed did not overcome it.

Voice A:

A light shines in the darkness.

Voice B:

Envy did not overcome it.

Doubt did not overcome it.

Scarcity did not overcome it.

Voice A:

A light shines in the darkness.

Voice B:

Death did not overcome it.

Sickness did not overcome it.

Grief did not overcome it.

Voice A:

For he was in the beginning with God,

Voice B:
way back,
a long, long time ago,
before the stars,
before the day,
before the rivers were carved out of clay.

Voice A:
And what has come into being in him was life.

Voice B:
So we cannot begin with Magis and sheep,
for this story begins at the brink—

Voice A:
of creation and light,

Voice B:
of you and me,

Voice A:
of beloved and love,

Voice B:
of being set free.

Voice A:
For in the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

Voice B:
He was in the beginning with God,
and that light shines in the darkness.
It always has,
and it always will.

Voice A: That is where our story begins—
with love for creation,
from beginning to end. **Amen.**

CAROL: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

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It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh, rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling.
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Like Mary,

we believe in cherishing good news.

Like the angels,

we believe in singing God's praise.

Like the shepherds,

we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.

Like generations before,

we believe that God is with us.

Like the generations to come,

we believe that God is with us.

God is here.

God is love.

We believe.

Thanks be to God!

CREATIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

In prayer we bring our words to God. We bring our thoughts and our feelings, bundled together like flowers in a jar. Sometimes those prayers are silent. Sometimes those prayers are written and sometimes those prayers are spoken out loud. No matter how they come into being, God hears our words and holds them close.

Trusting that, let us turn to God in prayer. Today we are going to engage in a creative prayer of the people. Today instead of lifting up pre-written prayers, we long to lift up each voice.

Friends, may we draw closer to God. May we offer up our prayers now. Let us pray...

Silence for writing our prayers

As our prayers are gathered together, we pray
Holy God of candlelight and open doors,

God of tables and feasts,

God of holly and of ivy,

we give you our prayers.

Like pennies shaken loose from our pockets,

we turn over every corner of our hearts to give you our truth through

prayers of gratitude,

prayers of fear,

prayers of peace

prayers of grief.

Prayers of hope

Prayers for self and others

Prayers of love

Receive them all and hold us close on this Christmas morning, for today,

especially today, we long to feel you near.

With gratitude and joyful hearts we pray. **Amen.**

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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org



ANTHEM: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Georg Friderich Haendel



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

OFFERING PRAYER

God with us:

You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts,

help us to bless the lives of others

in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The bread and wine we're about to share

joins us to the people throughout history and across the world

who have come to this meal in search of life.

Just as Jesus' birth was for the whole world

this bread and wine is for everyone

for the hungry

for the lost

for those who search
and those who are found
for those who question
and those who know peace
this is bread and wine for everyone.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people,
and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Leading his followers, he guides us.

Dying on the cross, he loves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

On the night before Jesus died...do this, in remembrance of me.

We pray, God of love, that you will
send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here:
that we and these signs, touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to each other
and to all the world. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

And so, remembering all that we have been given, we are bold to pray...

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

Heed the call of the angels, revel in the glory of Jesus revealed, and come with haste to the table of Christ to share in the feast of heavenly food. God prepares this meal just for you. **Thanks be to God!**

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.

Carol: "What Feast of Love"

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**What feast of love is offered here, What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here, What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The sun comes down from heaven? Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here, What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, The sweetest win of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB., b. 1939 Music: English ballad, 16th cent.

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Friends, for generations, God has been drawing near to us. Over and over, year after year, Christmas has filled people with hope and with joy.

Friends, before you leave, I remind you to grab a prayer from one of the baskets by the door. Allow this anonymous exchange of prayers to feel like an extension of this circle, and to feel like an extension of God's presence in your life. Cherish this prayer this week and know that someone else is praying for you.

Now, let us share this benediction:

From generation to generation,

God keeps drawing near.

From generation to generation,

a light has shone in the darkness.

From generation to generation,

God's love has moved through the world

So may we celebrate that.

May we rest in the joy of this day, and may we allow it to change us.

And now may the Lord....Holy Spirit **Amen.**

HYMN: " Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

**The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth rang out
the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.**

Refrain

**Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born; and God sent us
salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Merry Christmas!

Go in peace. God is with you every step of the way.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: "Joseph est Bien Marie" by Jean-Claude Benigne Balbastre

Worship Notes

Service was adapted by Pastor Jen from a service created by A Sanctified Art LLC. It is a collective of artists in ministry who create resources for worshipping communities. The Sanctified Art team works collaboratively to bring scripture and theological themes to life through film, visual art, curriculum, coloring pages, liturgy, graphic designs, and more. Their mission is to empower churches with resources to inspire creativity in worship and beyond. Driven by the connective and prophetic power of art, they believe that art helps us connect our hearts with our hands, our faith with our lives, and our mess with our God. Learn more about their work at sanctifiedart.org. @sanctifiedart | sanctifiedart.org | contact@sanctifiedart.org

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SCHEDULED TO SERVE

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolyte
Dec. 25; 10 am	Kathie Ruhs		

WELCOME VISITORS! Please sign the guest register and complete a Record of Communion card.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN: We cherish the presence of our youngest members at worship. Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. You are welcome to move in and out of the sanctuary as needed. Busy bags with age-appropriate activities are available for our youngest worshippers. Please return these at the end of the service.

Poinsettias and Wreaths decorating the Sanctuary are given by:

- ♥ *Bruce and Barbara Markert in gratitude for God's many blessings*
- ♥ *Dorothy Kafalas in loving memory of her daughter Patti Kafalas, the Rencken Family members and in honor of Howard & Dan's birthdays.*
- ♥ *Linda & Rob Salinger in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Barbara & Ken von Barga in memory of their parents, Helen & Robert Weber, and Marie & Henry von Barga.*
- ♥ *Mark & Kathleen Harpster in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Julie Warbrick in gratitude for and in loving memory of her dear Mom and Dad.*
- ♥ *The Sergio Family is in memory of William, Elsie & Hedy McCloskey, and Andy & Dorothy Sergio.*
- ♥ *Hilde Christofori & family in memory of Karl Christofori.*
- ♥ *The Hargrave Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *John & Cyndi Bertone in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *The Turri Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Jo-Ann & Charlie Nestor in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *The Baldanza family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Bill Rieg in memory of Sylvia Rieg.*
- ♥ *The Beal Family in gratitude for God's many blessings.*

- ♥ *Barbara Roden in loving memory of Erich Roden, Carl & Ethel Moebis & Sophie Roden.*
- ♥ *Carol & Fred Fendt & Family to the Glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.*
- ♥ *Robert Fendt in memory of grandparents, aunts & uncles and friends & to the Glory of God.*
- ♥ *Kathie Ruhs and family in loving memory of Larry Ruhs and all our loved ones in heaven with the Lord.*
- ♥ *The Johnson-Zang family in loving memory of Regina Johnson.*
- ♥ *The Groundwater-Schuldt Family in loving memory of Callie Lou Schroeder and in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Brent A. Hnatow to the Glory of God.*
- ♥ *Laura DeFilippis in loving memory of Roger DeFilippis.*
- ♥ *Laurie & Peter Bell in memory of our dad Jim Yessian, reunited with our mom Dorothy.*
- ♥ *Deb & Joe Efferen in gratitude to God for loving and taking care of us.*
- ♥ *Florence Rothenberger in memory of my dearly departed loved ones.*
- ♥ *Pam & Fred Carlson in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Michelle & Paul Zabko in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Claire Brusie in memory of the Brusie, Heinrich Moser & Winters families and in memory of Barbara Keogh.*
- ♥ *Susan & Michael Stringer & family in memory of all our loved one and in gratitude for God's many blessings.*
- ♥ *Phil & Maria Maston in memory of Anthony & Ruth and Anthony Jr.*

- ♥ *Sigrid Allen to the Glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings.*
- ♥ *Franklyn & Mary Beth Commisso in memory of Elsie & Frank Commisso, Frances & Albert Jerry and in gratitude for God's small creatures.*
- ♥ *Halsey Tuthill, Ciaran, Carrie, Fiona, and Ciaran James Cioffi in loving memory of Elaine M. Tuthill and Harold & Anna Schaller.*
- ♥ *Carol Huber in gratitude for God's many blessings*
- ♥ *Phillip DeRoberts in memory of Esther DeRoberts and Mary Langord.*
- ♥ *The Weidt family in memory of William, Peter, and Mary*



Poinsettias may be picked up after service on Christmas day and during that week..

WORSHIP SERVICES — DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

Tuesday, Dec 24, Family Service with Communion, 4:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec 24, Candlelight Service with Communion, 8:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec 25, Christmas Day Service with Communion, 10:00 AM
Sunday, Dec. 29, Lessons & Carols with Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 5, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 12, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 19, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM
Sunday, Jan 26, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

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

A complete calendar can be found at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: *To add a name to Trinity's prayer list, please complete a request form located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. To update the list, please contact the church office: trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com; 845-279-5181.*

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART is up. To donate flowers, please print your name and phone number next to the date you would like, and Kathie Ruhs, a Flower Fund Secretary, will be in touch. Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due on or before Friday, January 10, 2025. Please e-mail them to the office or drop a hard copy off in the staff mailbox. If you need a copy of your report from last year, also email the office: trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com

The cut-off date for 2024 contributions is December 31, 2024.

Please pick up your 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES in the narthex. **Please make sure to use 2024 Envelopes until the end of the year and 2025 envelopes starting January 1, 2025**

Annual Congregation Meeting, January 26, 2025, 10:30 AM In order to be a voting member of Trinity Lutheran Church, you must contribute once and receive Holy Communion here once a year. To ensure that our records are accurate in 2024:

- ✓ Please use your NEW contributor number--mark each contribution with your number.
- ✓ If you wish to contribute to multiple funds in the same week, please mark your contribution accordingly, including General Fund, Mortgage, Building Improvement, or Festival Music.

RECORD OF COMMUNION: All members and visitors, each week before going up to receive Holy Communion, please complete a RECORD OF COMMUNION CARD and hand it to an usher on your way up. PLEASE PRINT. We keep these records primarily to accurately determine eligible voting members (confirmed members who, during the current or preceding calendar year to a specific congregation meeting, have communed and have made a contribution of record to this congregation).

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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