Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, New York



Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025 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

Folks think John is the messiah because he is baptizing people with water. But John tells them that someone with more authority is coming, and the true messiah baptizes with much more than water.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "Be Not Afraid" by Knut Nystedt

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.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember your baptism!

A sign of God's love for us that never ends.

Remember your baptism!

A sign of our belonging in this community of God's people.

Remember your baptism!

A call from God to change our hearts and lives.

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 pour out your love, O God, and invite us into a new way of life, not simply resting on the faith of our forebears.

You call us to take care of one another here and now, to ensure that everyone has enough and no one goes without, to see each other as fellow beloved children in your family.

We confess that we have more than we need, and we are not interested in giving it away.

We confess that we have plenty of interpretation and justification so that we don't need to follow your instructions when it comes to our possessions.

We confess that we have been caught by the ways of the world and find it difficult to leave them behind to turn to your kingdom way. Draw us out into the wilderness, God,

where we can learn your way free from the powers that seem to control things.

Lift our eyes to recognize your image in the faces around us, and lift our hands to seek out our neighbors in need.

Guide us to live as good ancestors, looking forward and not only back, giving of ourselves in response to your giving yourself, choosing to share so that all may live with dignity and enough.

Refocus us on your love and strengthen our love to truly reflect yours.

We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe this good news: You are a child of God, Beloved, and whatever the voices of the world may say, you belong first and foremost to Jesus Christ forever. Trusting God's goodness, live in love, receiving this gift of grace in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249 vs 1-4

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

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Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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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.**

Kyrie



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

You make us one family in your name, and look on us with love even when we haven't got things quite right.

Turn us, and re-turn us, O God, until we are oriented toward your providing grace.

Let your voice echo in our hearts this day, calling out Beloved and leading us to a new way of life. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

CHILDREN'S SONG

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (sing 3x) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine. (sing 3x) Let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (sing 3x) Let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me; I'm gonna let it shine. ((sing 3x) Let it shine, let it shine. READING: Psalm 51:6-17

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-22

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright ELW 308 vs.1-4

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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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.

Just as John the Baptist called people to repent and prepare for Jesus' arrival, help us to acknowledge where we have fallen short and to turn our hearts toward you. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

Help us prepare the way for your goodness and mercy to reign throughout creation. Guide us to care faithfully for the earth and all its inhabitants. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

Grant leaders the courage to uphold equity and equality, and bring forth the justice and righteousness proclaimed in our gospel today. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We bring before you those in need of healing of all kinds. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Mary, Melanie, Shaun, Ursula, Mary, Rob, Joyce, Megan, Kate, Martin, Kyle and Anna and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Pour out your love upon them, and give them comfort and strength in their challenges. God, draw near, Receive our prayer.

Be with those who are caretakers for others. Grant them commitment and perseverance in all they do, and provide them with support that they may find rest and respite, too. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

Help us to learn from those who have gone before us, embracing their wisdom and resilience on our journey of faith. God, draw near, **Receive 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

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: "This Is My Beloved Son" by Knut Nystedt

OFFERING HYMN: God, We See What You Have Given

(Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

God, we see what you have given;
Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven —
Gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty,
Called to give as we've received;
And your blessings have been plenty
From the day we first believed.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, Offering you our very best. Through our serving and our caring May we give as we've been blessed. God of love, may faithful living Be much more than Sunday talk. Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

Biblical References: Psalms 148, 22, 100, 150; Luke 1:46-55

Tune: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

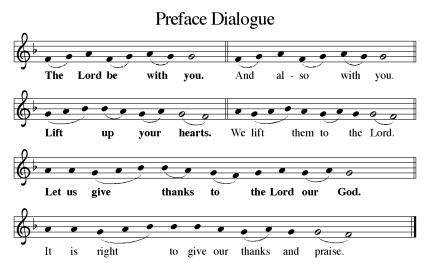
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PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, we acknowledge with humble hearts all that you have given us. Accept these gifts we bring before you in return, and use them to bless and sustain others in our community and around the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

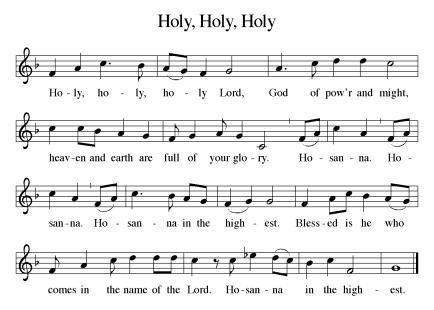
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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PREFACE

It is indeed right, our responsibility and our 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; who share our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light, and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church one earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth and all who dwell therein, we give you thanks for all that surrounds us.

We thank you for making us but a little lower than the angels, children of your grace.
We are grateful for your mercy, forgiving our human pride and our blindness to those in need.

We rejoice in the hope and salvation

found in the person of Jesus Christ, who shared our earthly suffering and joy.

We remember Christ's death, celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection, and seek to follow in Christ's way, serving those around us.

In the steadfast comfort of the Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to your service as we unite our voices to glorify you.

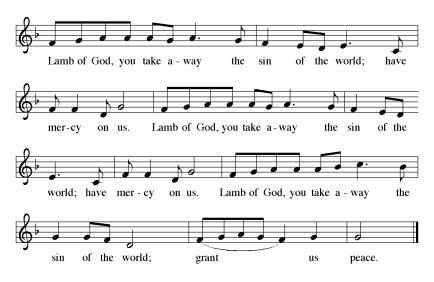
At this table we recall the night...

...By partaking at this table,
we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection,
and await Christ's return.
Bless this meal and all who receive it
That we may glorify your name as we do so
We glorify you as the Creator, as the Sustainer
And the Savior who taught us to pray...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire also invites you to this table, where he is fully present in bread and wine. Come and feast with Jesus, and be renewed for the work of justice. **Thanks be to God!**

Lamb of God



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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 Place Upon Your Table, Lord ELW 467

We place upon your table, Lord, where you by grace have bid us dine, these tokens of our daily work, the food of life, the bread and wine.

Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them humbly from your hand; put these your gifts to higher use: the holy meal that you command.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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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

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have been here graced by your merciful presence, O God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and love of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ SENDING +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

Response: Amen.

SENDING HYMN We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus ELW 451

We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
We are baptized in his death;
That as Christ is raised victorious,
We might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
In a dreadful death like his,
We will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness,
In the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus
Who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
From the ashes of our past;
In the losing and the winning, we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Ever three and every one;
As it was in the beginning,
Glory now resounds again
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Peace, I Leave with You" by Knut Nystedt

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

- + Call to Worship, Confession, Words of Forgiveness, Prayer of the Day (© 2024 Teri Peterson. Usage rights granted to BibleWorm subscribers at the LiturgyWorm Level and higher (https://patreon.com/biblewormpodcast)
- + Introduction, Prayers of Intercession, Offering Prayer, Invitation to Communion (© Clergy stuff)
- + **Post-communion prayer** (Flames of the Spirit, ed. Ruth C. Duck)
- Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings

MUSIC NOTES:

Knut Nystedt (1915 - 2014) was a Norwegian orchestral and choral composer. Nystedt was born in Kristiania (now Oslo), Norway, and grew up in a Christian home where hymns and classical music were an important part of everyday life. His major compositions for choir and vocal soloists are mainly based on texts from the Bible or sacred themes. Old church music, especially Palestrina and Gregorian chants, have had a major influence on his compositions. Nystedt studied with Aaron Copland among others. He was the organist in the Torshov Church in Oslo from 1946 to 1982 and taught choir conducting at the University of Oslo from 1964 to 1985. Nystedt founded and conducted the Norwegian Soloists' Choir from 1950 to 1990. He also founded and conducted the Schola Cantorum from 1964 to 1985. Key Nystedt works include the symphony Apocalypsis Joannis for soloists, choir and orchestra, op. 155 (1998), commissioned by the Oslo Philharmonic; Ode til mennesket, op. 159 (2000), featuring texts by Sophocles, Hippocrates and Plato; The Word Became Flesh, op. 162 (2001), commissioned by the Augsburg College Choir; and Reach Out For Peace for soprano, choir and orchestra, op. 164 A (2001), commissioned by the Ceciliaforeningen. In 1966, the King of Norway made Nystedt a Knight of the Order of St. Olav in recognition of his contributions to Norwegian music.



Today's altar flowers Are given by Kathleen Harpster in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

		Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolyte	
January 1	2 th	Jo-Ann	Ken von Bargen	Tatum Bettcher	
@ 9:30 A	M	Nestor	Michelle Zabko	ratum bettener	

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:



Alexandra Alam el Din, Jan 13 Dunlin Stathis, Jan 13 Sarah-Marie Alam el Din, Jan 17 Robert Lee, Jan 18 Stephanie Ann Dudowitz, Jan 20 Jake Groundwater, Jan 23 Erin Markert, Jan 23 Jennifer Morello, Jan 24 Thomas DeMarchi, Jan 25 Kyle Steike, Jan 25 Daniel Minieri, Jan 27 Heather Larocchia, Jan 29 Anna Trieller, Jan 31

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

WORSHIP SERVICES — JANUARY 2025

Sunday, Jan 12, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Jan 19, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Jan 26, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

A complete **CALENDAR** can be found at www.trinitybrewsterny.org

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