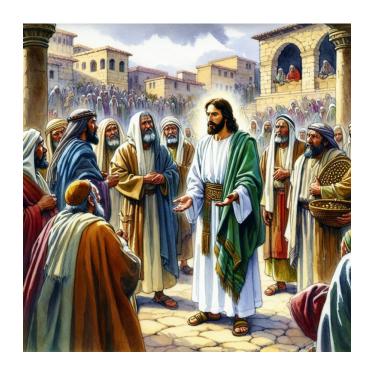
Trinity Lutheran Church

Brewster, New York



6th Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 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

The people are wondering if things are ever going to change. John, not having an answer sends men to ask Jesus for himself. Jesus reminds them of all he has already done, and points out to those gathered that no matter how they go about things, someone will always find fault.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "Kyrie" by Franz Peter Schubert arr. By Lloyd Pfautsch

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

Come with your faith and your hope

We come to see Jesus

Come with your questions and your doubts

We come to see Jesus

Come with your wondering and your certainty

We come to see Jesus

Come with your expectations and your open mind

We come to see Jesus

Come and see what Jesus is doing, and let the good news live in you

We have come to see what Jesus is doing in our lives and the world.

CONFESSION

We come to gather in God's holy presence, seeking to more fully trust in God's promises. We offer up to God our brokenness, longing for restoration and grace in all parts of our lives

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Living God, you came among us as Jesus, your Word made flesh, and even today you are among us as Holy Spirit, breath of life.

We are so grateful for your presence, your Love that underpins all things. And we also admit we have expectations of how you will act,

we have plans for you,

a box you need to stay in,

a system we can understand.

We confess we want you to follow our ways,

and to explain yourself to us when you go off some other direction.

Forgive us when the job description we have written for you is too restrictive,

and forgive us, too, when we think you'll actually stick to what we think you should do.

Forgive our narrow vision, our childish games that miss the point,

and our arguments about what we think about you while we ignore what you call us to do.

Forgive our focus on ourselves,

missing the good news you bring to those on whom we think you are wasting your grace.

Set us free from our need to figure everything out before we allow you to act,

and give us the vision to recognize your kingdom at work even in ways we do not understand.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, your Word made flesh, the Jesus we have come to see. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If anyone is in Christ, the whole creation is made new — the old has gone and the new has come. In Christ, God does a new thing. And we who are in Christ are also gifted a new thing: life beyond those narrow boxes, a life

of expansive grace. Receive this gift today: the gift of broken expectations that give way to forgiveness bigger than we can imagine. Receive the fullness of God's love and grace in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: In Christ, Called to Baptize (ELW 575) In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace And gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, Then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, A haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach The life giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise In costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, For you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

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Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.

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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

What do we come out to see, God?
You draw us close to you,
and we come to hear your good news,
to experience your kingdom-time,
to find healing for the world.
Reveal the fullness of your grace today:
grace enough for our hurts and scars that make us unsure,
grace enough for our cautious desire,
grace enough for our questions and dreams,
grace enough for the life you call us to live,
grace to share with the world,

the grace revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

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READING: Psalm 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

Gospel Acclamation



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THE GOSPEL: Luke 7:18-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" 'Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' (And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep."

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

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: I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)

I love to tell the story, of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.
Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story, that I have loved so long. Refrain

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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 the gracious love and care of the Lord our God.

A brief silence.

Help us to be open to your will and your ways, even and especially when our preconceptions are challenged. Help us to be a community marked by love and understanding. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

Thank you for all who advocate for the wellbeing of your Creation, O Lord. Grant them strength and resilience in what might feel like an impossible task. Help us to show support for the care and nurturing of all that you have made. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We pray for teachers, students, and all who are involved in education and schools. Grant all who teach youth the wisdom to guide, inspire, and nurture, and help students to be diligent in their learning and growth. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We lift up all those in this community of faith and beyond who struggle with challenges to physical, emotional, or spiritual health. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause).

We also lift up in prayer: Morgan, Karen, Logan, Heidi, Joseph, Georgina, Mackenzie, The Mayers Family, Franco, Ed and Debbie and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Comfort, strengthen, and assure them of your presence in their pain. God, draw near, Receive our prayer.

So many are without homes and basic needs in communities and a nation of vast resources. Provide food, shelter, clothing, and medical care for all in need. God, draw near, **Receive our prayer.**

We mourn for those beloved saints who are no longer with us. Remind us that death is not the end, and comfort us with the memories of all they have done to enrich our lives. 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: "Go and Tell John" Spiritual arr. By Lloyd Pfautch

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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.

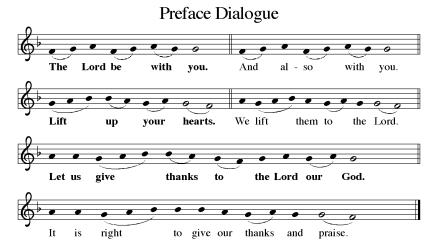
We are stewards, sent out sharing, Offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring May we give as we've been blessed. God of love, may faithful living Be much more than Sunday talk. Send us loving, serving, giving; Help us daily walk your walk!

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") Text: Copyright © 2010 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

OFFERING PRAYER

Saving God, you call us into a life of love and service for the sake of Jesus. In response, we offer to you these, our gifts and our tithes, that you might use them for just that work of love and service to all who are in need. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

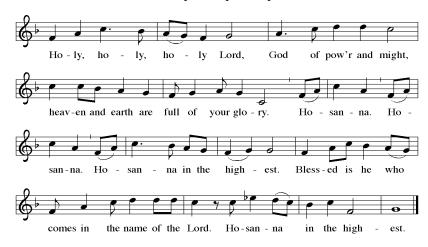


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PREFACE

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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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...

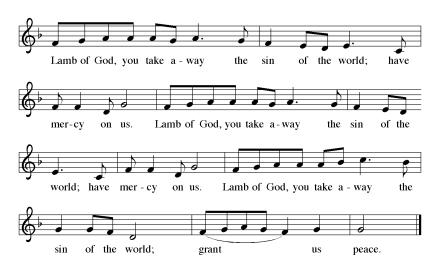
...By partaking at this table,
we proclaim Christ's death,
celebrate Christ's resurrection,
and await Christ's return.
Bless this meal and all who receive it
That we may glorify your name as we do so
We glorify you as the Creator, as the Sustainer
And the Savior who taught us to pray...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus, the Messiah, friend of tax collectors and sinners, welcomes one and all to the feast of eternal life. Come and be fed on the bread and wine in which Christ, fully present, meets and nourishes us. All is prepared.

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 #1: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659 vs 1-4)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

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Communion Hymn #2: 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 life forever.
Refrain

Yes, Lord I believe that you are the Christ. The Son of God, who has come into the world. *Refrain*

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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: Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)

Refrain:

Lift High The Cross, The Love Of Christ Proclaim Till All The World Adore His Sacred Name!

Come Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, The Son Of God. Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be; praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin Go and tell the Good News of Jesus Christ We go in the love and peace of Christ. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: "Lord, My God, Hear Now My Pleading" by Felix Mendelssohn arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

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

- + 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, Call to Worship, 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:

Lloyd A. Pfautsch (1921-2003) was born in Washington, Missouri. He received his BA and MSM from Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois. He earned his Divinity Masters from Union Theological Seminary; and Musical doctorate and Law degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, he spent most of his career at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where he was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Choral Music from 1958 to 1992. He conducted six different choral ensembles during his tenure, and organized and conducted the Dallas Civic Chorus for 25 years. An active composer and arranger, he has over 300 published editions with 15 different music publishers.



Today's altar flowers are given by Susan Stringer in celebration of Valentine's Day and with love to her husband Michael.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolyte
February 16 th @ 9:30 AM	Don Icken	Ralph Rudolph Charlie Germain	JP Maston

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Michael Masucci, Feb 16 Mary Gerhardt, Feb 20 Bruce Foley, Jr., Feb 21 Andrew Klammer, Feb 21 Jeffrey Von Bargen, Feb 22 Adelina Zhang, Feb 22 Erin Corbi, Feb 23 Carol Fendt, Feb 24 Lorraine Van Vlack, Feb 29



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

WORSHIP SERVICES —JANUARY 2025

Sunday, Feb 16, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM Sunday, Feb 23, Holy Communion, 9:30 AM

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

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