

*Trinity Lutheran  
Church*

*Brewster, NY*



*March 5, 2025*

*Noon & 7:00 PM*



**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](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjedyer1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjedyer1@yahoo.com)).

You are invited to worship with us each week. There is a spoken in-person service on Thursdays at 12 noon and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. as well as via Facebook Live on Trinity's Facebook page. Services may also be viewed on Comcast channel 21 at 11 am (note, they are a week behind). The service will be posted later on our YouTube page. The weekly bulletin is posted on our website:

**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](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**

Jesus draws attention to the way the call to discipleship reorients some of our deepest priorities. His words offer solace to us where we have been isolated on account of following him, and challenge us where we would seek to subordinate the life of faith to other priorities.

## **+ GATHERING +**

**PRELUDE: "Wasche mich wohl"** Johann Kuhnau

*In keeping with the solemnity of this day of devotion, the people and the ministers assemble in silence during the prelude.*

## **WELCOME**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

We come into this Lenten season

**We come to remember**

Remember that you are dust.

**To dust we shall return.**

We come to be reminded

**That all are created in the image of God**

No one is greater than another,

**For all are loved by God.**

We come to find Christ in our midst

**The One who walks among us**

The one who walked the dusty road

**Gathering the fragments of our lives**

Reforming them by his grace

**To dust we shall return.**

God of life everlasting, we place ourselves in your presence

**We rest in the promise of your grace**

our minds and spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings

**all which threaten to pull our attention away from you**

may the words that we speak and that we hear

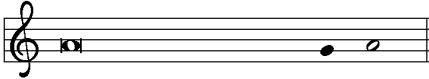
**reflect our trust in you and your call to faith-filled renewal of our hearts and minds**

Gather with humble hearts to receive the Word of God

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

### KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



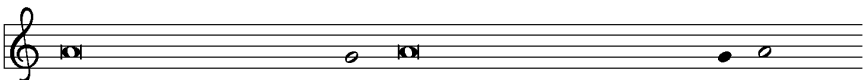
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



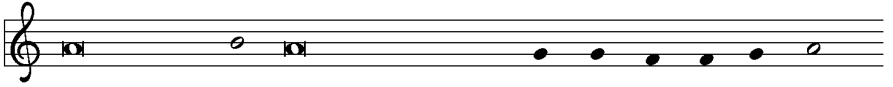
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, We gather on this Ash Wednesday to remember that we are created out of the dust of the earth, and that we will one day return to dust. Help us to see this not as a morbid reflection of death, but as a call to humbly turn over to you ourselves and all the world, knowing that you alone have the power to transform life and destroy death. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

+ WORD +

### READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains

a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

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.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain-offering and a drink-offering  
for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.  
Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,  
"Where is their God?" ' '

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*



another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.'  
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jennifer Boyd**

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (ELW 779)***

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord had promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4 anonymous, st. 5  
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## INVITATION TO LENT

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The presiding minister leads the following or another confession.*  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and before the whole company of heaven,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault,**  
**by our own fault,**

**by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*PLEASE STAND*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Holy God, we are grateful to you. We are grateful that you hear our prayers and respond with mercy. Because of your mercy, we do not lose heart. Hear now the prayers of this community. May they echo beyond our reach.

*A brief silence.*

There are so many distractions and temptations pulling us away from what matters most in our world. Help us to stay focused on you and fully trust in your guidance for our lives. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Decades of habitat destruction and environmental misuse have caused harm to the world you have created. Empower us to change our daily practices to have less negative impact, and to care faithfully for all living things. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Students navigate so many challenges in their daily lives, both academically and socially. Guide them to seek your wisdom in their journeys, our teacher and friend. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Draw near to all who are in need of your care due to health challenges, financial insecurity, family issues, or suffering of any kind. Give courage and healing to all who call upon you for help. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

As we enter the season of Lent, draw our attention inward in honest self-examination and a commitment to grow spiritually in you. Help us to take up our crosses and follow you. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

The saints persevered through innumerable difficulties in their lives. Help us to remember and honor their faithfulness by following their example. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Pastor: We entrust all these prayers and those of our hearts to you, O God. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**PEACE OF THE LORD**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

**+ MEAL +**

**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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org))*

**Special Music: "Turn Thy Face from My Sins"** Arthur S. Sullivan

*THE ASSEMBLY STANDS*

**OFFERING HYMN: "We Give Thee but They Own"**  
**ELW 686 (vs. 1 & 4)**

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er we do for Thine, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

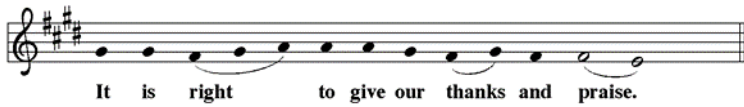
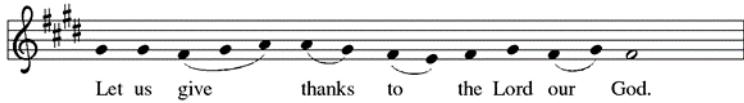
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

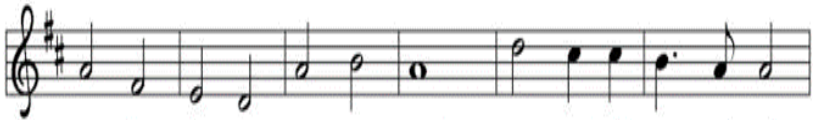
**Almighty God, bless these gifts we bring before you today out of what you have first given us. May our collective generosity be an example of your love in action for the sake of the world. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty 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.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
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:



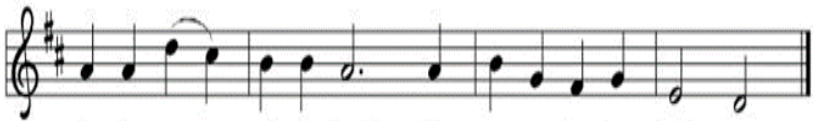
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears

**you have brought us this far along the way**

in times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

**but guided us into the path of love and light**

in every age you sent prophets

**to make known your loving will for all humanity**

the cry of the poor has become your own cry

**our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire**

in the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant

**to preach good news to the afflicted**

to break bread with the outcast and despised

**and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin**

In ...the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of sin and death.

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

**Come, Spirit of freedom**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

**Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

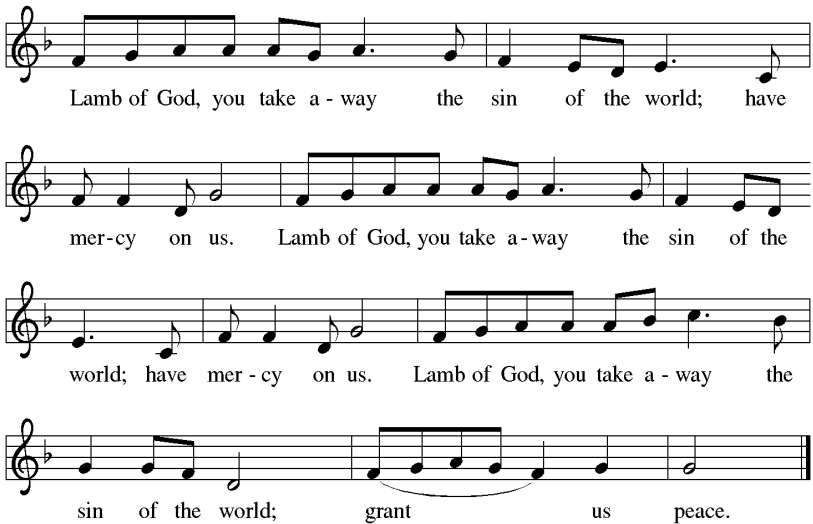
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**



The one who set his feet toward Jerusalem for the redemption of the world now invites you to join him at this holy table. Come and be nourished on his body and blood and be filled with new life. All is prepared. **Thanks be to God!**

## Lamb of God



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

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*THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND BLESSINGS**

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

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

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

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

### **Communion Hymn #1: “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” (ELW 471)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees.**

**Let us break bread together on our knees.**

***Refrain:***

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,**

**O Lord have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

***[Refrain]***

**Let us praise God together on our knees.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees.**

***[Refrain]***

Text: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual

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### **Communion Hymn #2: “*That Priceless Grace*” (ELW 591)**

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,**

**That priceless grace, which gave me life;  
Jesus' life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
That priceless blood was shed for me;  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,  
That painful death took sins away  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,  
That precious word, which brought me light;  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.**

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949

Music: Ghanaian traditional

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*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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Merciful God,  
accompany our journey through these forty days.  
Renew us in the gift of baptism,  
that we may provide for those who are poor,  
pray for those in need,  
fast from self-indulgence,  
and above all that we may find our treasure  
in the life of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"Be Thou My Vision"* ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8<sup>th</sup> cent.; vrs. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr, Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

***“Gott sei mir gnaedig”*** Johann Kuhnau

*\*\*Noon: Please leave this bulletin for use at the 7:00 PM service.*

### **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*** (© Clergy stuff)

+ Other parts of worship are from the hymnals, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (setting 4), Lutheran Book of Worship and All Creation Sings



## WORSHIP SERVICES— March and April 2025

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

Sun, March 9	(1 <sup>st</sup> Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 16	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 23	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 30	(4 <sup>th</sup> Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 6	(5 <sup>th</sup> Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 13	(Palm Sun)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 20	(Easter)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM

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

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

### **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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# Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins

