Tríníty Lutheran Church

Brewster, NY



1st Sunday ín Lent March 9, 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

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

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus presses the scribe to see what it means to be a neighbor differently. A neighbor is not a special category of person; it is the way of living with one another that the grace and love of God work in us.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "The Ten Lepers" Lee Hastings Bristol

Welcome and Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and Wednesdays, and times when we want you to rescue us.

Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today, with our human foibles

and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be.

CONFESSION

And so we pause in these moments to remember all those ways in which we have not lived into our God- given belovedness.

You say, O God, that the way to abundant life is to live it:

to love with all our heart and soul and mind and strength,

without asking who deserves it or how much is too much

or any of the other questions we use to limit your love, and ours. We confess that we'd really like a list, please.

Who exactly is our neighbor, and how will we know if someone is or isn't?

Forgive us, Lord,

when we demand an itemized checklist before we act on love.

Forgive us when we draw the circle so tightly that we neglect to do mercy. Forgive us when we are pulled in so many directions we can no longer see you in the work we do.

Forgive us when we get caught up in justifying ourselves and our activities,

and so miss your call to a new way of life.

Lead us back to your way -

the way of love manifest in the world,

the way of eternal life lived now. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God looks on us with compassion, and God's grace does not abide by the boundaries and barriers of the human imagination. So hear and live this

good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, with the opportunity and the power to live a new life in God's kingdom today. 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: Jesus Calls Is O'er the Tumult (ELW 696)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day his clear voice sounding, Saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, Turned from home, and toil, and kindred, Leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all.

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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. And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Your compassion for the least and the lost, the oppressed and the sorrowful is without measure. Teach us to love our neighbors as you would, and to care for those who are most often overlooked. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

Children's Sermon & Song

"Jesus Loves Me" (ELW 595)

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. *Refrain*

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Pastor Jennifer Boyd

+ WORD +

READING: Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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: O God of Mercy, God of Might (ELW 714 Verses 1-4)

O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.

For all are kindred, both far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.

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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

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.

So often we judge those in need as unworthy of our help, and we pass on the other side of the street, refusing to see them. Open our eyes and hearts to love and serve our neighbors wherever we meet them on the way. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

All of creation is our neighbor, O God. Make us to stop and pay attention to the needs of our siblings in the natural world, and commit us to the care and healing of all that you have made. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Leaders at every level often face tough decisions and competing priorities. Help them to listen to those they serve, and give them wisdom to discern how best to meet the diverse needs of their constituents. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

Work through us on behalf of the sick, suffering, and oppressed, that all might receive the care they require to return them to wholeness. Hold all those in need in your loving arms. We pause to pray especially for those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.... (pause). We also lift up in prayer: Bruce, Joan, Steve, Sara, Lucia, Nicole Lois, Madeline, Peter, Carole, Vinnie and Ron...and for those who have no one to name them and those who do not know Christ's name. Merciful God, Hear our prayer.

As we begin the journey of Lent, may we deepen our relationship with you and with one another. Shape our lives to reflect your love. Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

With gratitude we remember those who have gone before us in the faith. May we follow in their footsteps until we all meet again in your eternal presence. 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

The love and peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to share signs of peace with others Please check with those around you if they are comfortable with a handshake, elbow bump or other physical signs before reaching out. Peace signs and humble bows are a healthy alternative.

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

As we receive the choir's offering of music, we invite you to share your own offering with Trinity by placing them in offering plate, mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u>



ANTHEM: "The Good Samaritan" Lee Hastings Bristol

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

OFFERING HYMN: "We Give Thee but Thy 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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of compassion, you care for us in material and immaterial ways. In gratitude we return to you these gifts and tithes that you might use them to care for all who are in need. In Jesus' name we pray. 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

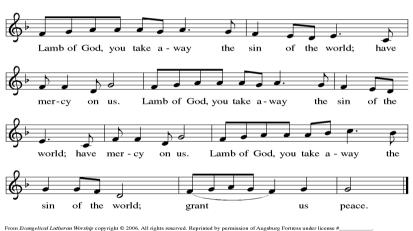
Through Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

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

Jesus, our neighbor, invites us and all of his neighbors throughout the world to come together at this table and feast in his presence. Be nourished by this holy meal that you might go forth with joy and love your neighbors as yourselves. **Thanks be to God!**



Lamb of God

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 #1: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal, taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered, in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993 Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version Text 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.; Arr. 2003 Augsburg Fortress All rights reserved. Used with permission. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734594-A. COMMUNION HYMN #2: NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION (ELW 462)

Now we join in celebration at our savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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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 +

Mission and Ministry Announcements

THE ASSEMBLY STANDS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (ELW 800)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you, and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,

go forth to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "O Praise the Lord for He is Good" Lee Hastings Bristol

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)

+ Call to worship ((Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000, Simple Living Works. http://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=archives/Articles/ WorshipAltItems3.phpaaaaa0

+ Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness (© 2025 Teri Peterson. Usage rights granted to BibleWorm subscribers at the LiturgyWorm Level and higher (https://patreon.com/biblewormpodcast)

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

Music Notes:

Lee Hastings Bristol (1923-1979) was an American Episcopal church musician and Insurance agent. He had served as a member and officer of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music, helped organize the Hymnal Supplement volumes, was the editor of "More Hymns and Spiritual Songs" and wrote many choral and organ compositions. Bristol was also known to the wider Church as an engaging and popular preacher and conference speaker. He is believed to be the first American layman ever to preach four times at Westminster Abbey. He has also written inspirational books. A 1947 alumnus of Hamilton College, he earned a Licentiate in Organ from Trinity College of Music, London and had received 11 honorary degrees. He was president of the Westminster Choir College, one of the foremost church music institutions in the country, from 1962 to 1969. He once said of his ministry, "I continue to try with God's help, to come ever closer to my true potential and to try to see to it that my life counts for something in terms of the lives of others." He and His wife, Louise Wells Bristol had four children.



Today's altar flowers are given by Elly Harrold in memory of her beloved mother, Harriet Berg, who passed away on March 2, 2021; and by Kathie Ruhs with love and in celebration of her daughter

Heather's birthday (3/11) and her granddaughter Emma's twentyfifth birthday (3/17). Happy Birthday to my beautiful blessings from God!

Scheduled to serve: Sunday, March 9 @ 9:30 AM				
Assisting				
MINISTER	Ushers		ACOLYTE	
Bruce Market	Michelle	Kathleen	Jonathan	
	Zapko	Harpster	Sciarra	

Let's Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Samantha Torlish	March 10
Angela Nastasi	March 12
Joseph Baldanza, Jr.	March 13
Audrey Stone	March 13
Lucas Bertone	March 14
Matthew De March	i March 15
Henry Innes	March 15
Kristyn Larocchia	March 15
Sigrid Allen	March 17
Daniel Minieri	March 17
Victoria Sciarra	March 18
Hannah Simon	March 18

Morgan Andren	March 20
Philip DeRoberts	March 21
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Liam Torlish	March 24
Susan Brown	March 25
Heather Coyle	March 26
Ralph Rudolph	March 26
Lisa Schuldt	March 27
Liam Conroy	March 28
Moriah Beleho	March 29
Doris O'Toole	March 31



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 st Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 16	(2 nd Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 23	(3 rd Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, March 30	(4 th Lent)	Holy Communion 9:30 AM
Sun, April 6	(5 th 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 <u>www.trinitybrewsterny.org</u> **PARENTS OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN:** Restless or unhappy children can be taken to the Narthex, where worship can be heard over speakers. Busy bags with activities are available in the narthex for our youngest worshippers. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

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