



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

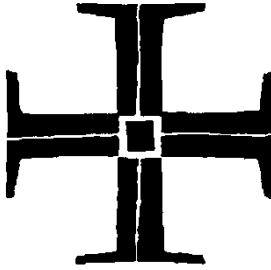
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025 + 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH
in the City of New York

Welcome to worship!

*We are so pleased to have you with us this morning for worship,
and we believe that your presence among us more fully completes our community.
Whoever you are, whatever your identities, whoever you love, and wherever you are on your
journey of life and faith, you are welcome here!*



Out of respect for this time of worship, please silence all mobile devices.

As Christ welcomed all to his table without distinction, so you are welcome at our table at the celebration of Holy Communion. Regardless of your religious tradition or stage in your journey of faith, there's a place for you here!

Two all-gender restrooms are located in the Community Room on the first floor. A changing table for infants is available.

If you're visiting us this morning and would like to keep in touch,

- *Add your name and contact information to the guest book on the Welcome Table at the sanctuary entrance.*
- *Follow us on social media:*
 - *Facebook: @TrinityLES (including livestreams of worship)*
 - *Instagram: @TrinityLES.NYC*
 - *Follow our feeding ministry @TrinitySAFH on all platforms*

Periodically throughout the year, we offer orientation sessions for newcomers and welcome new members into our congregation. If you've been worshiping with us and would like to learn more about becoming a member of Trinity, be sure to speak with our pastor and you could be a member in no time at all!

+ Gathering +

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

We belong to Christ Jesus
and we are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
our sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us,
and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written

before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:19-28

The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by all.

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 22:22

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But you, O LORD, be not ¹ far away;

O my help, hasten I to my aid.

Deliver me | from the sword,

my life from the power | of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

I will declare your name¹ to my people;

in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. Refrain

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out,¹ the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow ^l before God.

For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As

many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

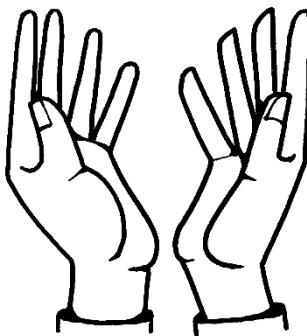
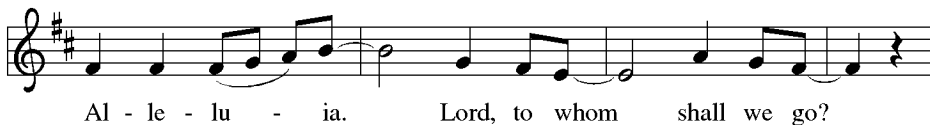
The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

The acclamation is sung before and after the reading of the Gospel.



The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the

demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence for reflection follows introduced and concluded by the ringing of a bell.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith.
Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life.
As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours
forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ Meal +

OFFERING

*An offering is collected to support the work of the church in our community
and the world. Gifts may also be made online at
www.trinitylowereastsideside.org/give as one-time or recurring contributions or
on Venmo using the QR code.*



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AT THE PRESENTATION

As the people's gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward we stand to sing:

Leader



Come, bring them to the ta - ble— bring the
gifts of bread and wine, the hopes and dreams of all the
peo - ple, the of - f'ring of our lives.

All



Come, bring them to the ta - ble—
bring the gifts of bread and wine, the
hopes and dreams of all the peo - ple, the of - f'ring of our
lives, the of - f'ring of our lives.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the Presiding Minister prays the Proper Preface, concluding: ... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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 -

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at our table without distinction to receive Holy Communion.
The communion wafers are gluten free; the chalice contains wine.
Communion may be received in one or both kinds, by intinction or by
drinking from the chalice.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me?

ELW 798

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR FREEDOM SUMMER!

We are thrilled to once again partner with Middle Collegiate Church for Freedom Summer, our summer day camp for kids. This year we are offering two separate camps: a shorter camp in July for our younger campers, and a full week camp in August for the older kids.

Both camps are free, and are open to all!

- Grades (entering) K–3: Wednesday, July 9 – Friday, July 11 | 2:30 – 5:00 PM
- Grades (entering) 4–6: Monday, August 25 – Friday, August 29 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Email FreedomSummerCampNYC@gmail.com for the registration link.

PRIDE BBQ, SUNDAY JUNE 29

On Sunday, June 29 we'll continue our tradition of celebrating God's expansive love with our annual Pride Sunday BBQ! After the BBQ in our garden you're invited to join your fellow Trinitarians to walk across town to watch the Pride March as it makes its way downtown.

JERICO WALKS IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Thursday mornings at 11:00

Join Pastor Fabian Arias of Iglesia Saint Peter's and other religious leaders for a weekly "Jericho Walk" in solidarity with those moving through the immigration law system. From Pastor Fabian: "We will walk seven laps around the Federal Plaza building, stopping each time for a brief silent prayer. After the last lap, we will recite the Jericho Prayer. Prior to the walk at 11am, we will gather upstairs across the street at the Federal Gourmet Deli (325 Broadway, Manhattan).

SUMMER LEARNING SERIES: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

July and August, Sundays after worship

What is the Bible? Who wrote it? How did it come to be? What are its primary messages for us, and how should we interpret them? If you've wondered about any of these questions, consider joining Pastor Will for a summer learning series in July and August where we will explore some of the foundational questions of the Bible. Whether you've been in church your whole life, or you're brand new to Christianity, there will be something for everyone to learn! We'll gather each Sunday after worship (at the end of coffee hour) for this journey through our most sacred texts.

JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD!

Would you like to help with worship, but don't care to speak in public? There are many things that happen behind-the-scenes to ensure our worship is dignified and gives glory to God, including setting out the communion vessels, bread and wine, laundering and ironing linens, hanging banners, rearranging furniture, polishing silver, filling candles, etc. So that this work is not falling on Pastor's shoulders, we are seeking people who would like to assist as members of our altar guild! If you'd like to learn more, speak with Pastor Will!

FATHER WILL PURDY'S FIFTIETH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. William Purdy faithfully served as Trinity's pastor during a critical time in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Under Father Purdy's leadership Trinity grew in its understanding of its purpose and place in our community, beginning regularly serving free meals to all in need, and opening a shelter for unhoused men. Today Saint Peter's Church in Midtown is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination, and Pastor Will has been invited to preach in commemoration of his distinguished and prophetic ministry to our community. We are pleased to welcome Saint Peter's pastoral intern, Vicar Deivis Ventura, as our preacher today, and are grateful for Pastor Barbara Beale serving as presider.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY: JUNE 29

On June 29, we will give thanks for the ministry of several of our "unsung heroes", those who do critical but often unseen work behind the scenes to support Trinity's ministry, like coordinating worship leaders, sending birthday cards, laundering altar linens, etc. We simply could not do what we do without our many members who generously and joyfully give of themselves, and we look forward to celebrating their dedication!

About Trinity:

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are 3.8 million Christians in 10,000 churches who believe that the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the core of our faith and life. We welcome women, men, and people of all genders into ordained ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical.

Our Mission:

We welcome everyone into membership regardless of race, economic means, married/single status, sexual orientation, or gender expression and/or identity. We are a richly diverse congregation in a richly diverse neighborhood. We live our Christianity in word and deed. We are here to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Works Congregation:

Trinity LES is listed as a Reconciling Works congregation that welcomes LGBTQIA+ people into our fellowship and works to erase all discrimination against them.

Our Outreach:

To carry out our ministry of deed, Trinity LES has a separately incorporated non-profit program, Trinity's Services And Food for the Homeless (also known as SAFH, pronounced "safe") which operates a soup kitchen, food pantry, and offers connections to other services. Between 150-250 meals are served each day, and around 30-40 families are given groceries from our pantry Monday through Friday. Volunteers are always needed. Visit safhnyc.org for more information.

Our Schedule:

Mon – Fri:	11:00am, Soup Kitchen; 12:30pm, Food Pantry
Mon:	7:00pm, "Valley of the Dolls" NA Group
Tues:	7:00pm and 8:00pm, "East Village" AA Group
Wed:	7:30pm, STP Creative Foundation
Thurs:	7:30pm, "Clean and Dry" AA Group
Sun:	11:00am, Worship Service

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