



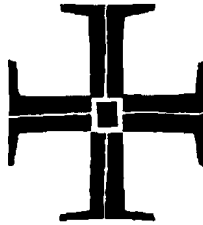
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 3, 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!*



*We welcome Pastor Becca Seely, Pastor and Executive Director of Village Campus Ministry,
as today's preacher and presider while Pastor Will attends the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in
Phoenix.*

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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REETING

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.

Benevolent God, you are the source,
the guide, and the goal of our lives.

Teach us to love what is worth loving,
to reject what is offensive to you,
and to treasure what is precious in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the
Teacher, was king over Israel in
Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek
and to search out by wisdom all that is
done under heaven; it is an unhappy
business that God has given to humans to
be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are
done under the sun, and see, all is vanity
and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled
under the sun, seeing that I must leave it
to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows
whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he

will be master of all for which I toiled and
used my wisdom under the sun. This also
is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart
up to despair concerning all the toil of my
labors under the sun, ²¹ because
sometimes one who has toiled with
wisdom and knowledge and skill must
leave all to be enjoyed by another who did
not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great
evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the
toil and strain with which they toil under
the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain,
and their work is a vexation; even at night
their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 49:1-12

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 49:3

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Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.
My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. Refrain

Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?
One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;
for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,
in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.
For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.
Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to |
generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish. Refrain

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,

³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also

once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

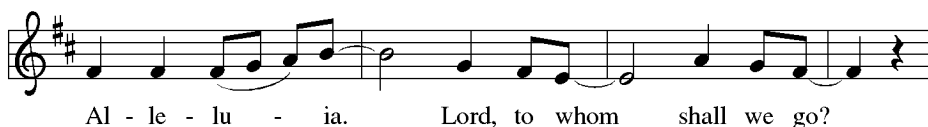
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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



GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to

store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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.





1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits.
 Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ,
 the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places.

Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals,
the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness,
insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image,
and establish equity and peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need,
illness and grief, pain and fear, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our
hearts. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they
make your love known. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity.
Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters.
Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding;
make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors.
Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in
the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us.
May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your
saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
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.trinitylowereastside.org/give as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code.

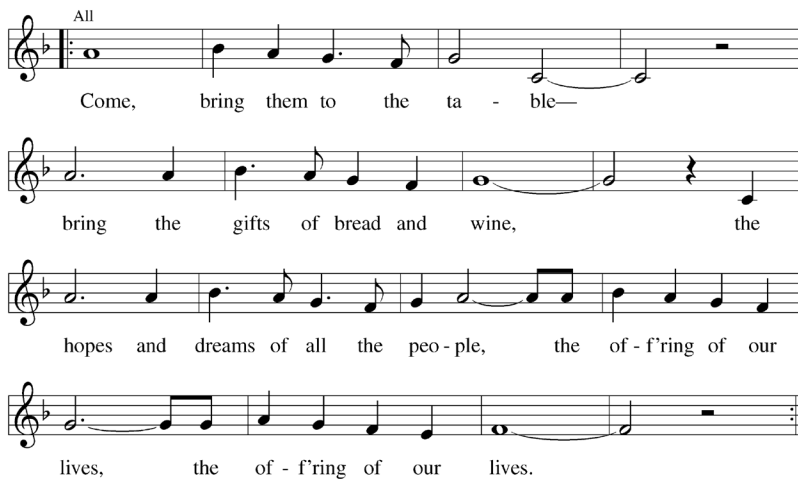


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AT THE PRESENTATION

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

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.

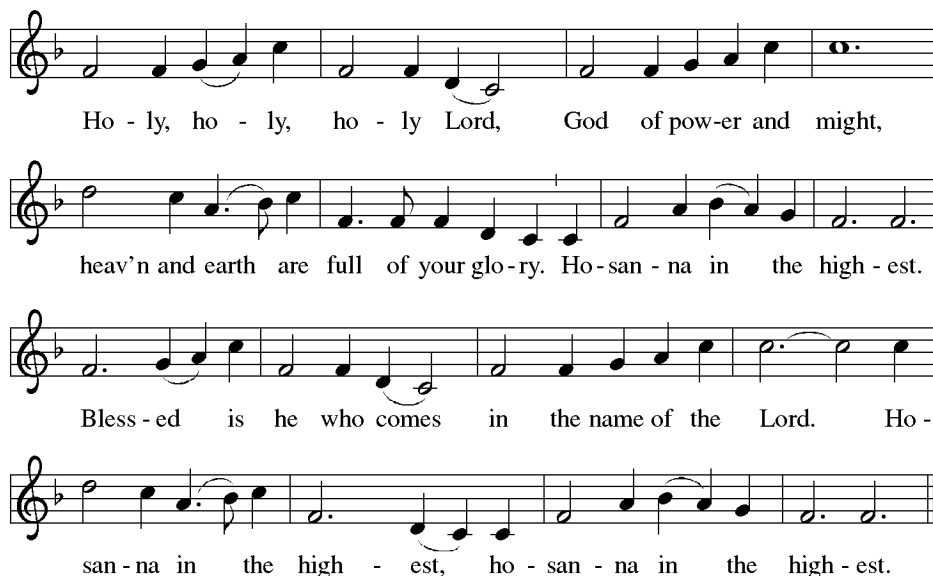
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

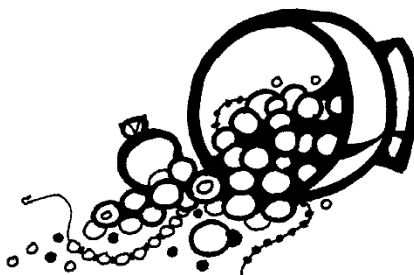
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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 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

We Know that Christ is Raised

ELW 449**DISMISSAL**

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

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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