



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

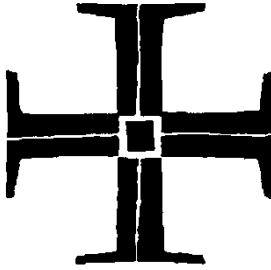
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 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 Ever Walk with Jesus

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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.

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.
Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

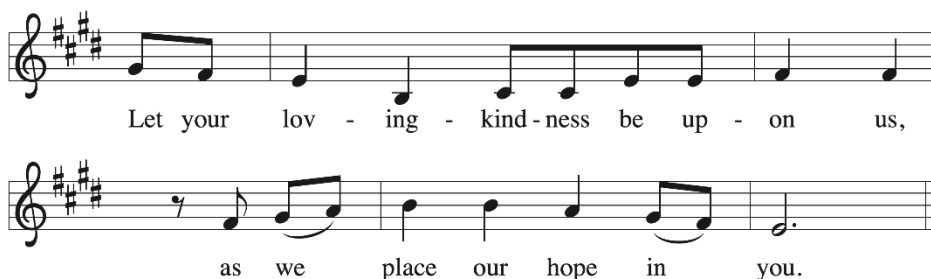
came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 33:22

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Happy is the nation whose God ^l is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ^l be God's heritage!

The LORD looks ^l down from heaven,

and sees all ^l humankind.

God sits firmly en- ^l throned and watches

all who dwell ^l on the earth.

God fashions ^l all their hearts

and observes ^l all their deeds. Refrain

A king is not saved by the size ^l of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by ^l their great strength.

The horse gives vain ^l hope for victory;

despite its great strength it ^l cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ^l you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your ^l steadfast love,

to deliver their ^l lives from death,

and to keep them alive in ^l time of famine. Refrain

Our innermost being waits for ^l you, O LORD,

our helper ^l and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoic- ^l es in you,

for in your holy name we ^l put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ^l be upon us,

even as we place our ^l hope in you. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the

stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

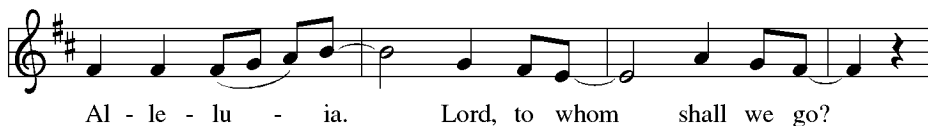
The word of the Lord.

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 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and

knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that,
with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place,
your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth,
especially where life and habitats are threatened.
Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations.
Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence.
Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your loving kindness be on those in need, especially those we name aloud before you
now or in the silence of our hearts. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great
uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go.
Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome.
Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died
having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.
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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a key signature change to G major. The lyrics are: 'Come, bring them to the ta - ble—'. The second staff continues: 'bring the gifts of bread and wine, the'. The third staff continues: 'hopes and dreams of all the peo - ple, the of - f'ring of our'. The fourth staff concludes: 'lives, the of - f'ring of our lives.' The music ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

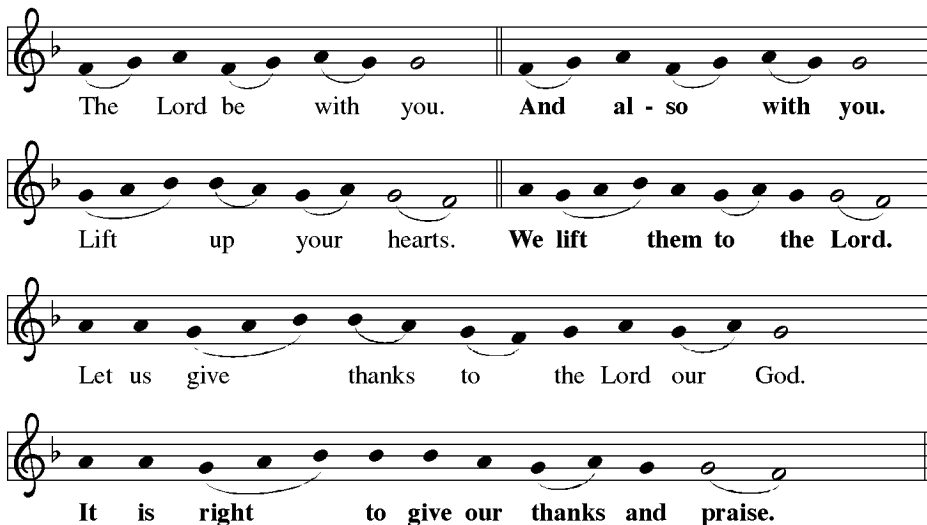
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

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.

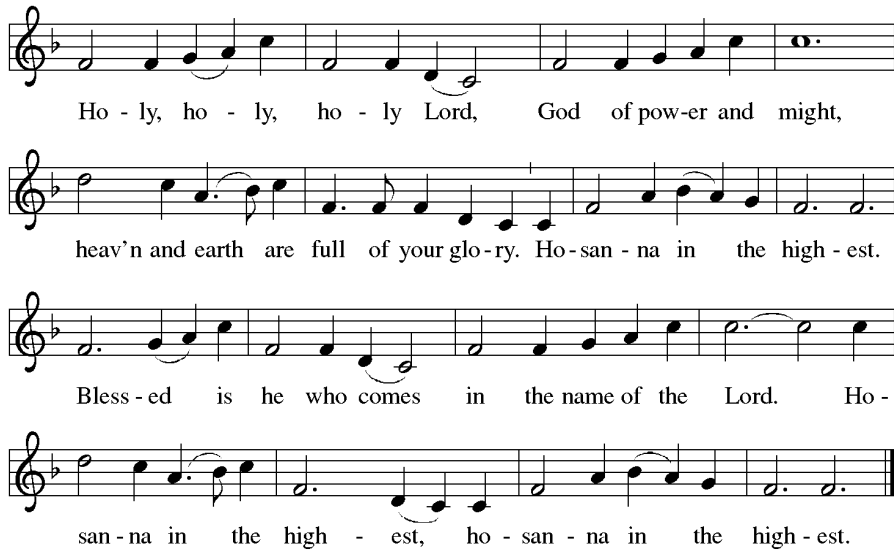
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 are single 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:*



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.

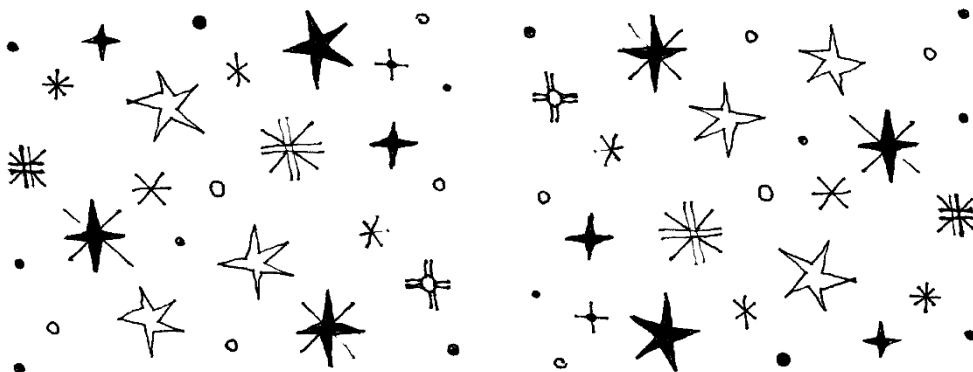
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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;



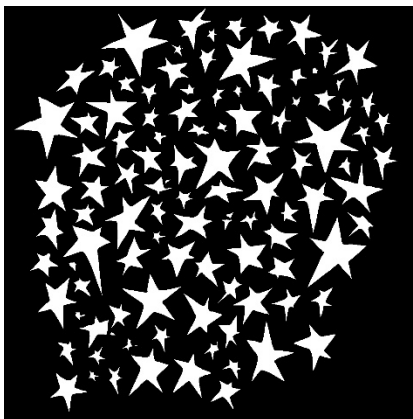
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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.*



Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'rings of the world,

im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A the
God, we call up - on your mer - cy:

um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an

vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -

gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com
pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -

tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,
va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,

ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing

ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in - tei - ro.
jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.

Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,

sus - ten - te o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

Teu rei - no ve - nha a nos! Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!
un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

DISMISSAL

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: A SUMMER LEARNING SERIES

Our study continues today following worship with an overview of the different parts of the Bible, and will continue through August exploring the overarching meaning of the Bible's various books. These 30-minute sessions gather during coffee hour and are intended to give everyone, regardless of background or Biblical knowledge, a basic familiarity with our holy scriptures and an appreciation of how we can apply these ancient texts to our faith and life today.

FREEDOM SUMMER PART 2 IS COMING!

We're thrilled to partner once again with Middle Collegiate Church to offer our summer kid's day camp, Freedom Summer! Part 1 (for younger kids) took place in July, and Part 2 (for kids in grades 4-6, will be held August 25-29. This free camp is open to all! For more information or to register, email Freedomsummercampnyc@gmail.com

FREEDOM SUMMER SEEKING VOLUNTEERS & YOUTH COUNSELORS

Middle Church is seeking volunteers & Youth Counselors to help make Freedom Summer a wonderful experience! Volunteers are needed from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM and Youth Counselors are needed from 8-4 PM. Pay for Youth Counselors is \$17/hour.

Please email freedomsummercampnyc@gmail.com to apply.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

It's hard to believe, but it's once again time for our annual school supplies drive! We'll partner with community organizations to provide 100 bookbags packed with school essentials, helping the kids of our neighborhood have a great start to their school year! To contribute, click the QR code to be taken to our Amazon wishlist, where you can purchase items to be sent directly to Trinity. In late August we will pack all the supplies together into bags for distribution.



WELCOME VICAR NICK ON AUGUST 24

This fall we welcome Vicar Nick Paulson-Moe as Trinity's first-ever pastoral intern! His first Sunday here will be August 24, and we hope all will be present to give him a warm welcome as he begins his internship at Trinity.

Vicar Nick recently graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree, and will spend 12 months working full time with Pastor Will, the people of Trinity, and the Lower East Side community further developing his skills and interests as a pastor. The internship is the final requirement for ordination in the ELCA, and is an important part of nurturing skilled and confident pastors who are ready to lead their own congregations upon ordination. He will preach and teach regularly, participate in all areas of parish life, assist in pastoral care, and provide supervised leadership of certain ministries.

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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