



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

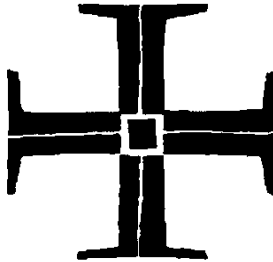
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 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!*



Today we welcome The Rev. Brooke Swertfager, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, as preacher and presider while Pastor Will is away officiating a wedding.

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth.

Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

+ Word +

FIRST READING

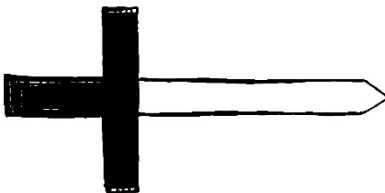
Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?



PSALM

Psalm 82

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 82:8

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God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

**“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?**

Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

**rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. Refrain**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’”

**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own. Refrain**

Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. **Refrain**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were

stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-

law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world.
Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment,
as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity,
interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists,
policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers
who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained,
those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound,
especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts.
Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks
inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration
and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us.
By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us,
until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always
receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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 flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third staff has a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

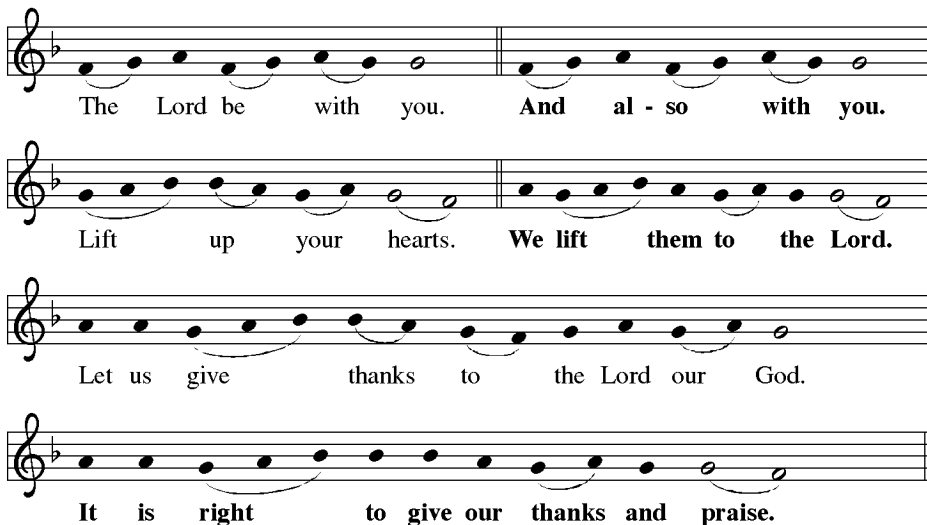
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

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.

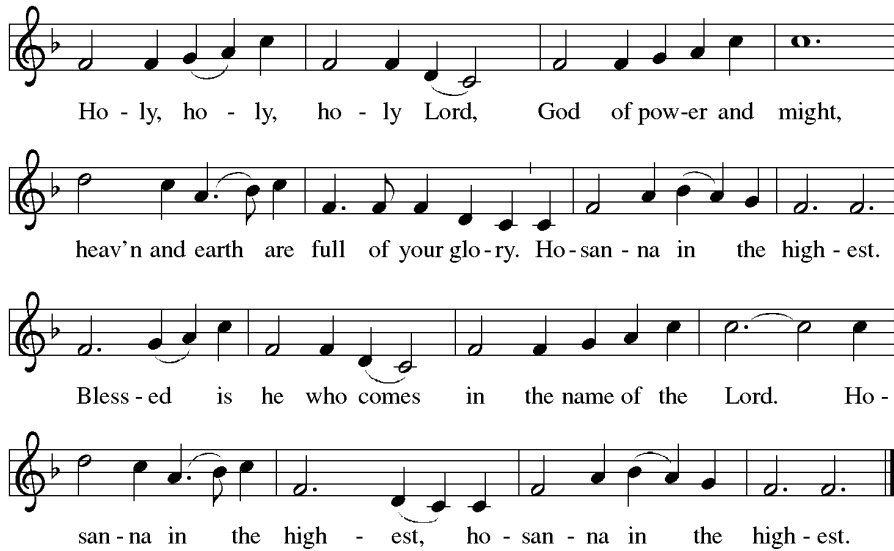
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold (And, We, It, right, 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.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

DISMISSAL

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL WEEK FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



With our thanks to everyone who has contributed to this year's school supplies drive, we invite your final donations to be made this week. We are still in need of several items, so please click the QR code to see our Amazon wishlist. You can purchase items directly from Amazon to be sent to Trinity, or browse what's needed, shop yourself, and bring donations to the church. We're thrilled to once again partner with the Women's Prison Association shelter one block north of us. Their children, who are living with their mothers who are rebuilding their lives following release from prison, will receive the kits of supplies.

In addition to your donations, please also consider volunteering to prepare and distribute the kits at one or both of the following events:

Thursday, August 21 at 7:30pm Gather in the sanctuary to assemble donations into kits for distribution the following day. Pizzas and drinks will be provided.

Friday, August 22 3:00pm to 6:00pm Distribute kits in our garden as families come from the Women's Prison Association shelter on 10th St.



SAVE THE DATE: THE GARDEN PARTY AT TRINITY, SEPTEMBER 10

SAFH's annual Garden Party fundraiser returns Wednesday, September 10! Featuring live music, food by local restaurants, wine by Brix Wineshop, and friends old and new, the Garden Party promises to be a lovely evening celebrating the incredible work of Trinity's Services and Food for the Homeless in ensuring that all in our community are fed.

MEET VICAR NICK PAULSON-MOE, TRINITY'S PASTORAL INTERN

This year, we welcome Vicar Nick to Trinity as he completes the final step toward ordination as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, his one-year pastoral internship. He will spend the year with us learning and practicing ministry, building on the academic work he has completed in seminary. He will preach regularly, help lead worship, teach children and adults, provide pastoral care, work with SAFH, and be active with our partners in the community as he experiences all aspects of pastoral ministry under the supervision of Pastor Will and the Internship Committee. His first Sunday will be August 24, and we hope that you can be here to give him a warm welcome!



Hi everybody! I'm Nick Paulson-Moe (he/him/él), and I'm starting my year as Trinity LES's vicar later this month. I grew up in South Dakota, and these days I live on the Upper West Side with my spouse Hayley, who's an ELCA pastor serving in Manhattan. I love playing music, reading, writing, gardening, laughing, engaging in goofiness, subversive community, and hanging out with Sunny, our Golden Retriever puppy.

I studied theology and music ministry in college and worked in various roles in churches during my time in Sioux Falls, SD. In seminary, I was a field education student with two different ELCA churches in New Jersey, and I spent a summer with Plainsong Farm in Michigan planning worship gatherings and writing liturgy! This past May, I graduated from Princeton

Theological Seminary with an M.Div., a Master's of Christian Education and Formation, and concentrations in Theology, Ecology, and Faith Formation and Lutheran Studies.

Super excited to be with you all soon!!

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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