



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

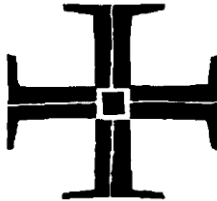
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 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 worshipping 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!

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Mohican and Munsee Lenape peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

+ Gathering +

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the congregation of Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish, acknowledge and honor the Mohican and Munsee Lenape peoples, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place — this land — and call it their home.

LITURGY OF REPENTANCE*

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer,
Make us walk in beauty and balance. Make us open our hearts and minds.
Make us speak the truth.

We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ.

We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation;

For those chosen to be our leaders; in peace, we pray to you, Lord God:

VOICE 1: An excerpt from the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2016. “To repudiate explicitly and clearly the European-derived doctrine of discovery as an example of the ‘improper mixing of the power of the church and the power of the sword’, and to acknowledge and repent from this church’s complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, which continue to harm tribal governments and individual tribal members.”

VOICE 2: Christians have often focused on what separated them from Native people rather than looking for what united them. Their failures to find a uniting front resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Native people and the forced assimilation of people. We deeply regret the decisions that resulted in these atrocities. Following the 2016 Resolution, we affirm that our congregation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will eliminate the doctrine of discovery from its contemporary rhetoric and programs, electing to practice accompaniment with native peoples instead of a missionary endeavor to them, allowing these partnerships to mutually enrich indigenous communities and the ministries of the ELCA.

Let us pray (*moment of silence*)

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences.

We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbearers did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the gospel.

Teach us and show us the way.

We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical and political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.

Teach us and show us the way.

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings.

Teach us and show us the way.

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time.

Teach us and show us the way.

We pause now to add our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good:

The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us;

The summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speaks to us;

The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning,

the dewdrops on the flower speak to us.

But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us

In your Son, Jesus Christ,

In whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come to the Water of Life

ACS 955

1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for
2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for
3 All who are thirst-y for beau-ty, all who are thirst-y for
4 All who are thirst-y for jus-tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy,
touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing,
truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty,
peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus-tice,

come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
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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

Glory to God



Verses sung by soloist

1. Oh God, heavenly ruler, source of life for all
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory... *Refrain*

2. The one Jesus Christ, the only child of God,
Takes away our sins, the sovereign lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of our Father,
Receive our prayer... *Refrain*

3. For you're the holy one.
You alone the heir.
You alone are the most high Jesus,
With the Holy Spirit.
In the glory of God, our Mother, our Father. Amen. Amen..... *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.
Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit,
we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in

the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 111 (First Nations Version)

Dance for joy before Grandfather!

With my whole being, I will thank Grandfather.

I will praise him

in the talking circle of the good-hearted

and at our sacred gatherings.

Grandfather has done many beautiful things.

All you who are in wonder,

Hold them close to your heart

and keep them always on your mind.

All that he does is honorable and filled with beauty.

His right ways go on and on.

Grandfather is kind and merciful.

He is highly honored for the wonders he has performed.

He gives the elk and buffalo,

along with corn, beans, and squash,

to those who highly respect him.

He will never forget the sacred treaty he made with his people.

He showed his people the strength and power of his deeds

by giving them the lands of other nations.

All that Creator does is right and true.

We can put our trust in all his teachings.

They stand firm for all the days to come

and are to be followed with a true and upright heart.

Creator set his people free from captivity

and instructed them to remain true to his sacred treaty.

His name is holy, to be held with deep respect and awe.

Deep respect and awe of Grandfather

are the first steps on the path of wisdom.

All who walk this good road will grow in understanding of his ways.

Songs of praise to Creator will never fade away.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also

reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

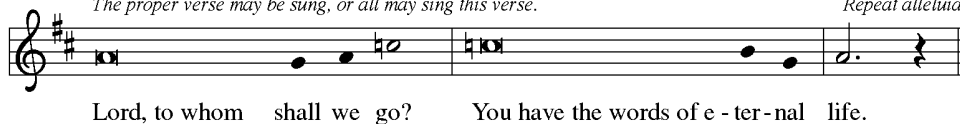
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (First Nations Version)

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On his way to Village of Peace (Jerusalem), Creator Sets Free (Jesus) took the path following the border between High Place (Samaria) and Circle of Nations (Galilee). ¹²He went into a small village where ten men with a skin disease came across his path. ¹³They kept a respectful distance from him and called loudly, “Creator Sets Free (Jesus)! Honored One!” They pleaded, “Have pity on us!”

¹⁴Creator Sets Free (Jesus) looked at them and said, “Go to the holy men and show yourselves to them.” [Tribal law instructed that a person healed of a skin disease must be pronounced ceremonially clean by a holy man.] They did what he said, and as they were on the way, they were healed. ¹⁵One of the ten men, when

he saw he was healed, returned to Creator Sets Free (Jesus), giving loud praise to the Great Spirit. ¹⁶He then bowed down to honor Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and offered him thanks. This man was from High Place (Samaria). [All the people from there were despised and looked down on by the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel).]

¹⁷Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to those who were watching, “Were not ten men healed? Where then are the other nine?”

¹⁸Was the only one who returned to give thanks and honor the Great Spirit an outsider from High Place (Samaria)?”

¹⁹Then he said to the man, “Stand up and be on your way. Your trust in me has healed you.”

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.

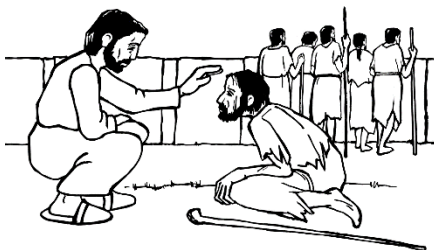
Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

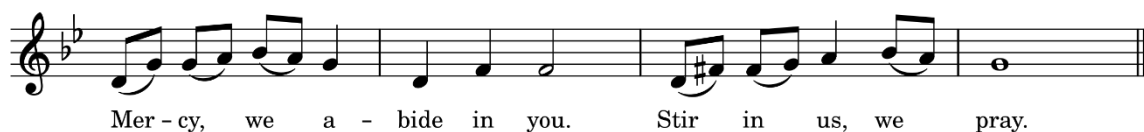
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.



Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another.

Response

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ.

Response

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of 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.



venmo

AT THE PRESENTATION

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



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.
Holy God,
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,
your living Word undergirds all that lives.
We praise your eternal Word.
We praise your eternal Word.

In the words of the Scriptures you offer us Christ:
our refuge, our savior, our friend,
accompanying us throughout our years
and renewing us in love.
We praise Jesus, your Word.
We praise Jesus, your Word.

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,
in devotion to your Word,
and in service to others.
We pray for the Spirit of your Word.
We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

To you be honor and praise and glory,
today 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.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
+bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Sing to the Lord Cantad al Señor

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for all our kin.

Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR WILL ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

On Saturday October 11, Pastor Will flew to Guatemala to begin a two-week intensive study of Spanish in order to better minister to our diverse community. He'll return on Monday, October 27th. During that time, pastoral needs will be addressed by Vicar Nick; email him at vicar@trinitylowereastside.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUING TODAY, OCTOBER 12

We'll have Sunday School during worship at 11am on the following dates:

- October 12, October 26, November 9, November 23, December 7

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

On Sunday, October 26 we celebrate the reformation heritage of the Lutheran tradition, and all the ways God continues to re-form and re-shape the church in every age! In keeping with tradition, you are encouraged to wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit!

ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 2

On All Saints Day we join Christians across time and space in remembering all the faithful departed who now rest in the nearer company of God. While we celebrate the lives and witnesses of all those who have died in Christ, we especially bring to mind those we have known and loved who have died in this past year. Those who have died since last All Saints will be remembered in worship with the lighting of a candle and the reading of their names. To have a loved one remembered in worship, please submit their name to the office (office@trinitylowereastside.org) by October 29.

SOIL AND SABBATH - AND OTHER SMALL GROUPS

This fall we are again joining up with other Lutheran congregations in Manhattan for a series of small groups. Vicar Nick will be leading an *asynchronous* group called Soil and Sabbath. This group will ask questions together about soil, Sabbath, how the two are related, and ultimately, what practices and ways of life can nurture vitality and justice in the church and world. To learn more about all the groups being offered and to sign up, visit www.adventnyc.org/groups.

**This Liturgy of Repentance comes from an Indigenous People's Liturgical Celebration created in 2017 by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Dr. Sherman-Conroy currently serves as the secretary of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association of the ELCA. Dr. Sherman-Conroy worked closely with her mentor and Professor Dirk Lange (Luther Seminary), musician David Livingston, and conferred with Bishop Guy Erwin, Bishop Jessica Crist and Native members and Clergy of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association of the ELCA.*

Contributors of the Cree, Sioux, Stockbridge-Munsee, Cherokee, Ojibwe, Navajo, Nez Perce and Osage Nations participated in the creation of this Liturgy.

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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