

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 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!

Today we are delighted to welcome The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer as preacher and presider while Pastor Will concludes his continuing education in Guatemala

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of \oplus Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty Cod strongthen you with power through the Hely Spirit

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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
- 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 God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the

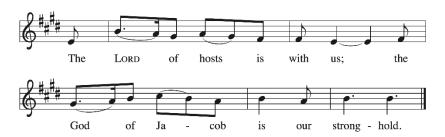
house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

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



Psalm 46:7
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God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-|y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away. Refrain

The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works | of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the

redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

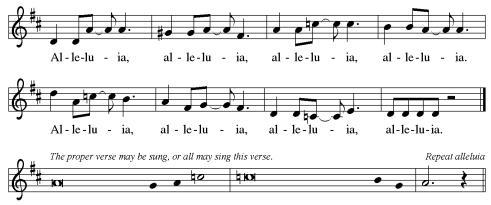
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter-nal life.

The holy gospel according to Saint John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

A Mighty Fortress

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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



Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice.
Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose.

Response

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Be our stronghold at all times.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross.

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.



AT THE PRESENTATION

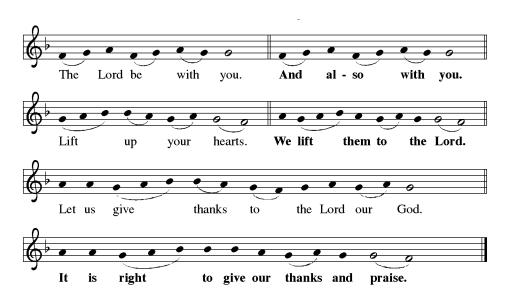
As the people's gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward we stand to sing:



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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes the following responses:

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

... sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

... 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



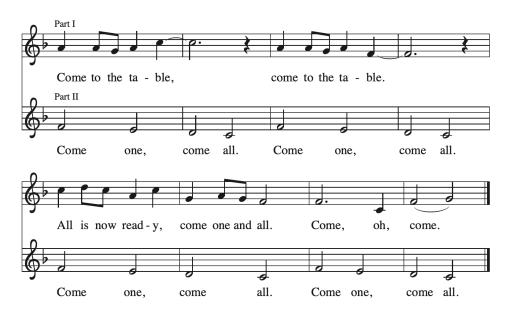
THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 to the Table

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Built on a Rock

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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 DURING WORSHIP

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

October 26, November 9, November 23, December 7

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.

CELEBRATING DIÁ DE LOS MUERTOS ON ALL SAINTS

Next Sunday, All Saints, we will celebrate *Diá de los Muertos* after worship by building an *ofrenda* during coffee hour in the garden (or inside, weather permitting). An *ofrenda* is a memorial altar on which photos of the dead are placed along with foods and flowers for remembering those who have died. You are welcome to bring small photos of your beloved dead to place on the ofrenda while we invite the memory of our dearly departed into our midst during our time of fellowship.

COMING IN NOVEMBER: AN INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

This summer's Introduction to the Bible continues in November with an introduction to the book of Genesis! We'll gather at the end of coffee hour for an introductory study of the first book of the Bible, including a study of its major themes and stories.



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

Those Who Serve:

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