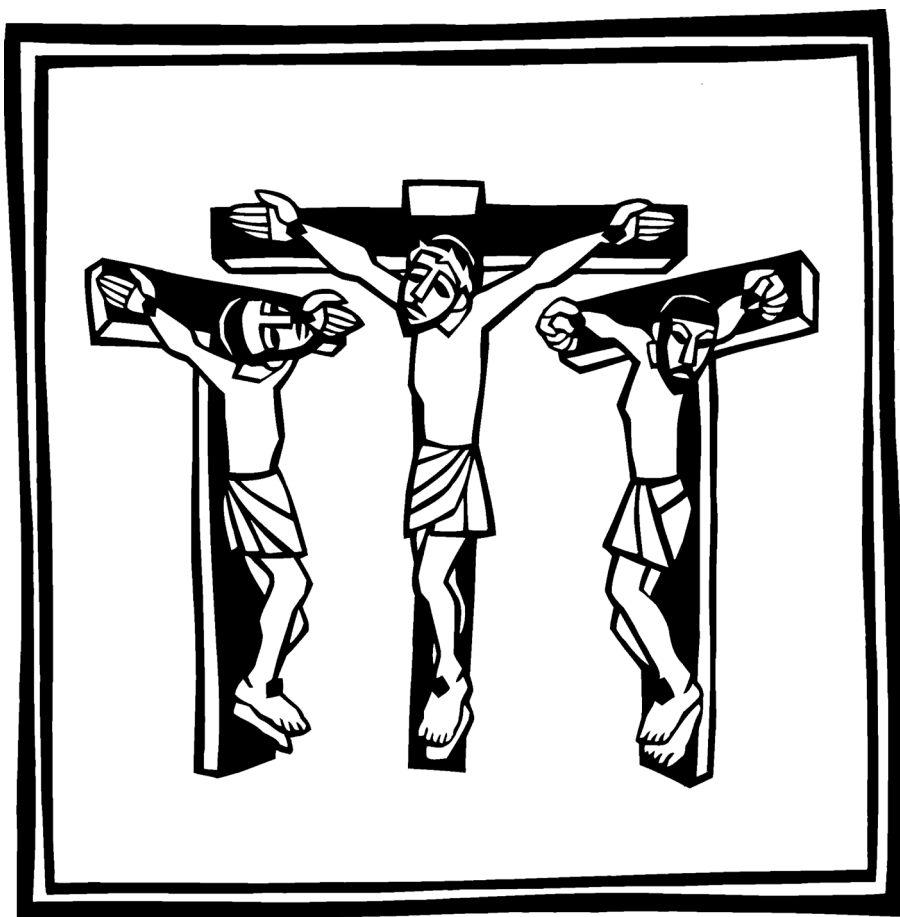




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRIST THE KING / THE REIGN OF CHRIST

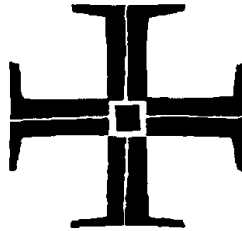
November 23, 2025 + 11:00 a.m.

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

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 ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
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

Refrain, sung by Assembly



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.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom,
and to know you is unending joy.

We worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great glory.

Abide with us, reign in us,
and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty,
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 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my
pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus
says the LORD, the God of Israel,
concerning the shepherds who shepherd
my people: It is you who have scattered
my flock and have driven them away, and
you have not attended to them. So I will
attend to you for your evil doings, says the
LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all the lands
where I have driven them, and I will bring
them back to their fold, and they shall be
fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up

shepherds over them who will shepherd
them, and they shall no longer fear or be
dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says
the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the
LORD, when I will raise up for David a
righteous Branch, and he shall reign as
king and deal wisely and shall execute
justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In
his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
live in safety. And this is the name by
which he will be called: “The LORD is our
righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 46:10

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God is our refuge 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 ¹ not be shaken;

God shall help it at the^l 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 Jacob¹ is our stronghold. **Refrain**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were

created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

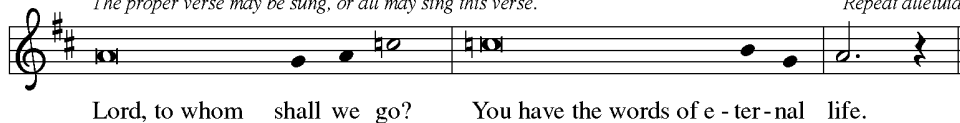
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

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 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

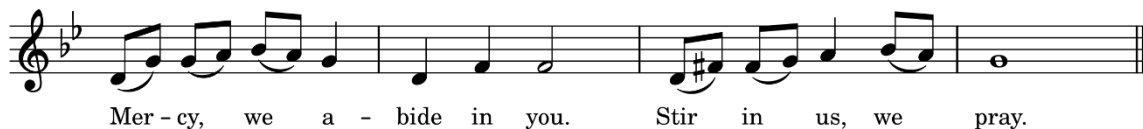
SERMON

A period of silence for reflection follows introduced and concluded by the ringing of a bell.

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.””

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



We pray for the church in the world, its leaders,
and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration.
Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation.
Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands.
Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety.
Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth.

Response

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation,
weary in body or spirit, or sick, especially those we name before you now,
aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Comfort all in need of your tender care.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament.
Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise.

Response

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves have double bar lines at the end of the line.

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.

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:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



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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.

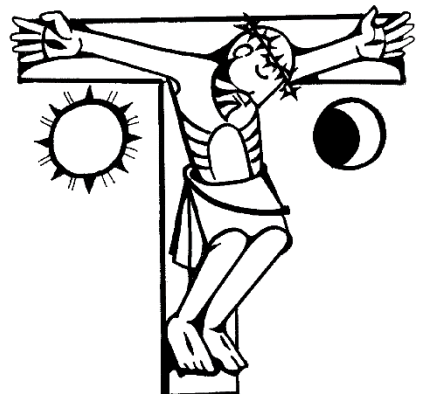
Amen.

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

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up-on us, have . . mer-cy up-on us.

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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

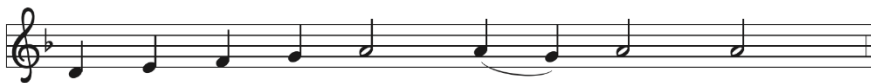
All are welcome at our table without distinction to receive Holy Communion.
The communion wafers are gluten free; the chalice contains wine.
Communion may be received in one or both kinds, by intinction or by drinking from the chalice.



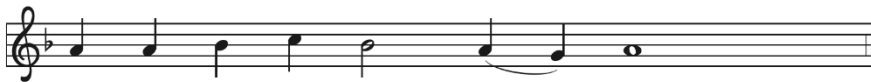
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



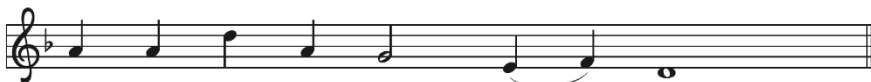
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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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

O Christ What Can It Mean for Us

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, CHILDREN!

Here at Trinity, children are a valued part of our community and we are delighted to welcome them to worship! There's a special area just for kids under the skylight with books, activity pages, and crayons. Every other Sunday, children gather in the Community Room for Sunday School, beginning at 11:00. Sunday School concludes in time for kids to join adults for Holy Communion. Through the end of 2025, Sunday school will meet on **Nov. 23 and Dec 7.**

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.

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATIONS GATHERING SOON

Have you been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about our congregation? We'll be offering a series of newcomer's orientations where you'll have a chance to learn about our congregation's history, mission, and ministries, and some basics of the Lutheran tradition. If you'd like to be included, be sure to speak with Pastor Will or Vicar Nick!

SO YOU WANNA WRITE A NOVEL - A WORKSHOP BY SAL VITALE, DEC. 6

Trinity Council Member, Sal Vitale, has published two novels. On December 6th, Sal will give a talk entitled "So, You Wanna Write a Novel". Sal will describe his experiences and offer advice to folks who may be thinking about writing their own great American novel. He'll read excerpts from his second novel, *Project Franklin*, and offer signed copies for \$20...all proceeds to be donated to Trinity.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: BOOK STUDY AND HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Each Wednesday in Advent, beginning December 3, we will gather at 6:30pm in the parsonage for a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's New York Times bestseller *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*. Described by Phyllis Tickle as "the most completely beautiful book in religion I have read in a very long time", Taylor explores how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life. At 8:00 we will gather in the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer, which all are welcome to attend - the perfect pause in your week to focus on the season of Advent!

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 7

All who signed up to serve on one of our committees are invited to gather for an All-Committee meeting after worship on Sunday, December 7. We'll gather together as one group to hear about the Council's hopes and dreams for our work together as a congregation, after which each committee will gather individually to begin thinking about their work for 2026. Even if you didn't add your name to one of the committee's sign-up sheets, please join us and learn more about how you can be more deeply involved in the life of our beloved congregation!

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS

DECEMBER 1, 6-8PM: CRAFT NIGHT --- Let's hang out and craft! If you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, sew, block print, collage, animate, make zines, compose music, have a passion for doodling, or make *anything* in *any* way, bring it to the church, and we'll be makers together! The aim here is simply to have fun making things and connecting with each other!

DECEMBER 9, 6:30PM: TEA-OLLOGY --- In the spirit of something like pub theology or theology on tap, if either of those names ring a bell for you, tea-ology will be a time to be together and chat about theology (God-talk)! (You don't have to be a tea-drinker---any safe beverage that suits your fancy is totally welcome!) There will be no wrong answers, very few right answers at all (if any), no judgment, and lots of questions!!! This is a space to wonder, to practice curiosity, to engage honestly with our faith, and to open ourselves up to God and each other. Bring your questions, your doubts, your wonderings, your humor---in other words, your whole and real self! **We'll meet at the church for this first tea-ology**, and then we'll brainstorm other spaces in the neighborhood that could be well-suited for this kind of gathering.



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602 E. 9th Street, at Ave B

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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