



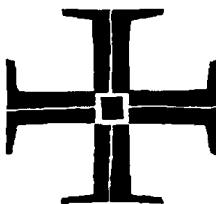
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 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!

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 +

As the assembly gathers for worship, we sing:
“Prepare Ye” from *Godspell*, by Steven Schwartz

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

In the name of the Father who created the earth and the stars of night,
and of the + Son, who draws near to our world in need,
and of the Holy Spirit, whose fire warms our hearts and lightens the world.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The first two staves are for the **Leader**, and the last two are for the **Assembly**. The lyrics are as follows:

Leader

The Lord be with you.

Assembly

And also with you.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

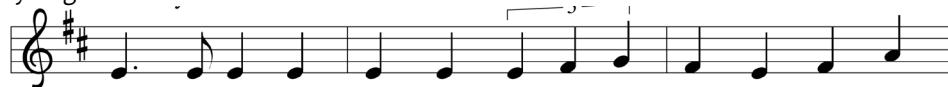
Assembly

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

As the candle is lit, the cantor sings:

We give you thanks, O God, for it is you who called forth light, and you led your people Israel with wonders and with signs.

The assembly sings:



Lead us in this sea - son's wait - ing with won - ders speak - ing



hope and signs of Je - sus' in - car - na - tion;

Cantor:

For your mercy is our light and your compassion is our guide,

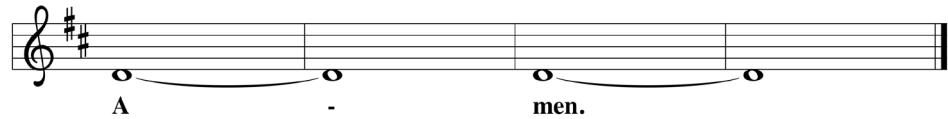
Assembly:



and with cre-a-tion we glo - ri-fy you through the Son and



in the Spir - it now and ev - er - more.



A - men.

GATHERING HYMN

Fling Wide the Door

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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.

KYRIE

*The refrain is sung by the assembly;
the verses are sung by the cantor.*



Bring your mer - cy, bring your mer - cy, bring your mer - cy Lord.

To those who are distant, to those who are near.

To those with resistance, to those who live in fear. **Refrain**

To our hidden places only you can see.

To the many faces yearning to be free. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins,
and redeem us for your life of justice,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM

Psalm 122

The psalm is sung responsively



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

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I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD. Refrain**

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you."

Peace be with you in your walls
and quietness with you in your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good." **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We Are Waiting for Jesus

Verse One is sung before the reading of the gospel.

Verse Two is sung after the reading of the gospel.



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov-ing Shep-herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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

“ About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two

women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore 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.

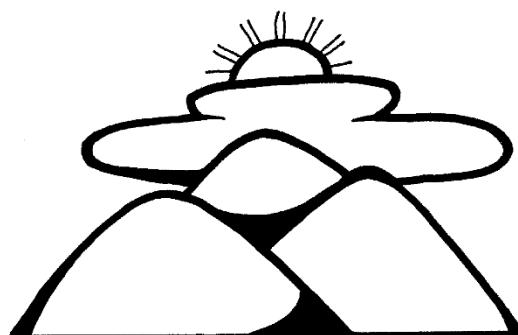
SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

The following response, using the Aramaic phrase “Maranatha”, or “O Lord, Come”, is sung throughout the prayers as indicated:



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Mar - a -

na - tha! Mar-a - na - tha! O come, Lord Je - sus, come.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction.
Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops.
Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths.

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation.
Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us.

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators.
Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community.
Remake implements of war to sow peace.

Response

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Surround all with care and consolation.

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another.
Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others.

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace.

At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home.

Response

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's 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 below.



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OFFERTORY SONG

Come to Be our Hope, O Jesus

Español: 1 Tú, Je - sis, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y -
2 Ven, y te - je_ún mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the

li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do_en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new

na - ce_en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va_en ple - na li - ber -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to

der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de in - jus -
tad. Ven, Je - sis, a - bre_el fu - tu - ro de tu
ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your

ti - cia, y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
rei - no de_a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba_es - te gran
suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man

pue - blos en a - mor y_en com - pren - sión.
mu - ro que_hoy se - pa - ra no - che_y dí - a.
rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

Português: 1 Vem, Jesus, nossa esperança, nossas vidas libertar.
Vem, nascer em nós, criança, vem o teu poder nos dar.
Vem, liberta os prisioneiros da injustiça e da aflição;
vem, reúne os forasteiros em amor e em compreensão.

2 Vem tecer um mundo novo nos caminhos da verdade;
para que, afinal, o povo viva em plena liberdade.
Vem, Jesus, abre o futuro do teu reino de alegria.
Vem, derruba o imenso muro que separa a noite e o dia.

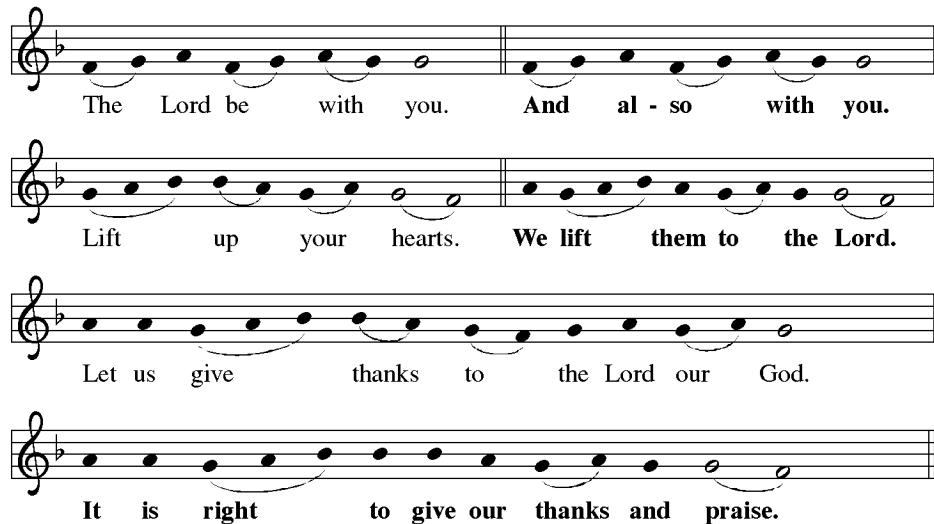
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the presiding minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The presiding minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, remembering God's great saving deeds in this and every time, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to fill us and our bread and wine with God's presence.

The prayer concludes:

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...one God, now and forever.

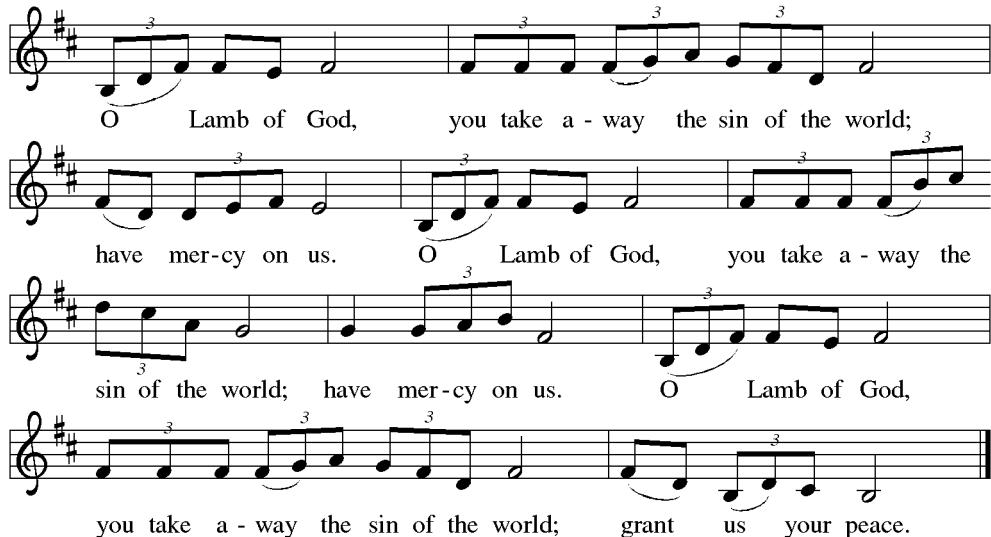
Amen.

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder y tuya es la
gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us.
Come, receive what God has promised.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

May God who comes among us,
Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

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

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

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. The final Sunday school will meet **December 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 worshiping 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!

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE, DECEMBER 18

Advent and Christmas aren't always full of holiday cheer. As the nights get longer and longer and the calendar moves steadily toward Christmas, many of us hold sadness and pain for loved ones lost, relationships fractured, communities we no longer belong to, or the daily heartbreaks of a wounded world. On **Thursday, December 18 at 7pm**, we'll gather in the sanctuary for worship to commemorate the longest night of the year, to tend to all the ache that can accompany these long nights, and to begin to move together toward the gentle hope of Jesus's coming.

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-LOGY

In the spirit of something like pub theology or theology on tap, tea-ology will be a time to be together and chat about theology (God-talk)! 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. **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.

COAT DRIVE



Trinity's Services And Food for the
Homeless is collecting coats for
New Yorkers in need



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Cocktails & Carols

Join us for our 6th annual
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December 10 | 6:30 pm

Trinity Lower East Side

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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