

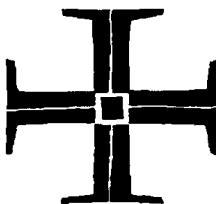


THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025 + 11:00 a.m.

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 Stephen 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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

Amen.



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 creation we glorify you through the Son and
in the Spirit now and ever more.
amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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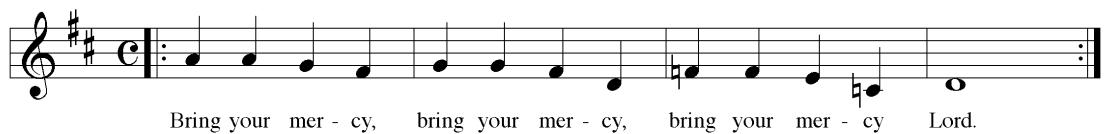
GREETING

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 mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy 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 our hearts, Lord God,
to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

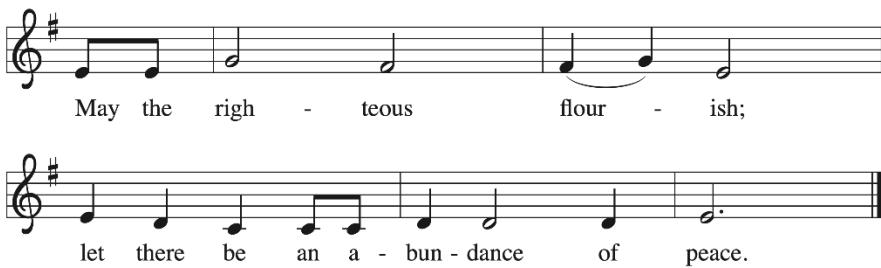
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
The psalm is sung responsively



May the righteous flourish - ish;
let there be an abundance of peace.

Psalm 72:7

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Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. Refrain

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!
And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A-men. Amen. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he

Word of God, word of life.

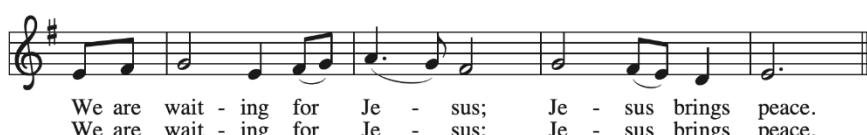
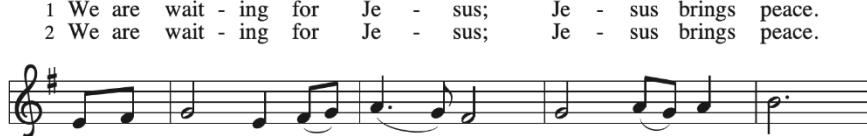
Thanks be to God.

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.



might confirm the promises given to the ancestors⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him,⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming

wrath?⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance,⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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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.

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world.

Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation.

As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. **Response**

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures.

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ.

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith.
Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. **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.trinitylowereastsid.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.

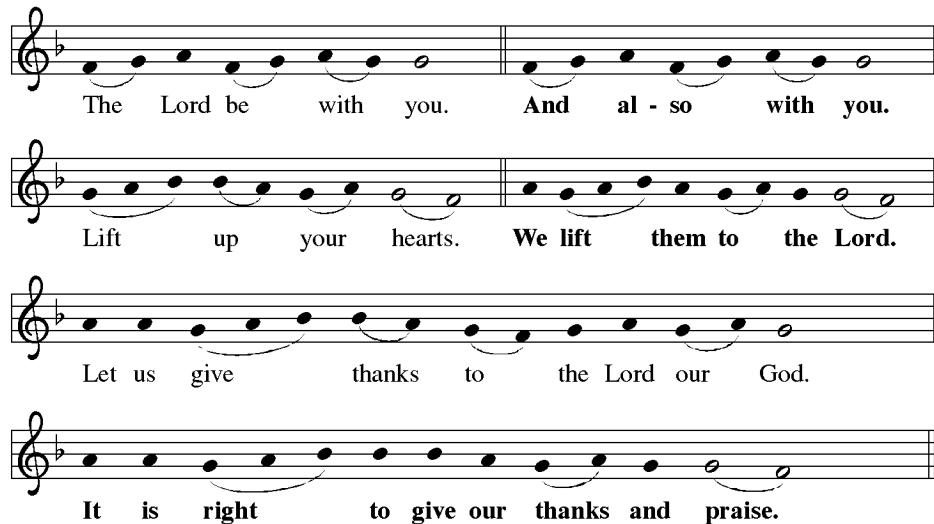
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INTRODUCTION TO GENESIS

This summer's Introduction to the Bible continues 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!

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: BOOK STUDY AND HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Each Wednesday in Advent 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*. Taylor explores how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life.

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY

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.

DECEMBER 9, 6:30PM: TEA-OLOGY

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.

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 or the daily heartbreaks of a wounded world. On **Thursday, December 18 at 7pm**, we'll gather in the sanctuary for worship.

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Homeless is collecting coats for
New Yorkers in need



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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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