



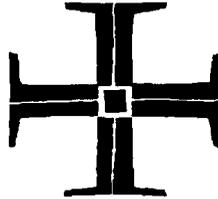
## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 11, 2026 + 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 +

## PRELUDE

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.  
We praise you for the Atlantic Ocean, the Long Island Sound, and New York Harbor.  
For the mighty Hudson, East River, for waterways hidden under city streets,  
and for all the water you provide us each day.  
We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.  
We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy,  
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider,  
to give us the water we need,  
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.  
By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others  
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,  
be all praise and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE 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**

*La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
el amor de Dios,  
y la comunión del Espíritu Santo  
sean con ustedes.  
**Y también contigo.***

## KYRIE

### Oh, Lord Have Mercy

*Verse 1*



For each soul who comesthrough our doors, for mem-bers, strangers,



need-y and poor, for those who doubt and those plagued with fear.



May we show them they're wel - come here.\_\_\_\_\_

*Verse 2*



For the East Vill - age where we stand, built on Le - na - pe



na - tive land, for dogs, birds, and trees\_ of Tompkins Square\_\_\_\_\_



May we bless all our neigh-bors with care.\_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing:

*Refrain*



Oh, Lord have mercy Oh, Christ have mercy,



Oh, Lord have mercy on us here.\_\_\_\_\_

*Verse 3*



For New York, where we all found home, for cho - sen fam - lies,

and those a - lone, for cash-iers, po-ets, teach - ers, and cooks,\_\_\_

May we watch ov - er the ov - er looked.\_\_\_\_\_

*Bridge*

And Liber - ty's torch, shin-ing so bright, how of-ten we hide from it's light, as

hud - dled mass-es still yearn to breath free\_\_\_\_\_ May fight-ing in - just-tice

start with me with me\_\_\_\_\_

*Verse 4*

For the whole world our beaut-i - ful Earth for win - tertime rest and

sping's re - birth, for ways we con - tri - bu - ted to the land's pain\_\_\_\_\_

May we pledge our - selves\_\_\_\_\_ to your reign plead-ing

*Refrain*

Oh, Lord have mercy Oh, Christ have mercy,

Oh, Lord have mer cy on us here.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 42:1-9

**H**ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the

people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

## Psalm 29

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



Psalm 29:3

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Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. Refrain**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Refrain**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. **Refrain**

**P**eter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We

are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been

baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*A period of silence for reflection follows, begun and concluded by bell.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Came to Jordan

**ELW 305**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**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](http://www.trinitylowereastside.org/give) as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code.



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### AT THE PRESENTATION

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



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation,

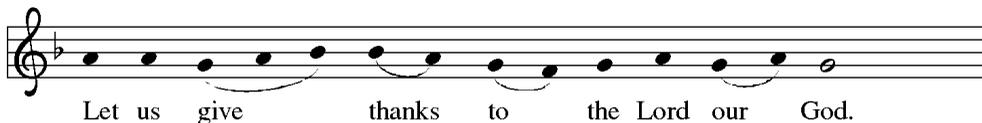
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the time.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

<sup>2</sup>  
 Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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

...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.**

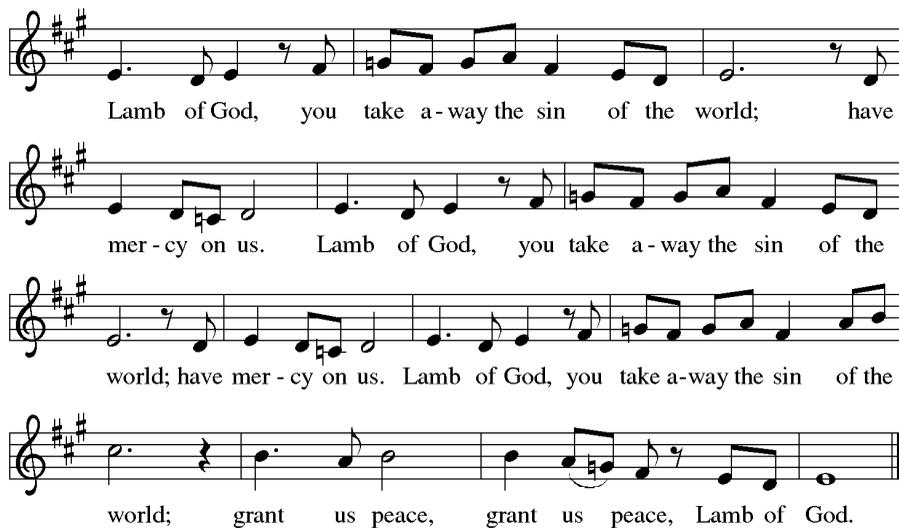
**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra  
como en el cielo.**

**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

*The assembly is seated.*



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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive communion. Wafers are gluten free. Wine contains alcohol. Communion may be received in one or both kinds. The ushers will guide you forward.*



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.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

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## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,  
and in the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

+ Sending +

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

Wade in the Water

**ELW 459**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We're thrilled to welcome our kids back from Christmas break for Sunday School TODAY!

Upcoming Sunday School sessions through the end of the year are:

- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 10
- May 24
- June 7

## NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION: JANUARY 11 AT 7:00PM

Have you been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about the Lutheran tradition and our congregation's history and ministry? Join Pastor Will and Vicar Nick for an informal orientation to Trinity on Sunday, January 11 at 7:00pm! We'll gather in-person in the Parsonage, with zoom available for those who can't make it out. Those who feel called to join Trinity as members will be received in worship on Sunday, January 25.

## ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING: JANUARY 18

We've rescheduled our first-ever All Committee Meeting, originally planned for December, to Sunday, January 18 after worship. All who are interested in becoming involved with one our committees is encouraged to attend to learn more about each committee's work, and how you can be more deeply engaged in the life of our congregation!

## ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 25 AFTER WORSHIP

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lower East Side will be held on Sunday, January 25 immediately after worship. All voting members are encouraged to attend this important meeting, where we will look back on the past year, and conduct critical business including adoption of the 2026 budget and election of church council members.

## YOUNG ADULT BOOK GROUP

This month, into early February, Trinity's young adults are invited to join in reading together *Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength* by Cuban-American theologian Kat Armas! We'll meet in the sanctuary on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30pm to discuss the whole book. *Abuelita Faith* isn't available through the NY Public Library, so if you'd like to participate and need help acquiring a copy, please let Vicar Nick or Pastor Will know!

### **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](http://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  
Wed: 7:30pm, STP Creative Foundation  
Thurs: 7:30pm, "Clean and Dry" AA Group  
Sun: 11:00am, Worship Service  
6:00pm "Unity" NA Group

### **Those Who Serve:**

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