



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026 + 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH

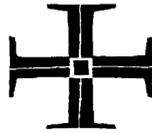
in the City of New York

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.

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We welcome women, men, and people of all genders into ordained ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical. We are a Reconciling Works congregation that welcomes LGBTQIA+ people into our fellowship and works to erase all discrimination against them.

We welcome everyone into membership regardless of race, economic means, married/single status, sexual orientation, or gender expression and/or identity. Whoever you are, whatever your identities, whoever you love, and wherever you are on your journey of life and faith, you are welcome here!



Please silence all mobile devices. Two single stall, 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

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:

Pastor: The Rev. William Kroeze
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Pastoral Intern: Vicar Nicolas Paulson-Moe
(vicar@trinitylowereastside.org)
Pianist: Paul Staroba
Choir Director: Alex Lawrence
Administrator: Gillian Fox Orwoll
(office@trinitylowereastside.org)

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.

+ Gathering +

PRELUDE

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community,

but we have served our own interests

at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,

but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,

that we may do justice, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,

and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,

and bless you with the gift of peace.

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 comes through 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 Tomp-kins Square_____



_____ May we bless all our neigh-bors with care._____

Refrain

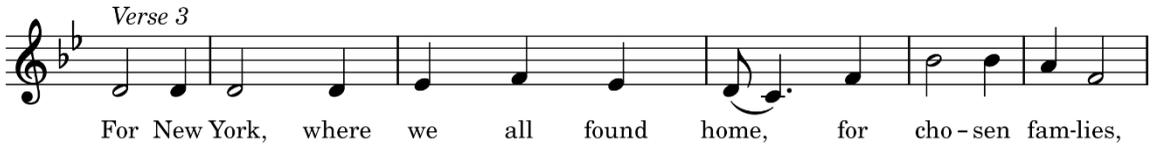


sing-ing: Oh, Lord have mercy Oh, Christ have mercy,



Oh, Lord have mercy on us here.____

Verse 3

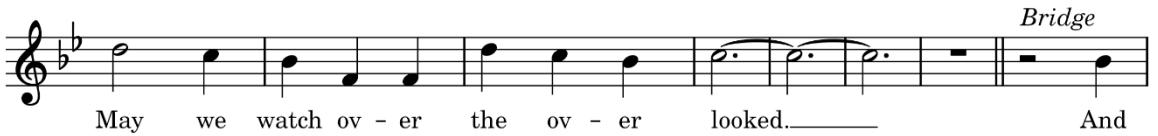


For New York, where we all found home, for cho-sen fam-lies,



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

Bridge



May we watch ov-er the ov-er looked.____ And



Lib-er-ty's torch, shin-ing so bright, how of-ten we hide from it's



light, as hud-dled mass-es still yearn to breathe free____ May



fight-ing in-just-ice start with me with me____

Verse 4



For the whole world, our beaut-i-ful Earth for win-ter time rest and



spring's re-birth, for ways we con-tri-bu-ted to the land's pain____

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Refrain

May we pledge our - selves — to your reign plead-ing: Oh, Lord have mercy

Oh, Christ have mercy, Oh, Lord have mercy on us here.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the

sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you

have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

The holy gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed,

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

HYMN OF THE DAY

Set It Right

Ana Hernández (adapted by Nicolas Paulson-Moe)

Call: There's a great trouble in the land

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

Call: Jesus is calling, "Come with me!"

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

Call: We're learnin' who God made us to be

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

Call: We're moving along on the path of love

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

Call: Upholding all people's dignity

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

Call: Keep building beloved community

Response: We're gonna set it right again. (3x)

Refrain: We're gonna set it right, set it right again.

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.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. 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 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation,

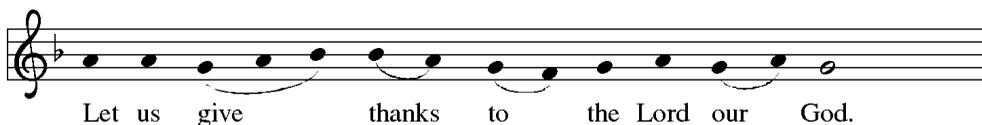
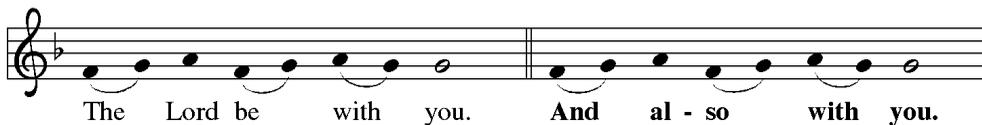
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

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.



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.

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.**

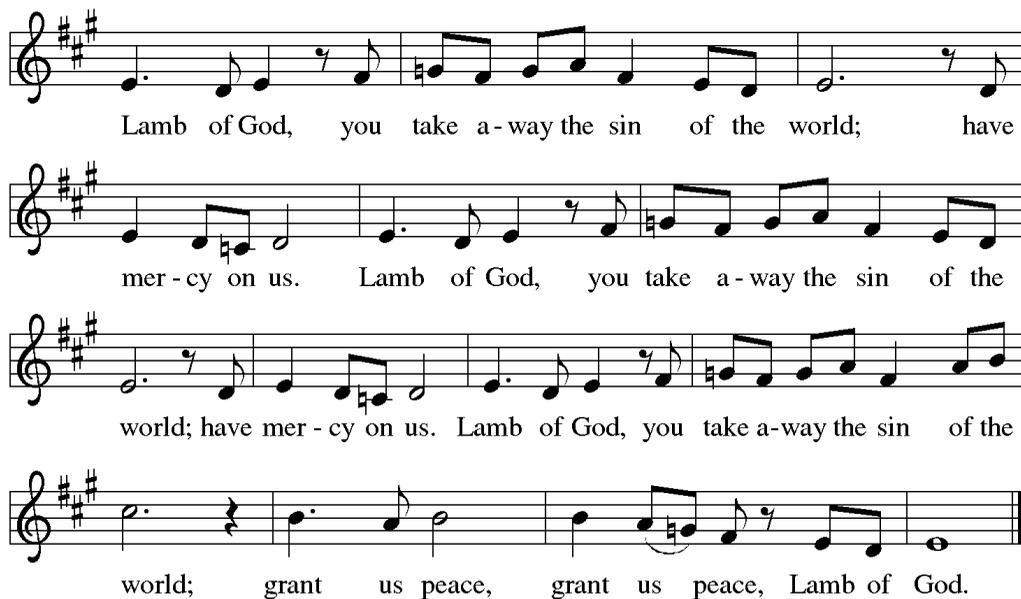
**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.**

**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

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!

Wafers are gluten free. Wine contains alcohol. Communion may be received in one or both kinds. The ushers will guide you forward.

What are you look - ing for? Come,

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "What are you look - ing for? Come,"

see, come and see. What are you

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see."

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

We Are Marching

ELW 866

DISMISSAL

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

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING: TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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 of 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!

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 25 (Next week!)
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 10
- May 24
- June 7

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, in 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!