



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 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 congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a denomination of 2.7 million members in 8,400 congregations who welcome people of all genders and sexual orientations into membership and ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that fully welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ people and works to erase all discrimination against them. We grieve over the systemic racism of our society and are committed to the work of dismantling it.

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
 - Youtube: @trinitylowereastsideluther2220 (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
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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

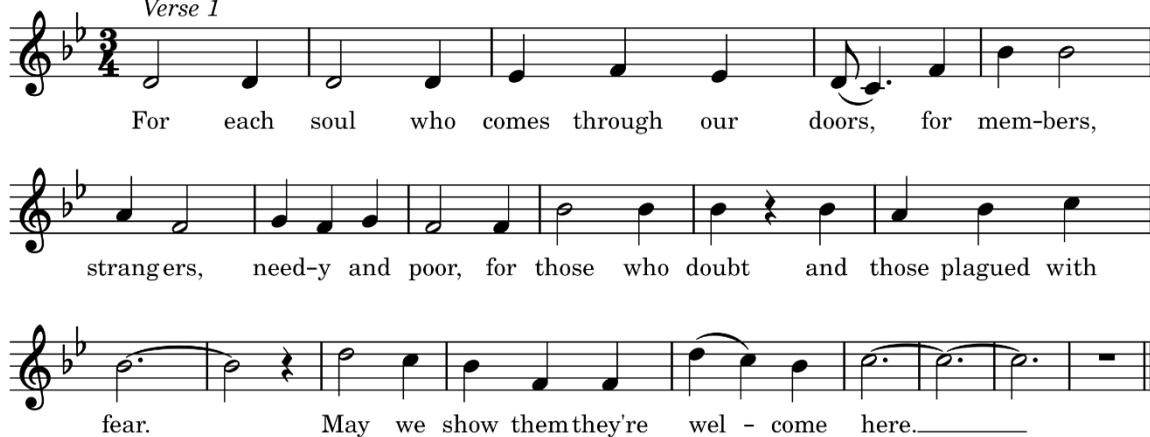
*La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
el amor de Dios,
y la comunión del Espíritu Santo
sean con ustedes.
Y también contigo.*

KYRIE

Oh, Lord Have Mercy
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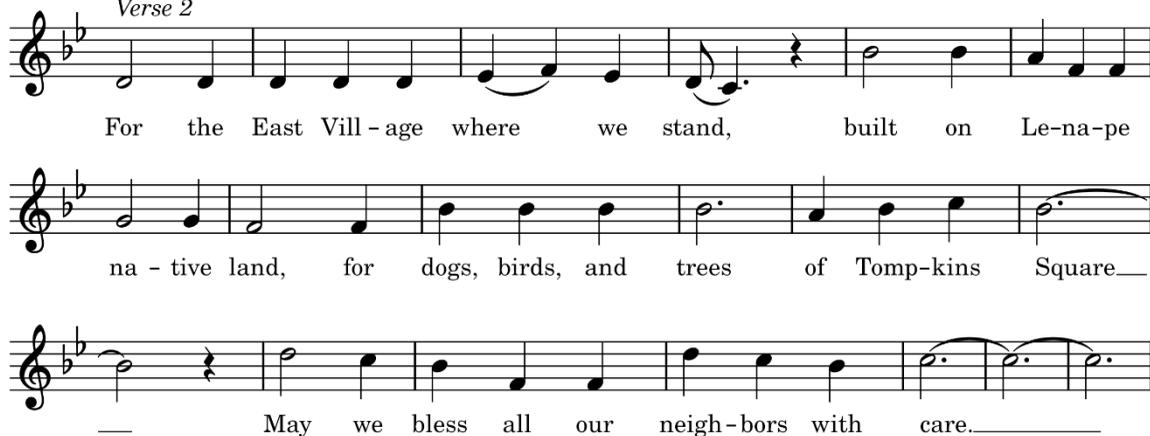


Verse 1



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



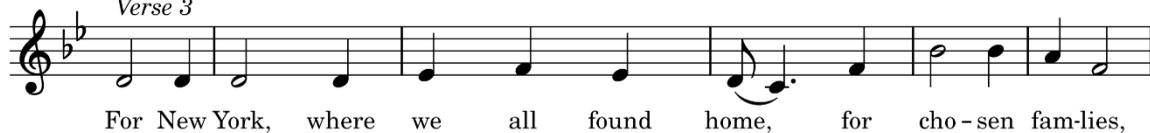
For the East Vill - age where we stand, built on Le-na-pe
na - tive land, for dogs, birds, and trees of Tomp-kins Square____
_____ May we bless all our neigh-bors with care._____

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-ilies,

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

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____

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.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.

By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do,

and give us the grace and power to do them,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every

yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the

foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 112:4

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Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. Refrain**

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. Refrain**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory

⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have

come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

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.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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.



venmo

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,

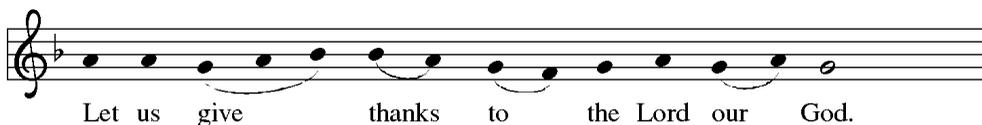
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

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.

²
 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.**

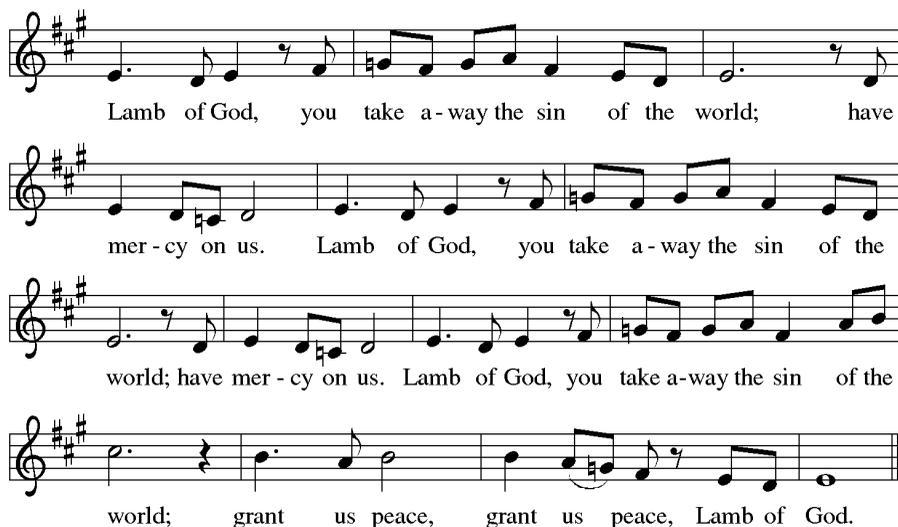
**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.**

**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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

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 +

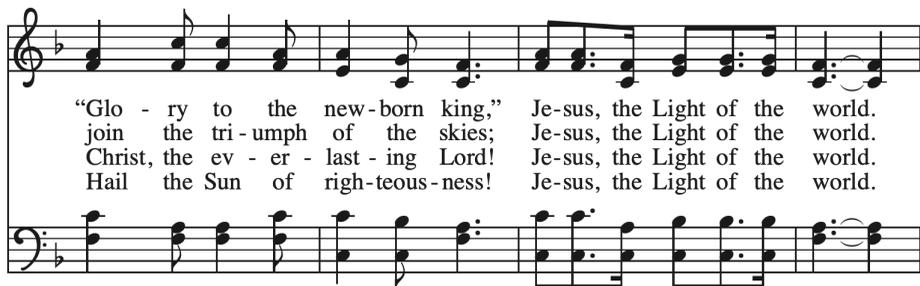
BENEDICTION

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.



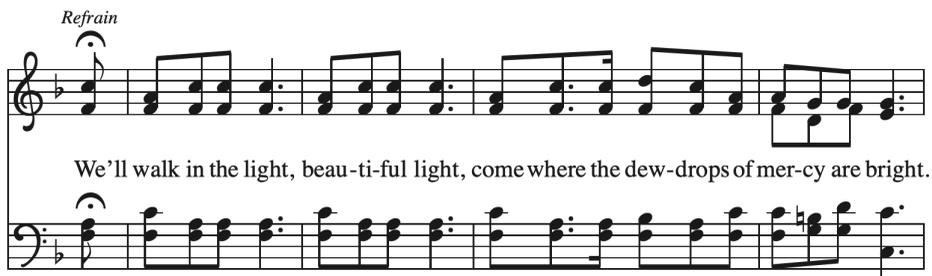


1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

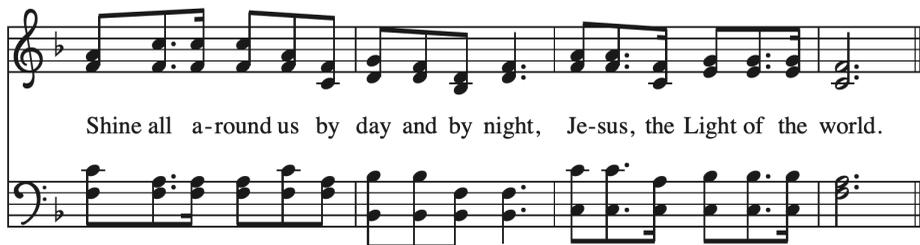


“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
 Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

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:

- February 8, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7

YOUNG ADULT BOOK GROUP – FEBRUARY 10

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.

SWEETS SHOWDOWN – FEBRUARY 15

Our annual pre-Lenten dessert competition extravaganza returns the last Sunday before Lent, February 15! Bakers, confectioners, and dessert lovers: prepare your most delicious and visually appealing dessert to present before our expert panel of judges and for the enjoyment of the Trinity community. Prizes awarded for Best Taste, Best Presentation, and Best Overall.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18

8:00am - 10:00am: "Ashes to Go" on the corner

7:00pm: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

JOIN TEAM TRINITY AT TRIVIA NIGHT – FEB 27 AT 7:00PM

It's gotta happen...happen sometime...maybe this time we'll win! Team Trinity returns to the annual Trivia Night benefitting Village Campus Ministry (formerly Lutheran Ministries in Higher Education) on Friday, February 27, 7:00pm at Broadway Presbyterian Church. Join teams from congregations across NYC and beyond for a fun, friendly night of competition in support of our big-hearted, progressive ministry with students. To join our team or learn more, speak with Pastor Will!

TRINITY TALENT SHOW – MARCH 15

Trinity is a congregation that is gifted with talent, and we want to give you a chance to shine. Talents of all levels and all kinds are welcome! Singing, gymnastics, poetry, dance, juggling, playing an instrument, art you've created, hula hoops, science projects, lip syncs, impressions, and on and on. There is no competition; this is just to share our gifts and have fun. March 15th, immediately after worship. If you'd like a spot, speak to or email Alex (alex@trinitylowereastside.org)

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.