

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 15, 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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Pianist: Paul Staroba  
Choir Director: Alex Lawrence  
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(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](http://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.**



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,  
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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## 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.*

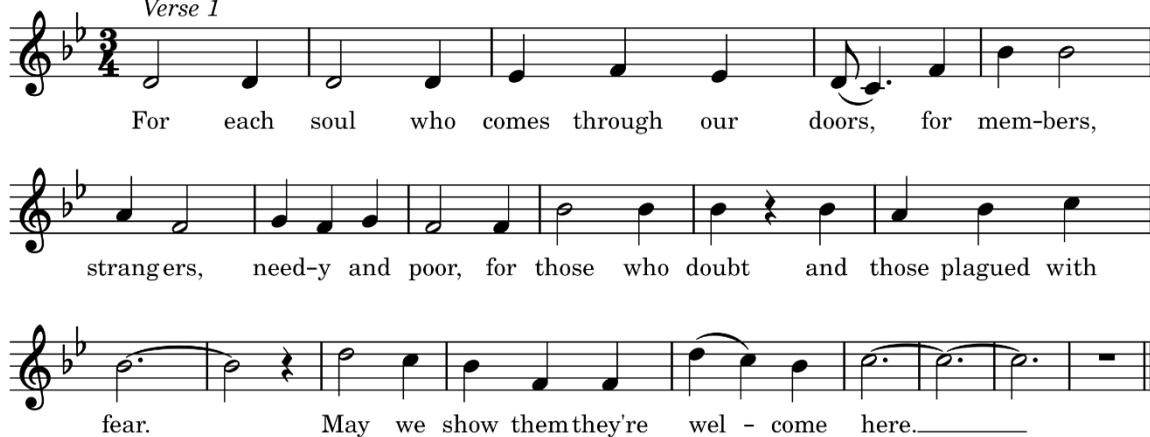
***Y también contigo.***

## KYRIE

Oh, Lord Have Mercy

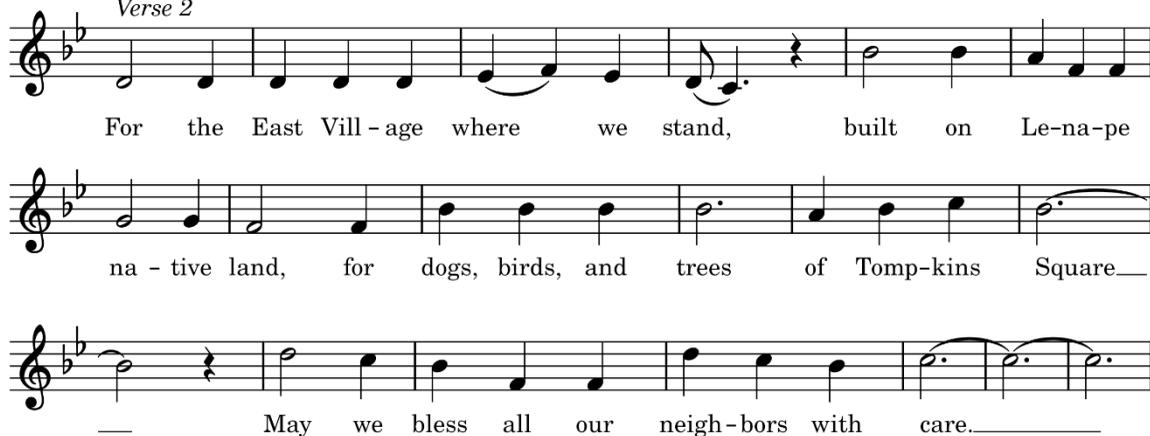
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*Verse 1*



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*



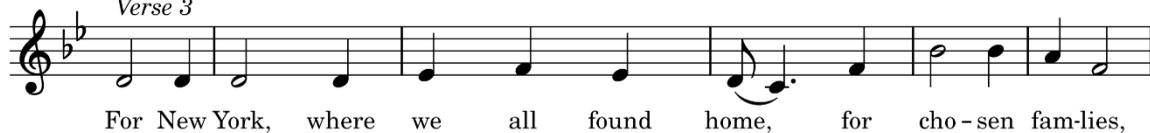
For the East Vill - age where we stand, built on Le-na-pe  
na - tive land, for dogs, birds, and trees of Tomp-kins Square\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ May we bless all our neigh-bors with care.\_\_\_\_\_

*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-lies,

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.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.

Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

**T**he Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”<sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.<sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.<sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.<sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.<sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

## Psalm 2

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

*The verses are sung responsively.*



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Psalm 2:7

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You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,  
against the Lord and against the | Lord's anointed?**

“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
the Lord holds them | in derision. Refrain**

Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”**

Let me announce the decree | of the Lord,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession. Refrain**

You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

**And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

Submit to the | Lord with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;

**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! Refrain**

**SECOND READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

**W**e did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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.**

**S**ix days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed

them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

## Hold On

Heidi Wilson of Plainfield, Vermont (2018)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-4) features a vocal melody with lyrics "Hold on hold on" and a drone line with sustained notes. The second system (measures 5-8) features a vocal melody with lyrics "my dear ones here comes the dawn" and a drone line. The third system (measures 9-12) features a vocal melody with lyrics "hold on hold on", a drone line, a low harmony line, and a low melody line. The fourth system (measures 13-16) features a vocal melody with lyrics "my dear ones here comes the dawn" and a drone line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and slurs.

1 Hold on hold on

5 my dear ones here comes the dawn

9 melody hold on hold on

drone line hold on hold on

low harmony hold on hold on

low melody hold on hold on

13 my dear ones here comes the dawn

## 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.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees.

Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people.

Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish.

Comfort the dying and those who grieve, especially those we name aloud now or in the silence of our hearts. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead,

and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ,

our Morning Star. 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.*



**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



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:



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.

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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.**

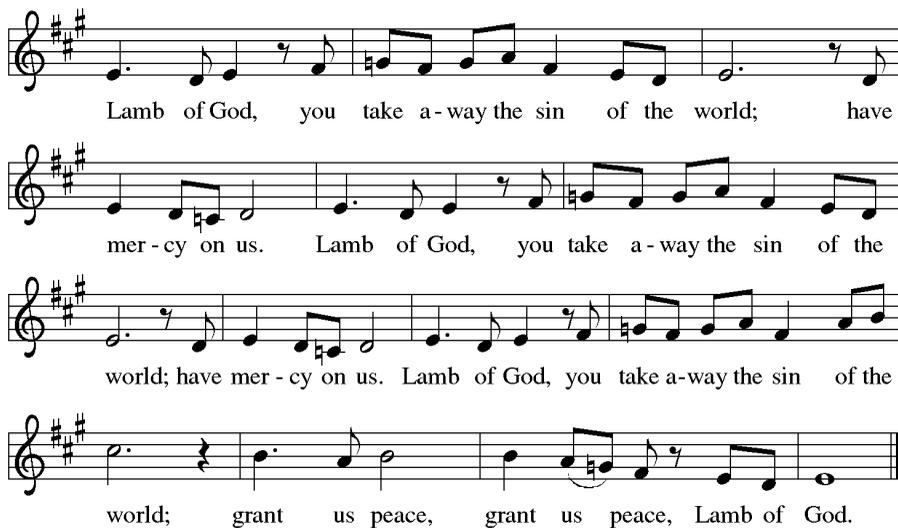
**Porque tuyo es el reino,**

**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!*

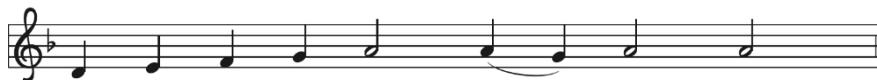
*Wafers are gluten free. Wine contains alcohol. Communion may be received in one or both kinds. The ushers will guide you forward.*



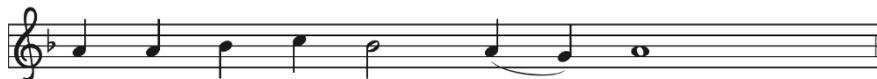
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



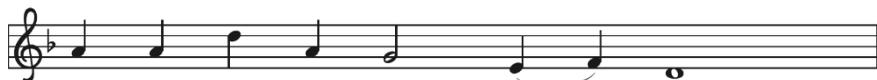
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 you, who are our death and 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**

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

**ELW 318**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **SWEETS SHOWDOWN – TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

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.

## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – FEBRUARY 17**

You are invited to join neighbors from St. Mark's in-the-Bowery and Middle Church for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Tuesday February 17 from 5-7pm at St. Mark's, 131 E 10th St. There'll be music, activities for kids, and of course Pancakes! We'll also be burning leftover dried palms from last Palm Sunday to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday - did you know that's where the ashes come from? Now you do!

## **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 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7

## **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 – FEBRUARY 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](mailto: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.*