



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*with Imposition of Ashes*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025 + 7:00 p.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 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 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  
(pastor@trinitylowereastside.org)  
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](http://safhnyc.org) for more information.

# + Gathering +

*On this solemn night, we gather in silence.*

## GATHERING LITANY

Now is the Time of Grace

*The assembly sings the refrain.*

*Refrain*

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal -

va - tion. Turn now, and seek God's face,

now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

This is the fast that God would choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the captives go free, and to break the yoke of oppression. **Refrain**

Sharing your bread with the hungry and welcoming homeless in, offering hope and offering help, this is what God requires. **Refrain**

Then shall your light break forth as dawn, and healing shall come to you quickly, then you shall call and God shall answer, God's love shall go before you. **Refrain**

## 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.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hate nothing you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
Create in us new and honest hearts,  
so that, truly repenting of our sins,  
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
full pardon and forgiveness through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 58:1-12

**S**hout 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. <sup>2</sup>Yet 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 delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“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. <sup>4</sup>Look, you 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. <sup>5</sup>Is 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?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is 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? <sup>8</sup>Then 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. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if 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. <sup>11</sup>The 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. <sup>12</sup>Your 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 51: 1-17

The psalm is read responsively.

Have mer - cy on me, O  
God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Psalm 51:1

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year A* © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. Refrain**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. Refrain**

Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. Refrain**

Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.**

**You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10

**W**e entreat you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup>For our  
sake he made him to be sin who knew no  
sin, so that in him we might become the  
righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we  
urge you also not to accept the grace of  
God in vain.<sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened  
to you, and on a day of salvation I have  
helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see,  
now is the day of salvation!<sup>3</sup>We are  
putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so  
that no fault may be found with our  
ministry,<sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have  
commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions,  
hardships, calamities,<sup>5</sup>beatings,  
imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless  
nights, hunger;<sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge,  
patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,  
genuine love,<sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the  
power of God; with the weapons of  
righteousness for the right hand and for  
the left;<sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill  
repute and good repute. We are treated  
as impostors, and yet are true;<sup>9</sup>as  
unknown, and yet are well known; as  
dying, and see—we are alive; as  
punished, and yet not killed;<sup>10</sup>as  
sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,  
yet making many rich; as having nothing,  
and yet possessing everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

*The acclamation is sung before and after the reading of the gospel.*

Oh, God we are turn - ing, turn - ing to hear you,  
show us your mer - cy and kind - ness  
Slow to an - ger and rich in bless - ing, your  
love leads us out of the dark - ness Oh,  
Je - sus we turn to you.



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

**J**esus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go

into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The sermon is followed by a period of reflection, introduced and concluded by the ringing of a bell.*

## INVITATION TO LENT

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into the discipline of Lent.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly is seated. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*The presiding minister blesses the ashes to be imposed:*

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that it is through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ that we are given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*All are welcome to come forward to kneel to receive ashes while the assembly sings:*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to". The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, and a half note C5. A first ending bracket labeled "1\*" covers the first two notes, and a second ending bracket labeled "2" covers the last two notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "dust you shall re - turn." The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a final quarter note G4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

*\* May be sung in canon*

*When all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence,  
let us pray for the world and its needs.

Guide your church, O God. Accompany all Christians in this season of repentance,  
and renew our faith in the riches of grace you give to us in baptism.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Heal this earth, O God. Satisfy the needs of every parched place,  
every diverse ecosystem, every suffering creature. Though all return to dust,  
grant beauty and purpose to each living thing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Restore the nations, O God. Let your healing spring up quickly across the world.

Give all in authority the will to loose the bonds of injustice and let any who are oppressed  
go free. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Deliver your people, O God. Comfort any whose hearts are rent by grief,  
uphold any who are sick, bring food to those who hunger, and give housing to all  
without shelter, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our  
hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless this assembly, O God. Reconcile us to one another and to you.  
Strengthen our resolve to fast from evil, open our hands in sharing,  
and quicken our prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hold us forever, O God. We thank you for all who now know their treasure in heaven,  
and for all who on earth proclaimed your abounding, steadfast love.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

+ Meal +

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is collected to support the work of the church in our community and the world. Gifts may also be made online at [www.trinitylowereastside.org/give](http://www.trinitylowereastside.org/give) as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code below.*



**venmo**

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

Dust We Are and Shall Return by The Brilliance  
*Performed by Vicar Nick Paulson-Moe*

*You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us.*

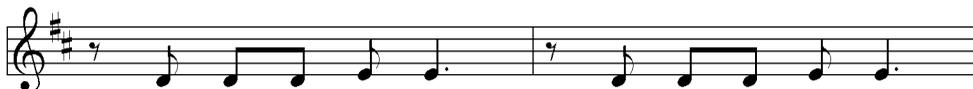
## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

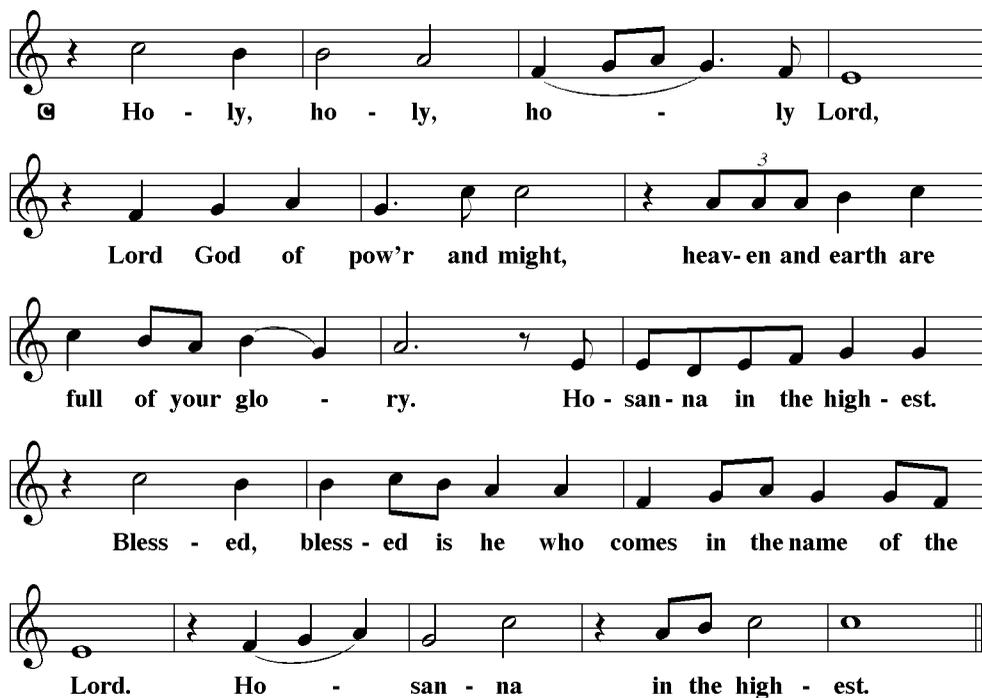


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary... Here the presiding minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues with "Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are". The third staff continues with "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff continues with "Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff concludes with "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer, including the following responses:

... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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



## INVITATION

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table to receive communion. Wafers are low gluten. The silver chalice contains wine and the ceramic chalice contains grape juice. During Communion the assembly sings:*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# + Sending +

## **BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
+ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

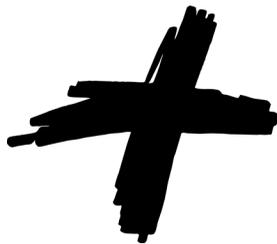
The Glory of These Forty Days

**ELW 320**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

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

## FOOD AND FAITH: LENTEN SMALL GROUPS, WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT 7:00 PM

Across cultures and religious traditions, humans have long recognized the powerful intersection of food, community, and spirituality. This small group will explore the place of food in scripture and the ministry of Jesus; the ways food builds community and erases divisions; and how food can be justly and equitably produced and distributed.

Led by Pastor Will Kroeze and Vicar Nick Paulson-Moe, with special guests. Followed by Evening Prayer at 8:00pm.

## 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))

