

TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 22, 2026 + 11:00 A.M.

# 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  
(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 +

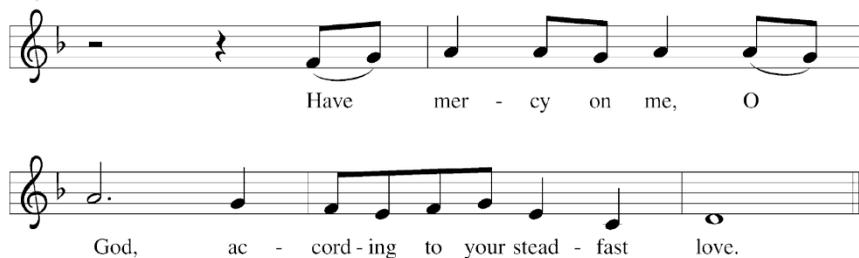
### PRESERVICE MUSIC

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell*

### PRAYER OF LAMENT

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you.  
We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace.  
Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.

*The assembly sings this refrain, and continues humming the final note as the Presider continues:*



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

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Have mercy on me, O' and 'God, according to your steadfast love.' The second line continues the melody for the second phrase. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The final note, D4, is held over the end of the line.

We are surrounded by hateful violence and senseless killing...  
We feel the suffering, sorrow, and shame of the oppressed...  
In the midst of plenty, your children cry out for bread...  
We fear that justice will again be delayed or denied...  
We see your creation destroyed by carelessness and greed...  
We recognize patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination...

### *The refrain is sung*

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding – the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray.

### *The refrain is sung*

## 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

*Refrain sung by all, verse sung by soloist.*

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy; Lord have mer - cy

on us; Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy;

Lord have mer - cy on us.

## Verse 1:

In a world that's broken, we pray for peace that's lasting.  
For the strength to care for the hungry and the poor.  
Let us band together with truth and grace and justice,  
In unity of spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## Verse 2:

We pray your holy spirit, may bring our lives abundance  
That we may feel your nearness in our work, our rest, our play.  
For your watchful presence over family, friends, and neighbors.  
With a loving spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## Verse 3:

Bless this holy dwelling and all who come to worship.  
May we receive your guidance in the water and the Word.  
Let us all be nourished by your precious blood and body.  
With a reverent spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength,  
the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,  
and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.  
Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall,  
raise us again and restore us 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**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**T**he LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree

that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

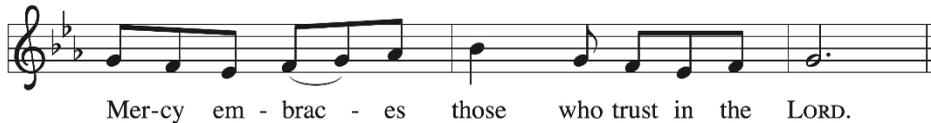
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 32

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 32:10

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Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. Refrain**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of  
my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. Refrain**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **Refrain**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin.

For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## SERMON

*A period of silence for reflection follows introduced and concluded by the ringing of a bell.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### When We Are Tested

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The following response is sung throughout the prayers as indicated:



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,  
Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.



ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.  
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness.

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. **Response**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word.

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. **Response**

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

Beautiful Things

ACS 925

*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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. Each staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: '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.'

**P** The Lord be with you. **Q** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **Q** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Q** 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:*

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a 'Q' (Crescendo) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: '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.'

**Q** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

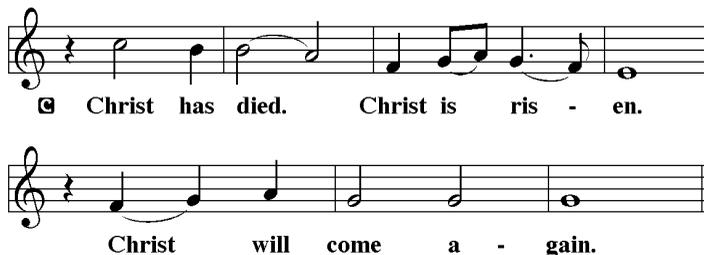
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, which includes 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 ris - en.  
Christ will come a - gain.

... 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.



☩ A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

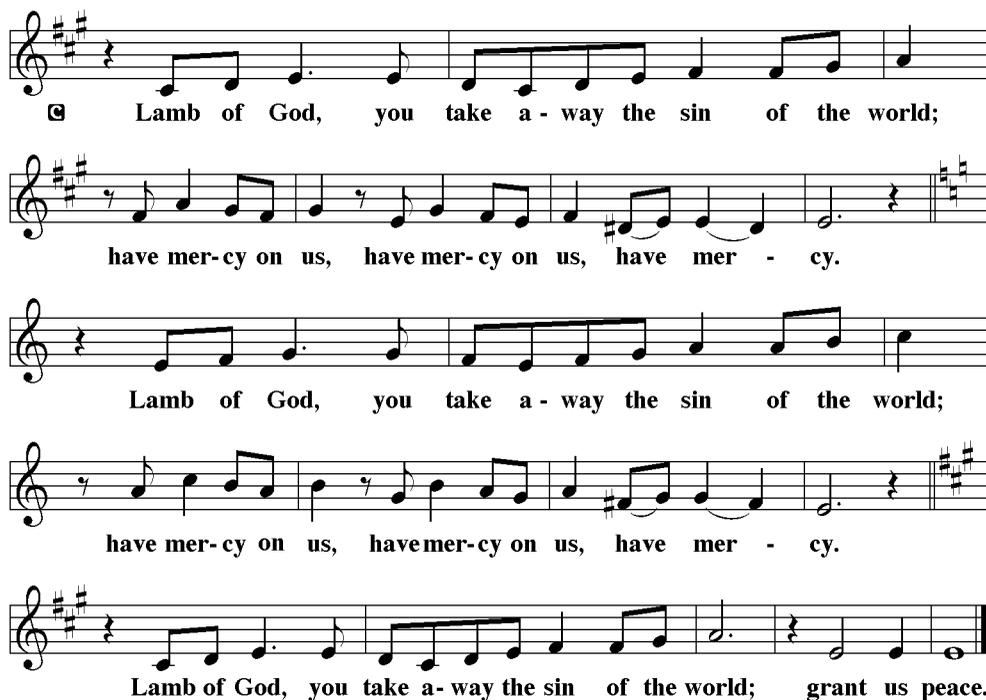
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

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



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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## **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 +

## **BENEDICTION**

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**

Jesus is a Rock

**ELW 333**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ journeys with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 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))

*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.*