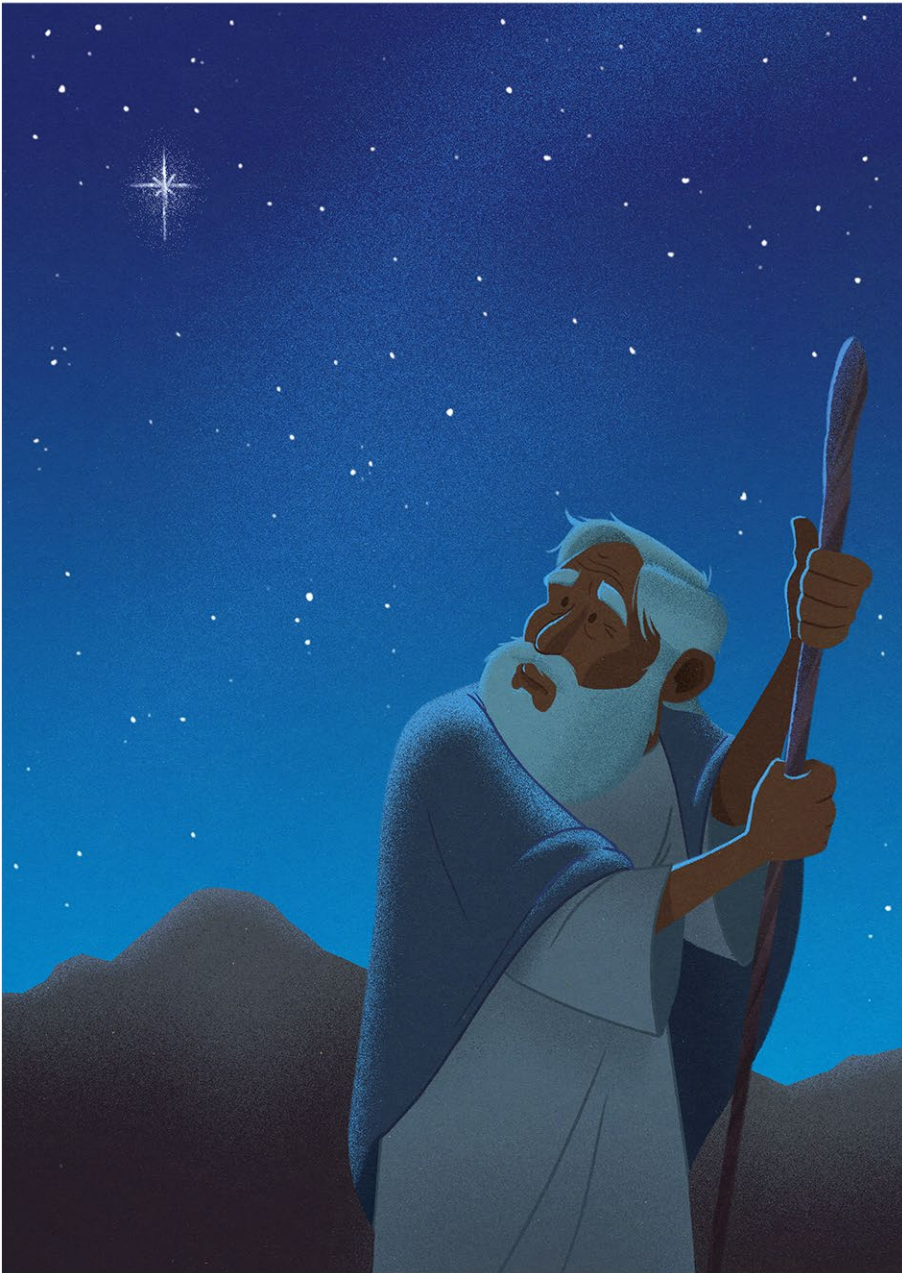


TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 01, 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 for more information.

+ Gathering +

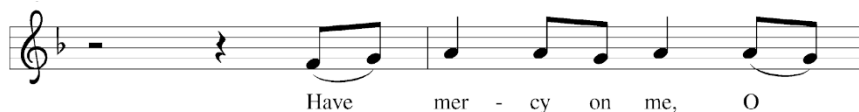
PRESERVICE MUSIC

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:



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

1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,

speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
 who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:

Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
 work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
 you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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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.

O God, our leader and guide,
in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children.
Strengthen our faith in your promises,
that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will

bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

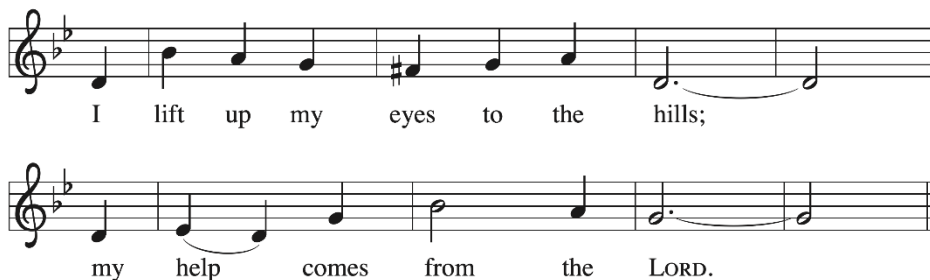
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

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

The verses are sung responsively.



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 psalm: "I lift up my eyes to the hills;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "my help comes from the LORD." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Psalm 121:1-2

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I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?

**My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; Refrain**

the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
**the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore. Refrain**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For

if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these

things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

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.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. **Response**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. **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 as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code.



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AT THE PRESENTATION

Beautiful Things

ACS 925



You make beau-ti - ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau-ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



-ful 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 Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



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

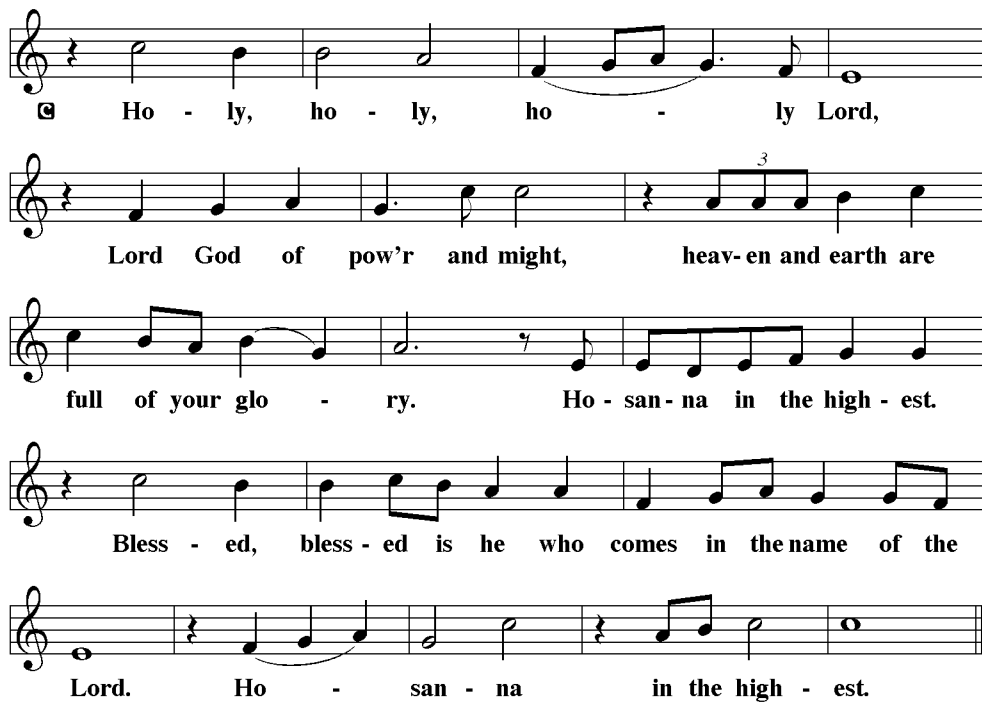


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

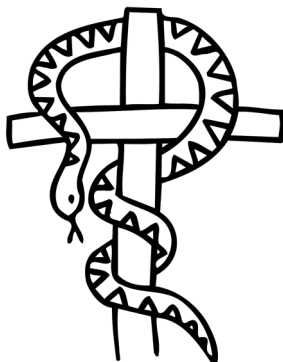


♪ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



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.

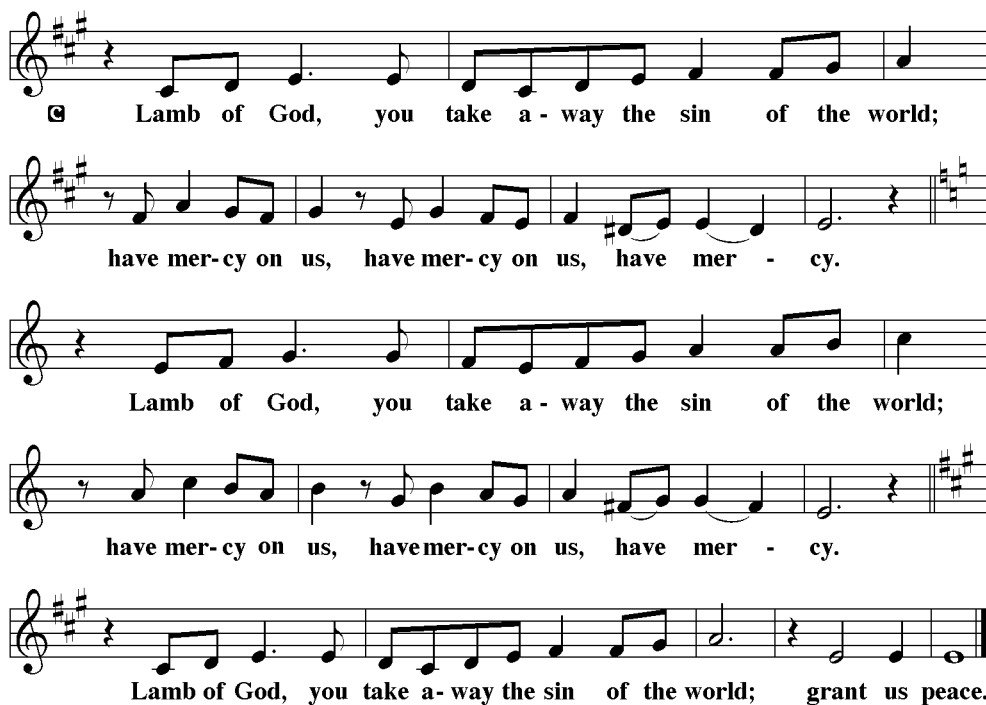
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735

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:

- 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.

LITURGICAL ILLUSTRATIONS FOR LENT BY JOSH BRENNAN

Throughout the season of Lent, parishioner Josh Brennan will be creating liturgical illustrations for each week's bulletin, with his interpretations of the meaning of each day's scriptural images. We're grateful for Josh offering his creativity in this way, and hope that these images will be meaningful for you in your Lenten journey!

JOIN LA COCINA DE LOISAIDA FOR A SPECIAL COOKING CLASS JUST FOR TRINITY – MARCH 7

La Cocina de Loisaida, a partnership between the Loisaida Center and local chef Maria Bido, has made Trinity its home over the past year, bringing people from all over NYC to our kitchen to learn traditional Puerto Rican dishes passed down by Maria's abuela. In gratitude for us offering space for these classes, Chef Maria Bido is pleased to offer a special class just for members of Trinity on Saturday, March 7 at 2:30pm. We'll learn how to make a Cena Puertorriqueña, a traditional Puerto Rican Dinner of pot roast, smashed green plantains with garlic sauce and candied papaya. The class is limited to the first 12 people to RSVP to office@trinitylowereastside.org.

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.

