



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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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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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer,
and + the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ | *La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo*,
the Love of God | *el amor de Dios*,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit | *y la comunión del Espíritu Santo*
be with you all. | *sean con ustedes*.

And also with you. | Y también contigo.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



This _____ is the feast of vic - to - ry. Sing _____ "Al - le - lu - ia!" ev - 'ry-one.



This _____ is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia! _____



Wor - thy _____ is Christ, the lamb who was slain, _____ whose blood set us free. _____



We are _____ set free to be peo - ple of God. _____ The po - wer and rich - es, _____ the



wis - dom and strength, and _____ the hon - or and bless - ing _____ and glo - ry are His. _____



This _____ is the feast of vic - to - ry. Sing _____ "Al - le - lu - ia!" ev - 'ry-one.



This _____ is the feast of vic - to - ry. Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Come sing with all of the peo-ple of God. Join in with our song:

Hymns of cre - a-tion that wel-comes us all. The bless-ing and hon - or, and

glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for ev-er, a-men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry. Sing "Al - le - lu - ia!" ev - 'ry-one.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry. Al - le - lu - ia!

This is the feast of vic - to-ry. Sing "Al-le - lu - ia!" ev - 'ry - one. The

lamb who was slain be - gun their reign. Al - le - lu -

ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
 the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
 may we, who have not seen,
 have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:
²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know
²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

PSALM

Psalm 16

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

The verses are sung responsively.



Psalm 16:11

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Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^luge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a-^lbove all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^lmong the people.**

But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^lon my lips. Refrain**

O LORD, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^lhold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.

**I have set the LORD al-^lways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken. Refrain**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^lit rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**

You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-^l
evermore. **Refrain**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Refrain



Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Glo - ry al - le - lu - ia.

Verse, sung by cantor



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ, our paschal lamb, | has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us | keep the feast.

Refrain



Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le, al - le - lu - ia. Glo - ry al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - al - le - Al - le - lu - ia.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put

my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts... Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen 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 (or write in @trinityles.nyc).



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AT THE PRESENTATION

As the people's gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward we stand to sing:

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the hymn is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second instance of the hymn is written on two staves, identical in notation and lyrics to the first instance.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day

when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. There are two triplets: one over the first three notes of the first phrase and another over the first three notes of the second phrase. The piece ends with a whole note on the final 'you'.



Life up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the first line. It features a triplet over the first three notes of the first phrase and another triplet over the first three notes of the second phrase. The piece ends with a whole note on the final 'Lord'.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The piece ends with a whole note on the final 'God'.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The piece ends with a whole note on the final 'praise'.

It is in indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the presiding minister continues the preface for the day, concluding:...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



We sing, "Ho - ly, ___ Ho - ly!" ___



to our God of pow'r ___ and might. ___



We sing, "Ho - ly, ___ Ho - ly!" ___



Let our song ___ take flight. ___



For we know hea - ven ___ a - bove



is filled with ___ your glo - ry,



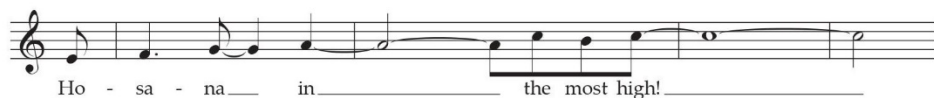
And ___ bless - ed ___ are we in ___ your name



when we sing, "Ho - ly, ___ Ho - ly!" ___



Ho - sa - na in ___ the most high, ___



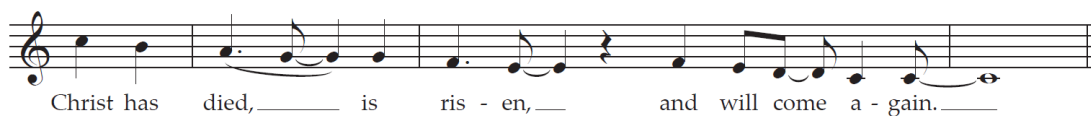
Ho - sa - na ___ in ___ the most high!



The most high! ___ The most high!" ___

The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes the following responses:

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



... Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

... Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

... almighty Father, now and forever.



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 TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Christ.

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

The Peace of the Lord

ELW 646

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.
Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.



+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL – TODAY!

The April meeting of the Church Council takes place TODAY immediately following worship.

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:

- April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PRESENTATION AND IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC – April 14

Lutheran Social Services of New York is partnering with us to offer a Know Your Rights presentation with updates on current immigration law, followed by a legal clinic where individual questions about immigration law can be asked. This Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary.

BEACHES: THE MUSICAL – APRIL 17

Join us as we head to Broadway, to see the premier of *Beaches, A New Musical* on Broadway, featuring our very own Paul Staroba as the Music Director. We will be going Friday April 17th. Tickets are \$69. The show is at the Majestic Theatre on 44th Street and 8th Avenue. We have 12 seats reserved! Email Gillian (office@trinitylowereastside.org) if you'd like us to save you a seat.

About the show: *Beaches, A New Musical*, based on the best-selling novel that became the blockbuster film, brings to the stage one of the most iconic friendships in popular culture. This sweeping, emotional, and joy-filled new musical follows the vivacious Cee Cee and elegant Bertie, who meet as children and become fast friends. From pen-pals to roommates to romantic rivals, Cee Cee and Bertie's oil-and-water friendship perseveres over the course of 30 years through even the most tragic trials. With a touching vulnerability, *Beaches* exemplifies the triumph of the human spirit and the bonds of friendship.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 19

The Church Council has called a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 19 immediately after worship. The only business to be conducted will be the adoption of required amendments to Trinity's constitution to align with updates to the ELCA's Model Constitution for Congregations adopted by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and the adoption of an amendment changing the length of term for officers from (5) five years to (3) three years, and the adoption of a bylaw instituting term limits of (3) three years for church council members. The proposed amendments and bylaw are available for members to review in advance of the meeting.

