



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 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:

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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.

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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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.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in his redeeming work,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

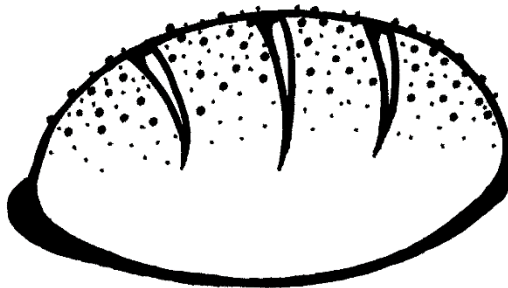
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:
³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your

sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile.¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.²¹ Through him you

have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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 Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and

found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Day of Arising

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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.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past.
Bring us at last with them to the brightness of 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.*



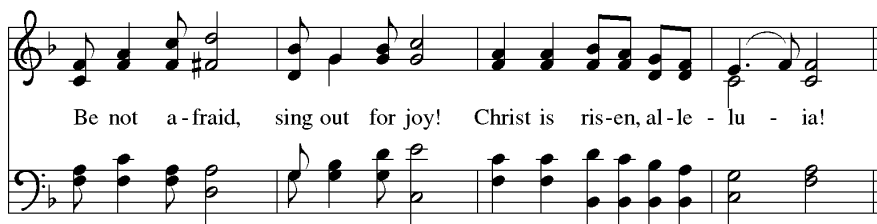
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AT THE PRESENTATION

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!



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

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,

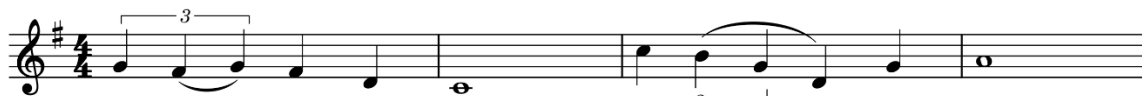
that goodness and mercy may follow us

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.



Life 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 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,



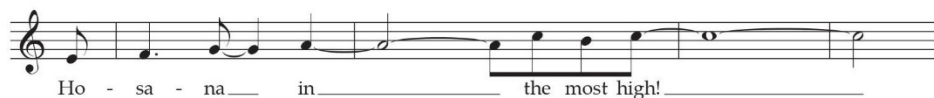
And ___ bless - ed ___ are we in ___ your name



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



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



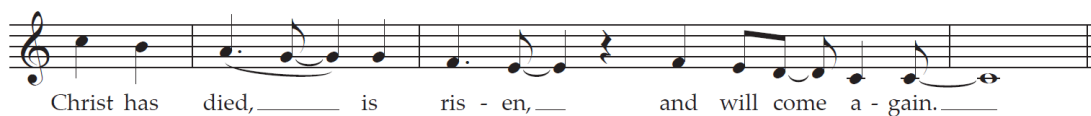
Ho - sa - na ___ in ___ the most high!



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way



the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way



the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way



the sin of the world.



Grant us peace, oh, grant us peace,



oh, grant us peace.

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

Come Let Us Eat

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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

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

ELW 548

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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:

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

OFFICIAL NOTICE: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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.