



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 26, 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  
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**

### **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.

O God our shepherd,

you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.

Guide us by your voice,

that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house,

through 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

Acts 2:42-47

**T**he baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the

proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

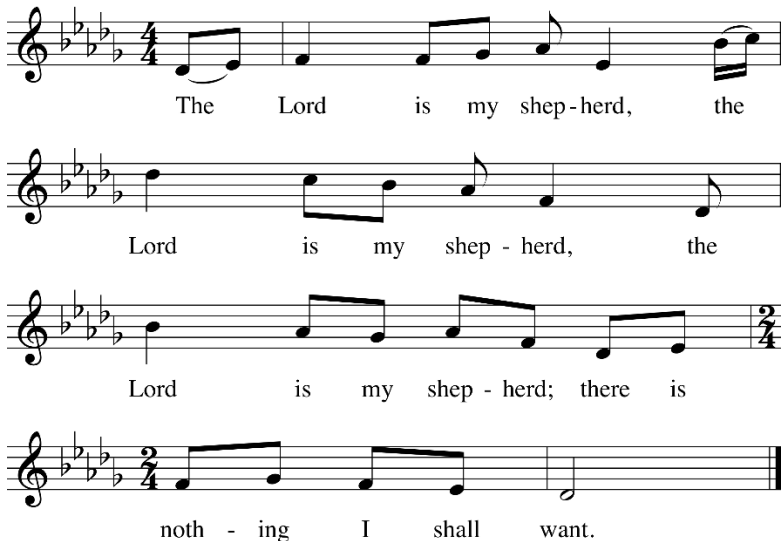
## Psalm 23

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

The verses are sung by the cantors.

Psalm 23

Marty Haugen



The Lord is my shep-herd, the  
Lord is my shep-herd, the  
Lord is my shep-herd; there is  
noth- ing I shall want.

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **Refrain**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **Refrain**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **Refrain**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

**J**esus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of

strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**ELW 502**

## 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.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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](http://www.trinitylowereastside.org/give) as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code.*



**venmo**

## 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.**

Musical notation for the first line of 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. There are two triplet markings over the first three notes of each phrase.



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

Musical notation for the second line of 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It continues the melody from the first line, with similar note values and triplet markings.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the third line of 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING'. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical notation for the fourth line of 'THE GREAT THANKSGIVING'. The melody concludes with a final note and a double bar line.

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, \_\_\_



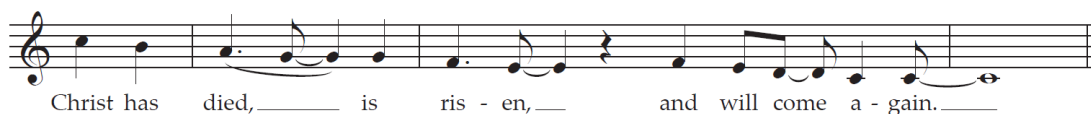
Ho - sa - na \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ the most high!



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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

## 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.**

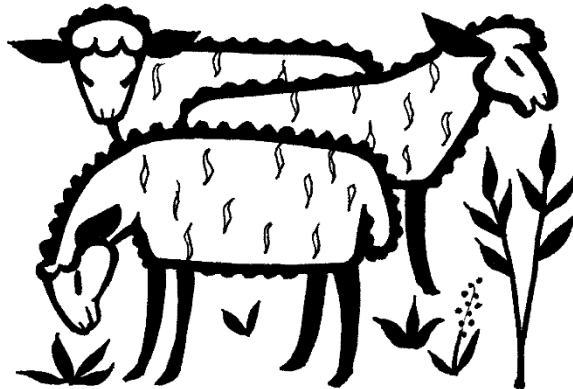
## **SENDING HYMN**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

We're thrilled to welcome our kids to Sunday School TODAY! Upcoming Sunday School sessions through the end of the year are:

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

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We are thrilled to offer, for the first time in several years, an opportunity for the children of the parish to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion, in preparation for First Communions on **Sunday, May 17!**

Preparatory sessions will take place over two Wednesdays: **May 6 & 13**. If your child in second grade or up would like to participate, just speak with Pastor Will or Vicar Nick!

## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

Graduation season will soon be upon us, when we celebrate transitions from one stage of life to another! If you or your child(ren) are graduating this year we'd love to celebrate these important accomplishments together.

Whatever stage of education is being completed, please let us know the details (name, institution, degree, and next plans) by **emailing [office@trinitylowereastside.org](mailto:office@trinitylowereastside.org)**. We'll plan to celebrate our graduates in worship on **Sunday, June 14**.

## EMPOWER HOUR STARTING THIS SUNDAY

This **Sunday, April 26**, at 12:30pm after worship, all are invited to gather in the sanctuary for Empower Hour, a gathering for the spiritual practice of activism! This will be the first of a series of Empower Hour gatherings for Vicar Nick's internship project that will, from this point on, be held on first and third Sundays of each month through July. Together, we'll ground ourselves in a Christian spirituality of liberation; connect with each other over our shared desire to be part of creating justice in our communities; learn from each other about particular international, nationwide and local issues and about the practices of activism and community organizing; find ways to take action that fit for each of us given our unique schedules/lifestyles; get connected with local justice-oriented organizations; and give ourselves accountability in community for working toward justice with this designated time and space. If you're looking to practice your spirituality in community care on any level, Empower Hour is for you!



