



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 3, 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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Pastoral Intern: Vicar Nicolas Paulson-Moe  
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Pianist: Paul Staroba  
Choir Director: Alex Lawrence  
Administrator: Gillian Fox Orwoll  
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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](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.**



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.  
 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.  
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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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! \_\_\_\_\_

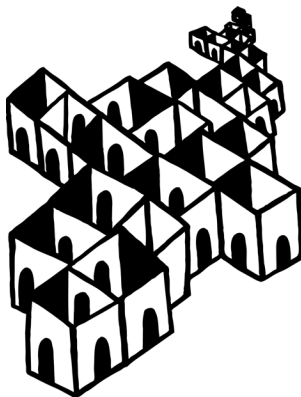
Come sing with all of the peo - ple of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Join in with our song: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way,  
the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments,  
and to share his risen life with all the world,  
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

**F**illed with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city

and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

The verses are sung by the cantors.



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Psalm 31:5

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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

**Incline your | ear to me;  
make haste to de- | liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,  
for you are my tow- | er of strength. Refrain**

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.” **Refrain**



## GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus

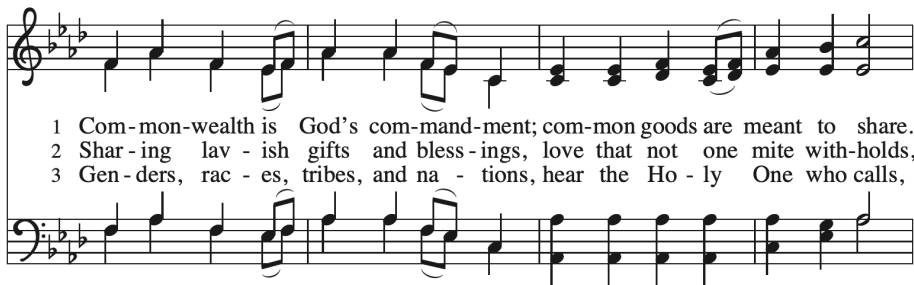
said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

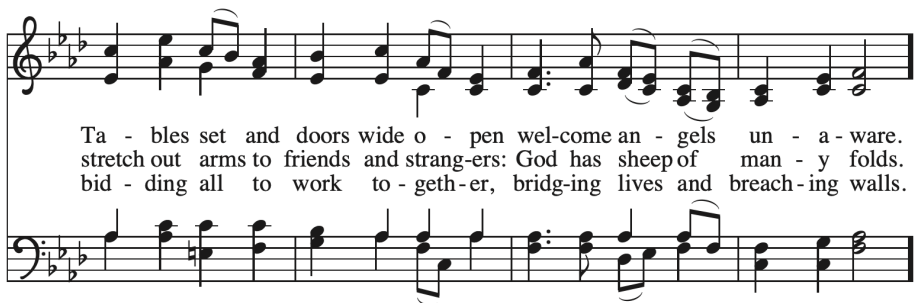
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

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

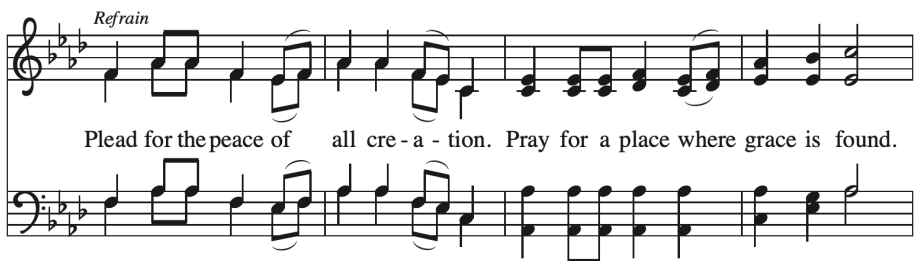


1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.  
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,  
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.  
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.  
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

*Refrain*



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



*Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha:* com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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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.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. 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 triplets: the first triplet is on the notes G4, A4, B4, and the second triplet is on the notes G4, A4, B4. The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.'



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. There are two triplets: the first triplet is on the notes G4, A4, B4, and the second triplet is on the notes G4, A4, B4. The lyrics are 'Life up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'



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. The lyrics are 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'



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 on G4. The lyrics are '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!" \_\_\_\_\_

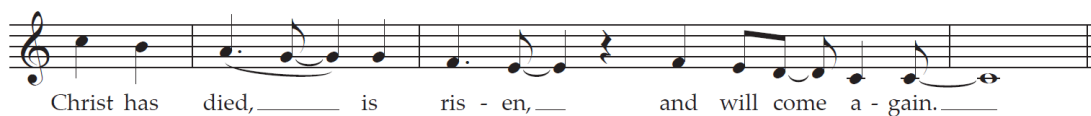
Ho - sa - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the most high, \_\_\_\_\_

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

Christ Our Peace

ACS 1037

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;' and 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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## 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

## 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:

- May 10
- May 24
- June 7

## EMPOWER HOUR ON FIRST & THIRD SUNDAYS

**On the first and third Sundays of the month**, 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!

## 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**.