



## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 21, 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  
(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](http://safhnyc.org) for more information.

## + Gathering +

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

**ELW 876**

## GREETING

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

### Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God,  
to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
except that of knowing that we do your will,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

**O** LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for

me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 69:7-18

*The psalm is said responsively.*

Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

I put on | sackcloth also,  
and became a by- | word among them.

**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:  
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;  
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

**Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

**S**hould we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We

know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes of both staves.

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**SERMON**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, especially those we name aloud before you now or in the silence of our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**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](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:

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

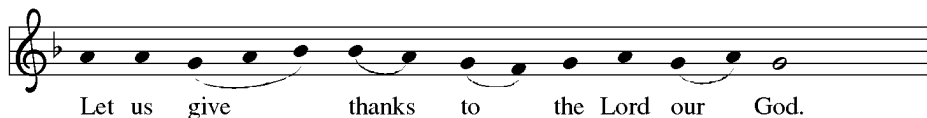
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

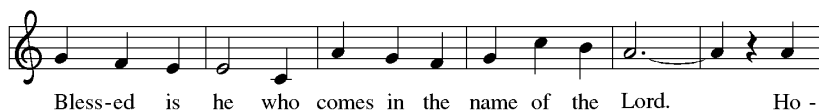
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *here the presiding minister continues the Proper Preface, concluding ... we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

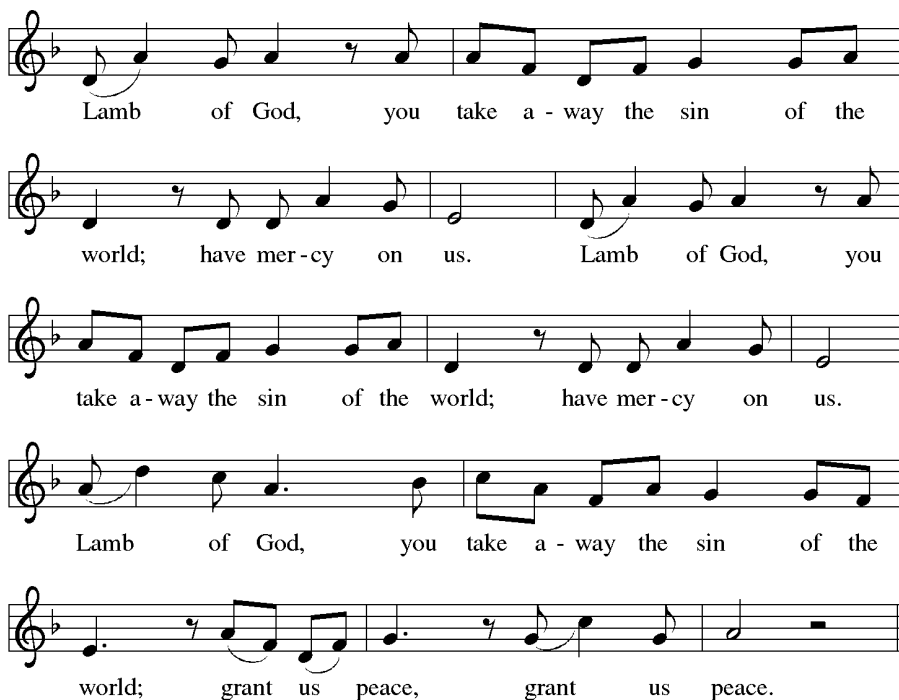
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**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, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

## 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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

## **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.

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine

our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**Amen.**

+ Sending +

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

**ELW 769**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CELEBRATING PRIDE

- **Pride BBQ, June 21:** Kick off Pride Week with our annual Pride BBQ on Sunday, June 21 after worship. Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided; please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share!
- **Pride Sunday Disco Mass with St. Mark's, June 28:** This year, we'll be worshipping on Pride Sunday with our neighbors at St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery, joining them for their annual Pride Disco Mass! Pastor Will will be preaching.
- **Pride March with Fellow Lutherans:** For the first time since 2019, our church will be marching in the Pride March! Specific details about where to meet and when will be shared when we receive them from the organizers.

## EMPOWER HOUR ON FIRST & THIRD SUNDAYS (JUNE 21, JULY 5 & 19)

Empower Hour continues! Empower Hour is a gathering for the spiritual practice of activism, a time to be in community focused on the intersection of Spirit and justice. We'll meet 4 more times in the sanctuary after worship through the end of July, on the dates given above.

If you can't make it in person but would like to attend on Zoom, you can use the QR code to access the Zoom link.



## DAY AT THE MUSEUM – June 27

All are invited to a Trinity Lower East Side Day at the Museum! The first 20 people to RSVP will get a free pass to enjoy an afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (a.k.a. The Met) on Saturday, June 27 from 1-3pm. We'll plan to gather at the Met's front steps and head inside together, and then you're free to enjoy the museum at whatever pace you like! To RSVP and for more information, contact Vicar Nick or Pastor Will.

## JOINING SOLIDARITY FAST WITH THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Trinity is joining our ecumenical partners at St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery and the Episcopal Diocese of New York in a solidarity fast alongside hunger strikers detained at Delaney Hall and their families. Specifically, the diocese is inviting folks to donate the amount you would spend on food in one day to the families of those who are detained.

Donations will go to family members whose lives have been devastated by having a loved one (sometimes a breadwinner) detained. The families have asked for support for groceries, rent, and other basic needs.

You can donate at the QR code to the right.

