



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
and Blessing of the Animals

THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
OCTOBER 4, 2026 + 11:00am

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**, 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

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Mohican and Munsee Lenape peoples and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

+ Gathering +

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

A LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND LONGING FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep;
new life daily unfolding at God's call.

Darkness and light: Good.

Skies, lands, and seas: Good.

The earth and all that fills it—plants and rocks,
the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good.

At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation.

Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.

We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation.

Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.

We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us.

Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.

May the merciful God who calls us
to tend earth and all its creatures,
deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving,
so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace
with all living things; in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW 835

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands.
Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame.
We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain,
and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well.
And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive,
revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Let us pray.

Maker and sovereign of all that lives, your animals provide us with sources of food and clothing, guidance and rescue, income, companionship, research and medicine, recreation, and so much more. We ask your blessing on these entrusted to us and we again pledge ourselves to their comfort and care.

Amen.

All those with animals present are welcome to come forward for an individual blessing, using these words:
Name, may you be blessed in the name of God who created you, and may you and those who love you enjoy life together and find joy with our God.

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister concludes the blessing:

As God has blessed you with these pets, so may they be blessed by your love and care.
And the blessing of Almighty God the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

*All animals are welcome to stay for the entire service,
but those who cannot are welcome to leave at this time.*

+ Word +

READING

Genesis 1:1, 20-28

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind,

and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

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.



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó! —
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and

anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

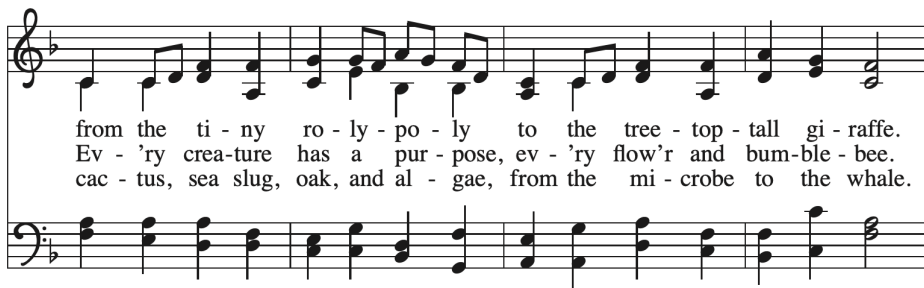
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

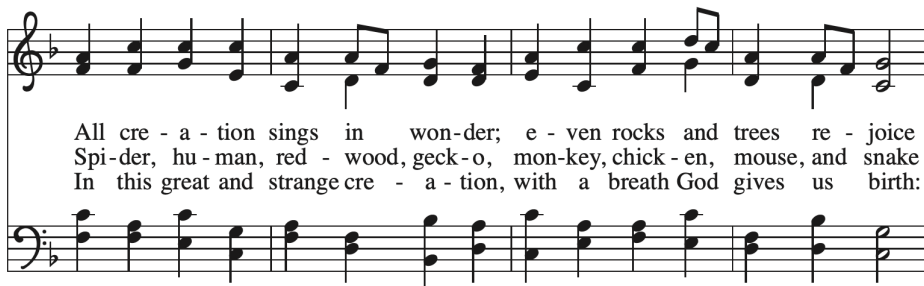
A period of silence follows, introduced and concluded by bell.



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord of love, we affirm our vital connection with all living creatures.

Empower us to seek their welfare, intervening where needed, defending and tending your world with grace, compassion, and dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Patient Lord of life, guide our choices so that we might safeguard habitats, ensuring, by your grace, that the mysteries and beauties of nature unfold for future generations.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Saving Lord of lords, your word foretells a day when the wolf will lie down with the lamb.

Renew our vision for the peaceable kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our good shepherd.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's 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.trinitylowereastsideside.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:



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;

3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;

the gold-en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;

Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



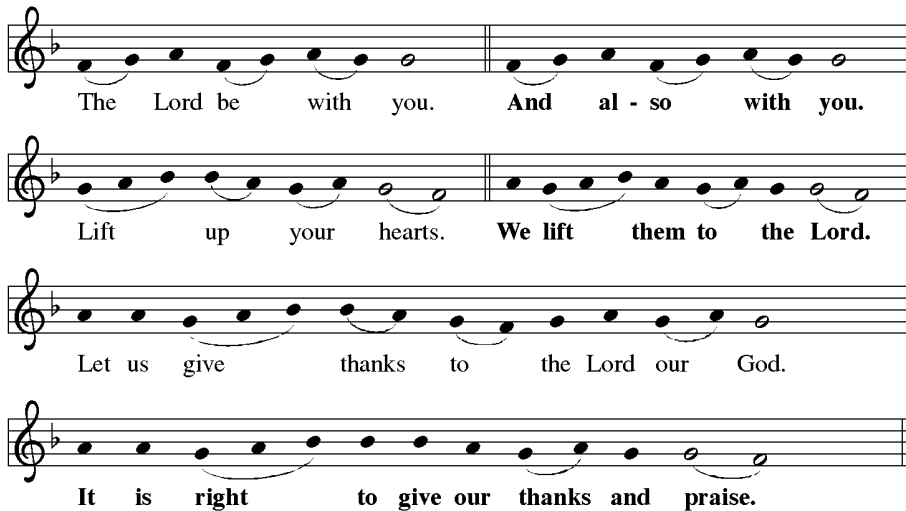
sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.

and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

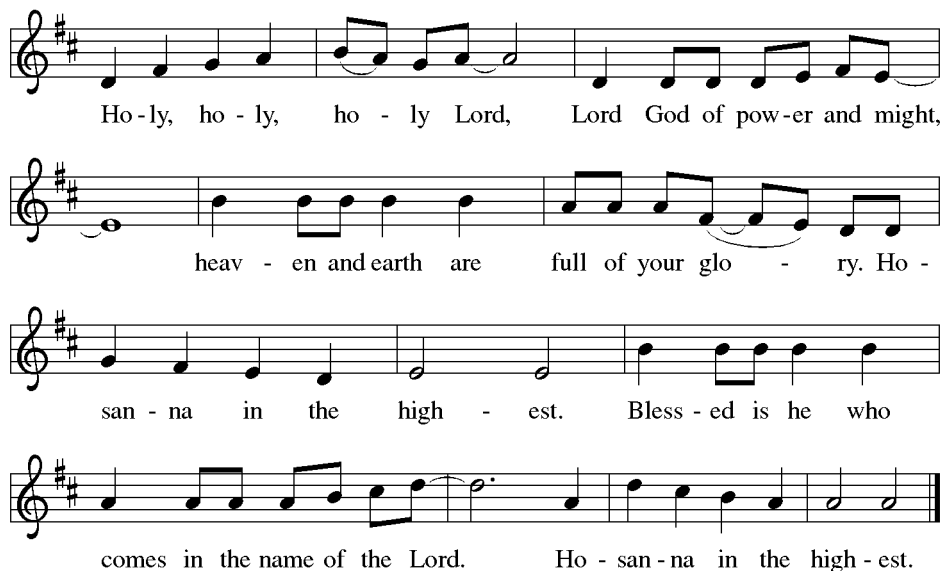
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift 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 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:*



We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ... *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with ... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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.**

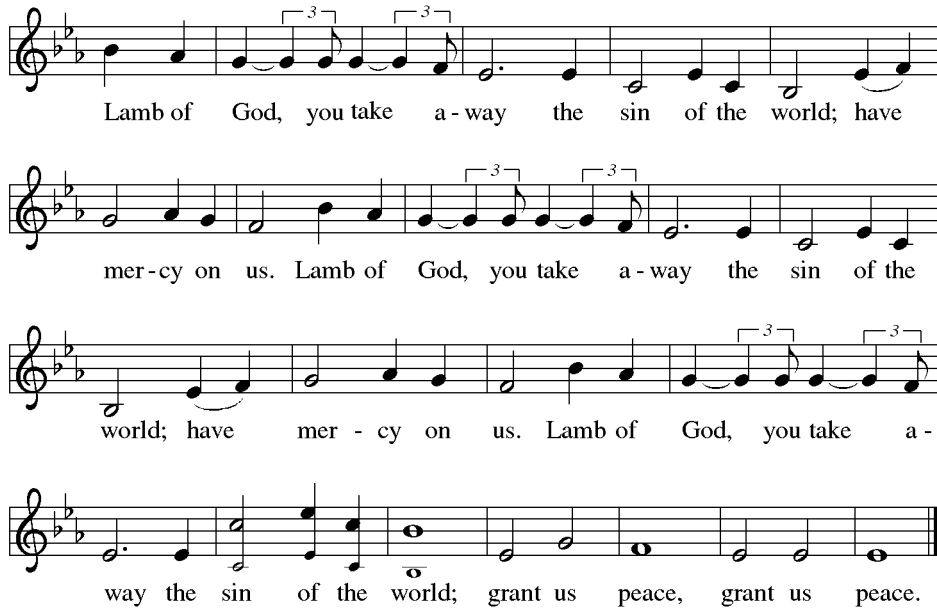
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive communion. Wafers are gluten free. Wine in the common cup contains alcohol. Communion may be received in one or both kinds (bread only or both bread and wine). The ushers will guide you forward.

Part I



Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II



Come one, come all. Come one, come all.



All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.



Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Let us pray.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 17 AFTER WORSHIP

Are you interested in learning about how you might become involved in one of Trinity's many ministries? Come to this year's "All-Committee Meeting" on October 17, where you can learn about the work of our various committees, and sign up to be involved! After an introductory time with everyone together, we will break up into smaller groups to dream about the year ahead and how everyone at Trinity can actively participate in our parish's life and ministry.

REFORMATIONFEST: OCTOBER 25

Join us for Reformation Sunday on October 25, commemorating the beginning of the Reformation with Martin Luther posting the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517, and celebrating the Spirit's continual work of re-forming the church in every time and place. Stick around after worship for our annual Oktoberfest, with bratwurst, beer, and tasty German treats!

ALL SAINTS DAY: NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints Day we remember and celebrate all the blessed saints of every time and place whose earthly lives have ended and who now rest from their labors with God, especially those we ourselves have known and loved. Those who have died within the past year will be remembered by reading their names, tolling a bell, and lighting a candle. If someone dear to you has died this year, please contact the office with their name by Wednesday, October 28 to have them added to our remembrance.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

After worship on All Saints Day, we celebrate Día de los Muertos by building an *ofrenda* outdoors in the garden. An *ofrenda* is an altar of remembrance typical in Latin American cultures, especially in Mexico, at which the memory of the dead is brought to mind. Alongside traditional offerings, photos or keepsakes of the dead are placed, so everyone is invited to bring a photo or memento of someone who has died to place on the altar.

"SUNDAY TOGETHER" - A NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are thrilled to announce a new children's ministry called Sunday Together, a special time for young children (ages 0-4) and those who care for them led by Mari. Continuing the second Sunday of each month, Sunday Together will include storytelling, movement, play, and new friends. We begin worship together as a community, with children and their adults going downstairs for 30 minutes at the sermon, and joining worship again for communion.

JAZZ WORSHIP THROUGH OCTOBER

Our beloved annual Jazz Worship series lifts our hearts, bodies, and souls every Sunday this fall, through the end of October. The best musicians of Broadway join us each week to inspire us with their improvisation and joyful sounds!

