

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 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 (pastor@trinitylowereastside.org)
Pastoral Intern: Vicar Wayne Olsen (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** 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.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

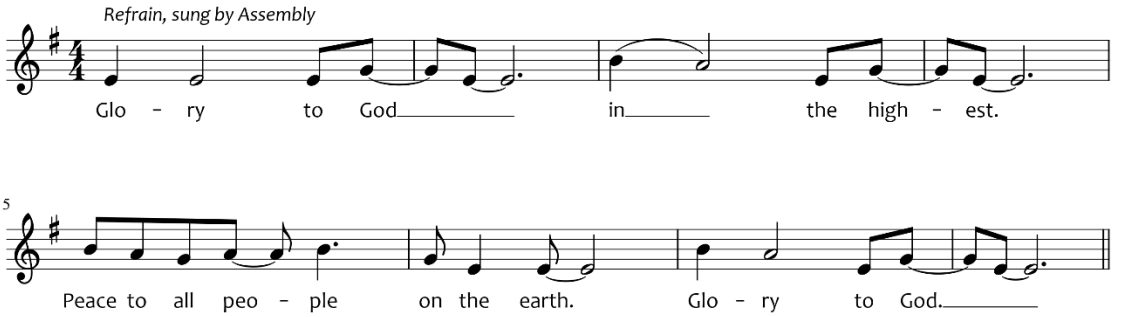
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Let Us Go Now, to the Banquet **ELW 523**

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 Glory to God



Verses sung by soloist

1. Oh God, heavenly ruler, source of life for all
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory... *Refrain*

2. The one Jesus Christ, the only child of God,
Takes away our sins, the sovereign lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of our Father,
Receive our prayer... *Refrain*

3. For you're the holy one.
You alone the heir.
You alone are the most high Jesus,
With the Holy Spirit.
In the glory of God, our Mother, our Father. Amen. Amen.... *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Lord of the feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance.
Call us again to your banquet.
Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt
you; I will praise your name, for you
have done wonderful things, plans
formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you
have made the city a heap, the fortified
city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city
no more; it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify
you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress, a
shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat. When the blast of the
ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, 5 the
noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds; the song of the ruthless was
stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a
feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled
with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear. 7 And he will destroy on this
mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the covering that is spread over
all nations; 8 he will swallow up death
forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces, and the disgrace
of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be
said on that day, "See, this is our God; we
have waited for him, so that he might save
us. This is the LORD for whom we have
waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 23

The refrain is sung by all. The verses are sung by the cantor.



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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***

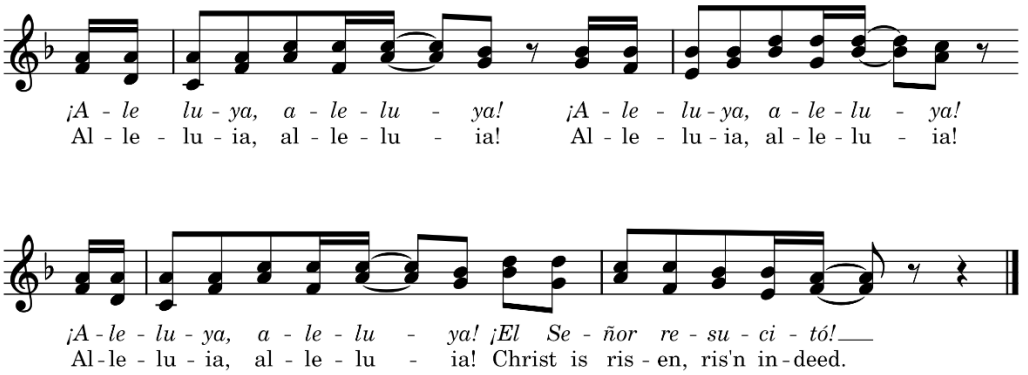
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.



GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in
parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He
sent his slaves to call those who had been
invited to the wedding banquet, but they
would not come. 4 Again he sent other
slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been
invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they
made light of it and went away, one to his
farm, another to his business, 6 while the
rest seized his slaves, mistreated them,
and killed them. 7 The king was enraged.
He sent his troops, destroyed those
murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then
he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is
ready, but those invited were not worthy.
9 Go therefore into the main streets, and
invite everyone you find to the wedding
banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into
the streets and gathered all whom they
found, both good and bad, so the
wedding hall was filled with guests.
11 "But when the king came in to see the
guests, he noticed a man there who was
not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said
to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?' And he was
speechless. 13 Then the king said to the
attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and
throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are
chosen."

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 Now We Join in Celebration **ELW 462**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain.
Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters.
Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster.
Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear.
Heal and console all who are sick or suffering, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people.
Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever.
We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 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:*

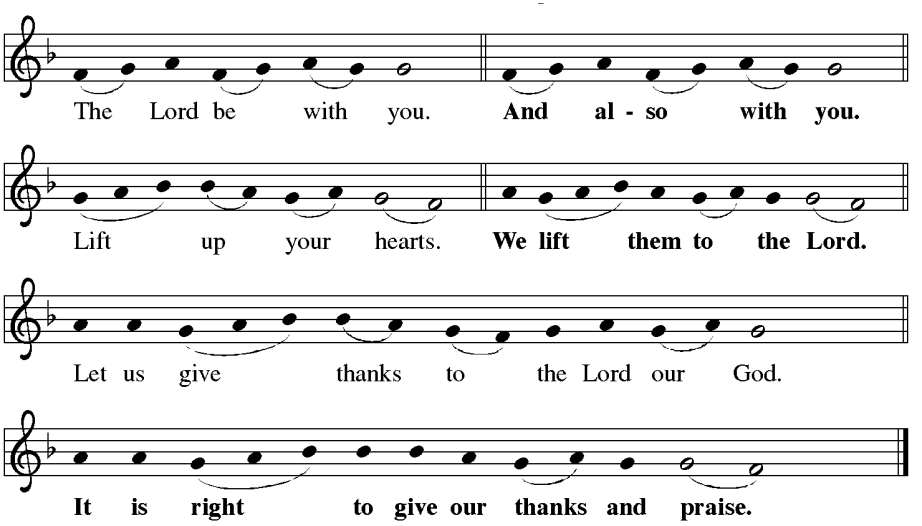


Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

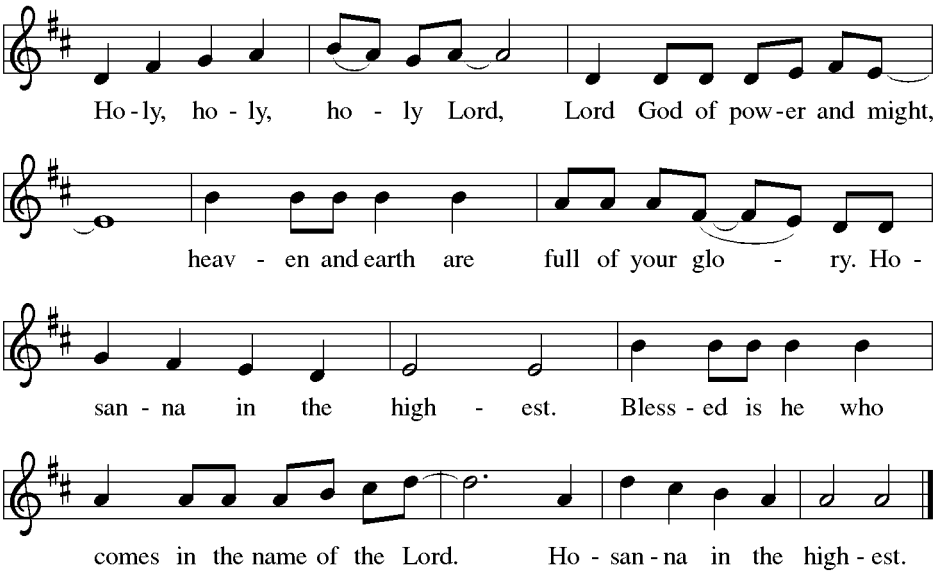
OFFERING PRAYER

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



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:

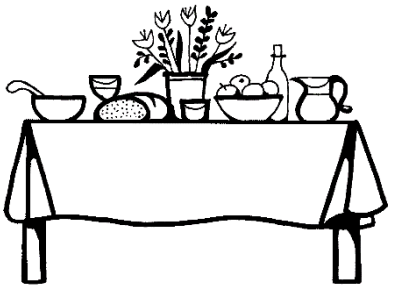


We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ… *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharisitic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with* …with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

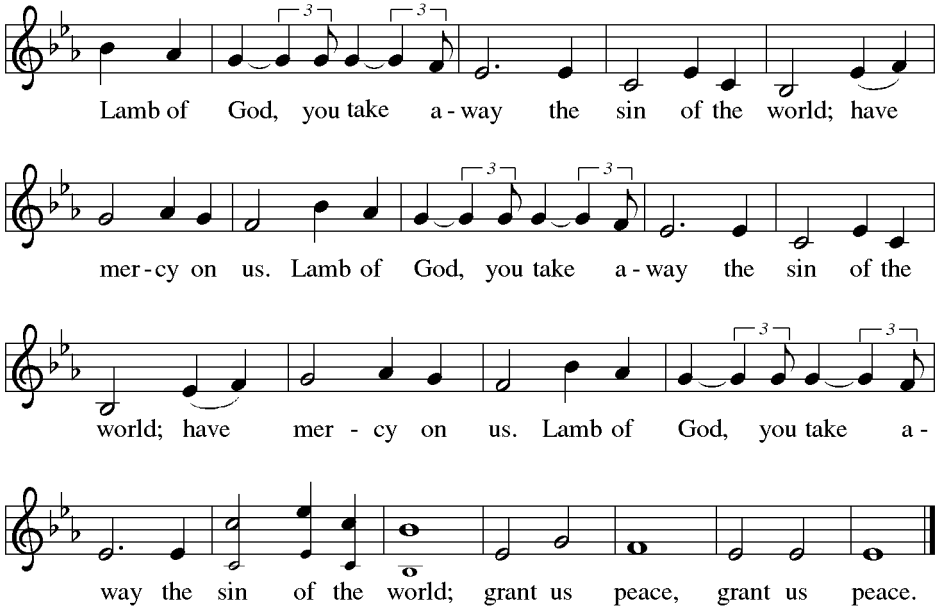
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN Thine the Amen **ELW 826**

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.
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing **ELW 547**

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER AT TRINITY NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Join our friends at The New Shul this coming Saturday for a day of service. We will be prepping food, cleaning, and other tasks for Trinity's Services And Food for the Homeless. The volunteer day is Saturday October 17th, 9am-12pm. Staying for the whole shift is encouraged, but if you can only make some, that's okay! Email or speak to Alex so we know to expect you. alex@safhnyc.org

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 18 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 18, 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.

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 in inspire us with their improvisation and joyful sounds!