

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026 + 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY
LOWER
EAST SIDE

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,** 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.

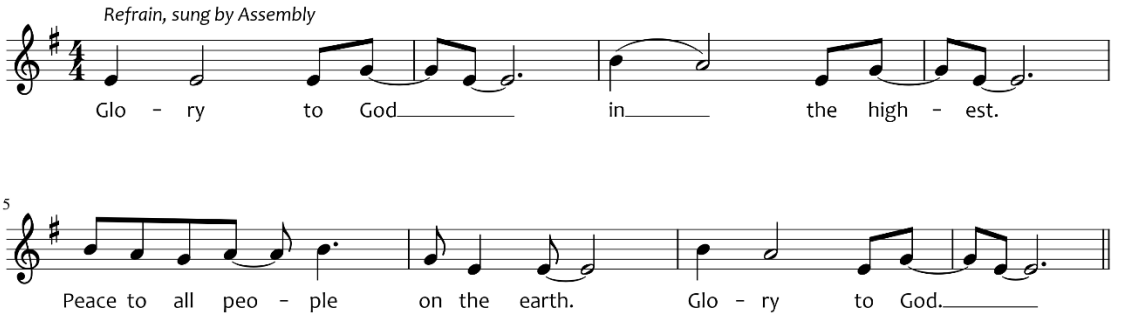
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the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

GATHERING HYMN God is Here **ELW 526**

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.
Sovereign God,
raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+ Word +

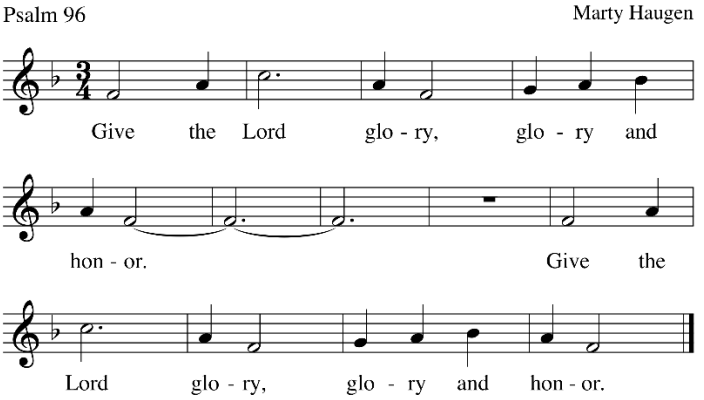
FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to
Cyrus, whose right hand I have
grasped to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes, to open
doors before him—and the gates shall not
be closed: 2 I will go before you and level
the mountains; I will break in pieces the
doors of bronze and cut through the bars
of iron; 3 I will give you the treasures of
darkness and riches hidden in secret
places, so that you may know that it is I,
the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you
by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant
Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by
your name; I give you a title, though you
do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and
there is no other; besides me there is no
god. I arm you, though you do not know
me, 6 so that they may know, from the
rising of the sun and from the west, that
there is no one besides me; I am the LORD,
and there is no other. 7 I form light and
create darkness, I make weal and create
woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 96

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



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O sing a new song to the Lord;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Tell among the nations his glory,
And his wonders among all the peoples. ***Refrain***

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
To be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. ***Refrain***

Give the Lord, you fam'lies of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power;
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an off'ring and enter his courts. ***Refrain***

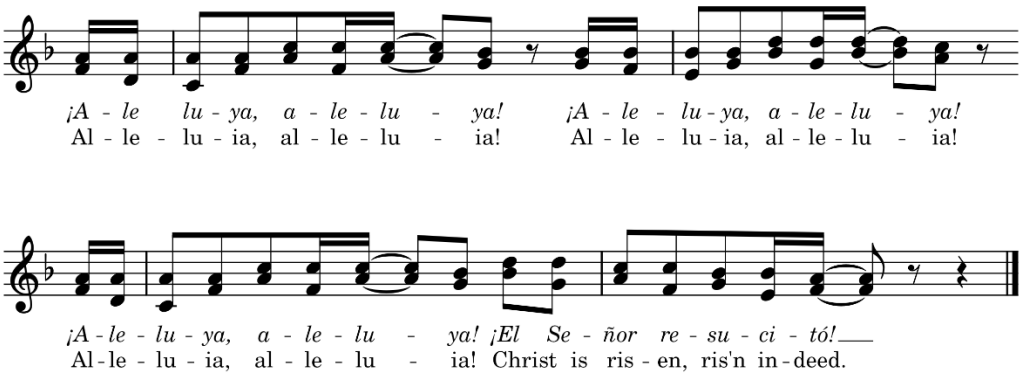
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, "The Lord is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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.



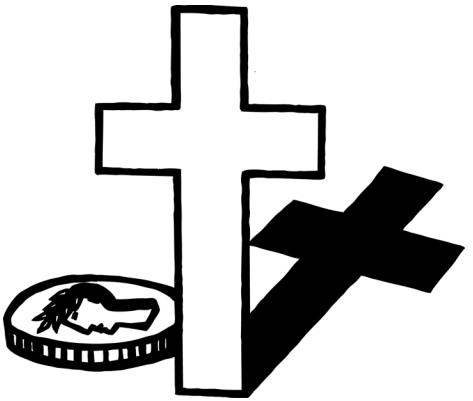
GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22
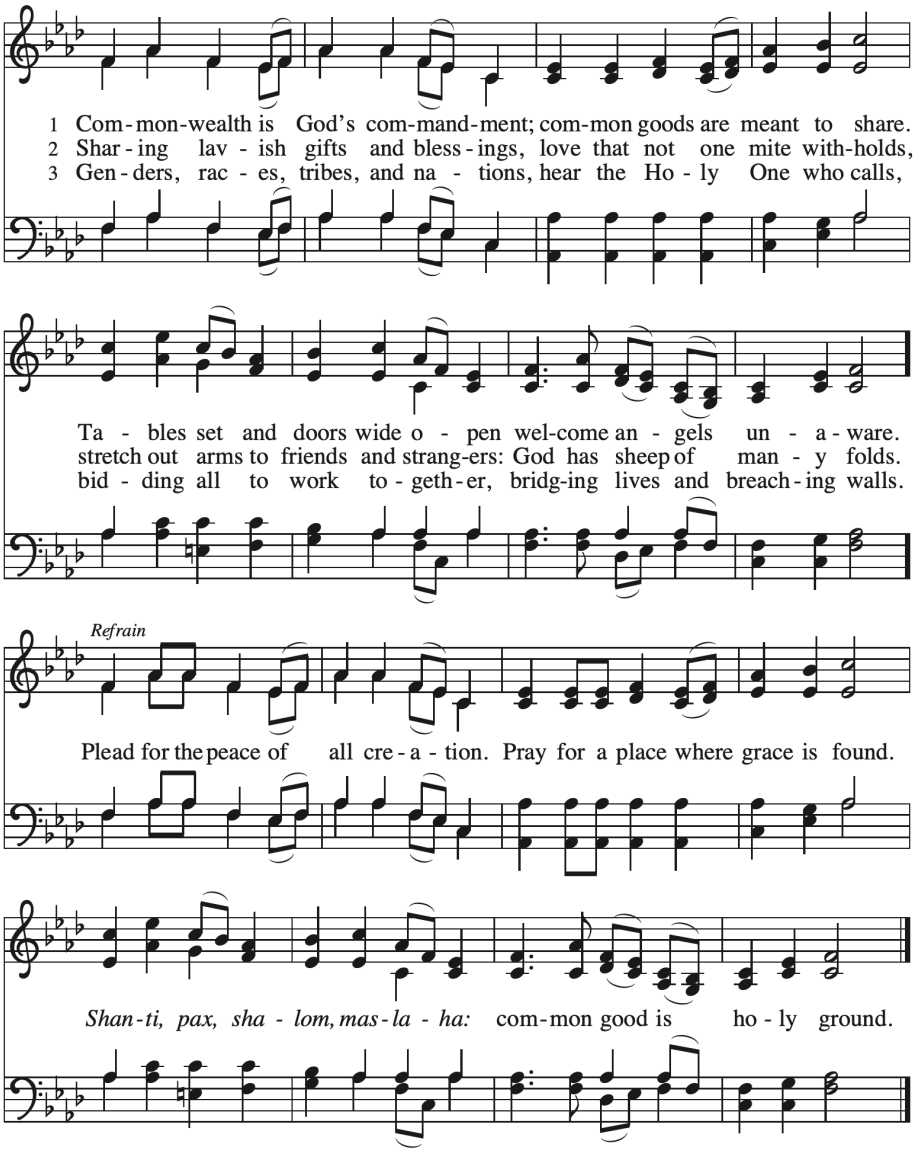
The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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.*





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Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel.
Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments.
Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church.
Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. 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.

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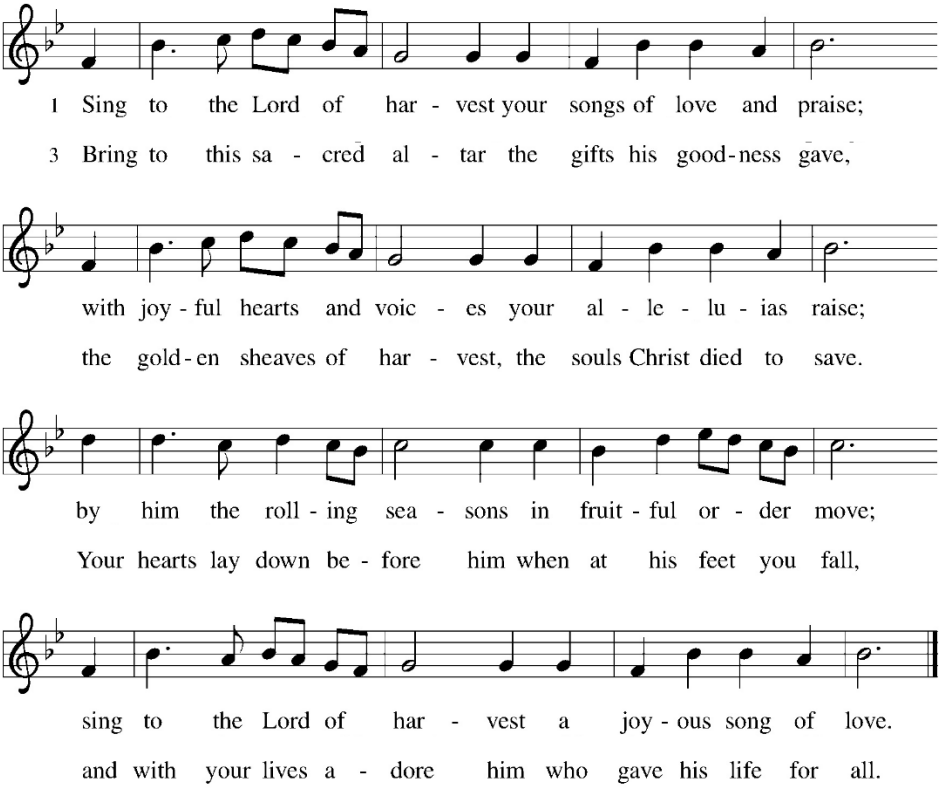
OFFERING

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:

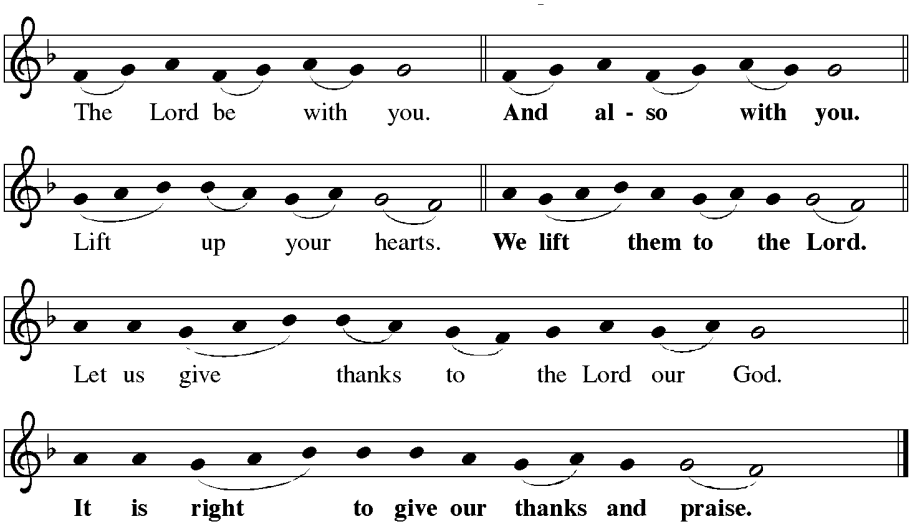


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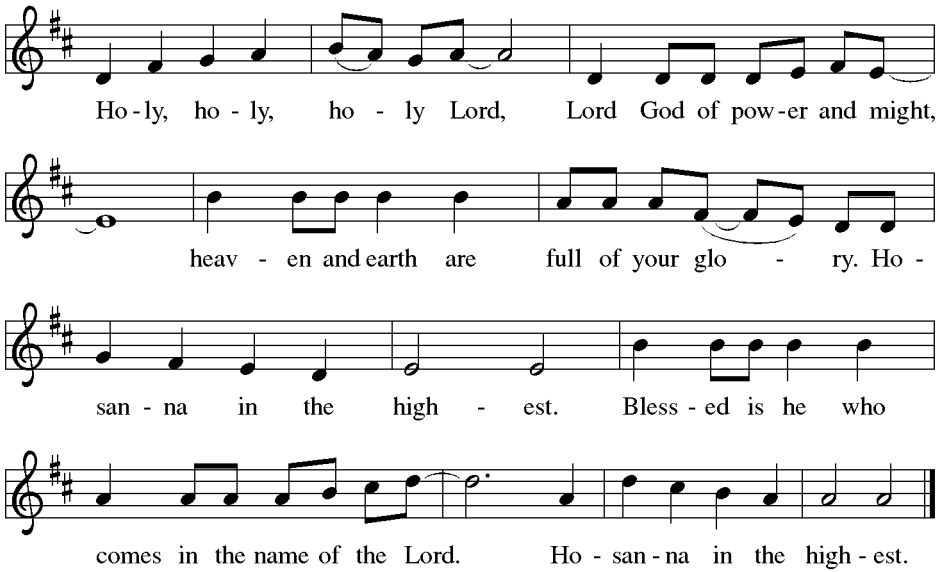
OFFERING PRAYER

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:



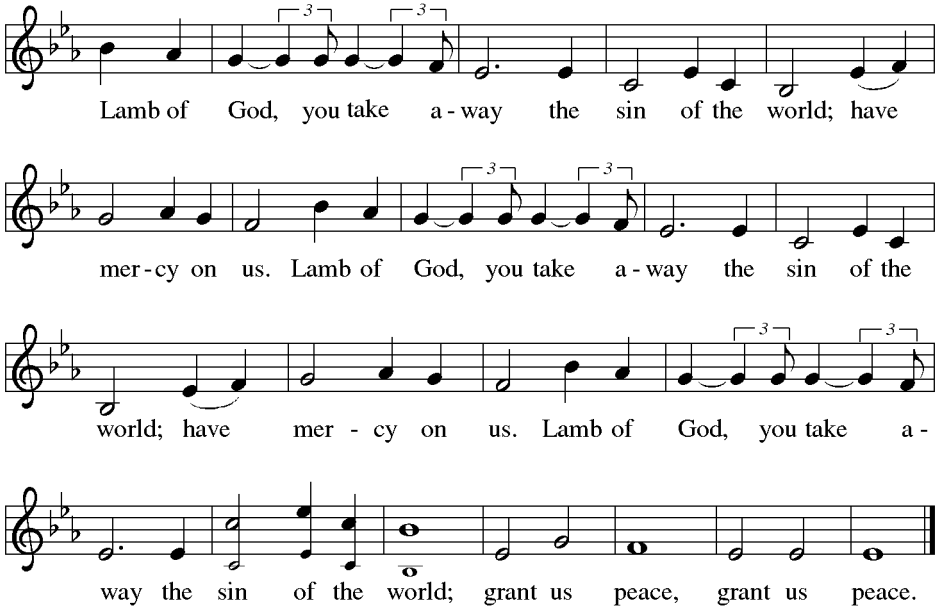
We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ… *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharisitic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with* … with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

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 When Our Song Says Peace **ELW 709**

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 O God of Every Nation **ELW 713**

DISMISSAL

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL-COMMITTEE MEETING: TODAY 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!