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.

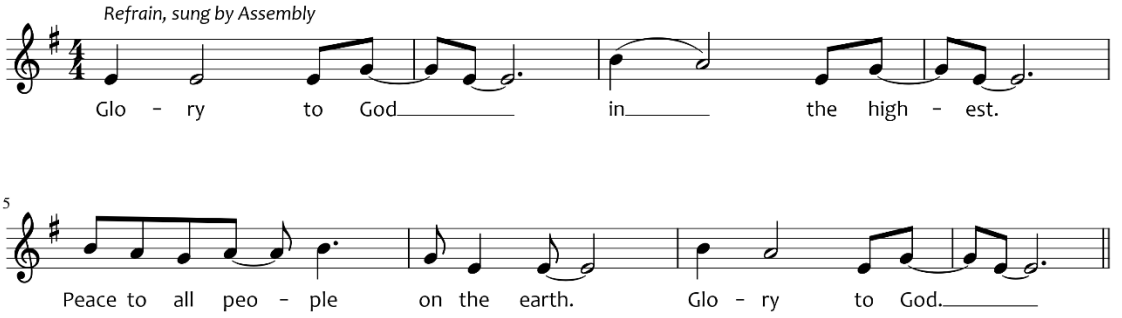
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the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

GATHERING HYMN Thy Strong Word **ELW 511**

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.
Almighty God, gracious Lord,
we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep them steadfast in your word,
protect and comfort them in times of trial,
defend them against all enemies of the gospel,
and bestow on the church your saving peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ Word +

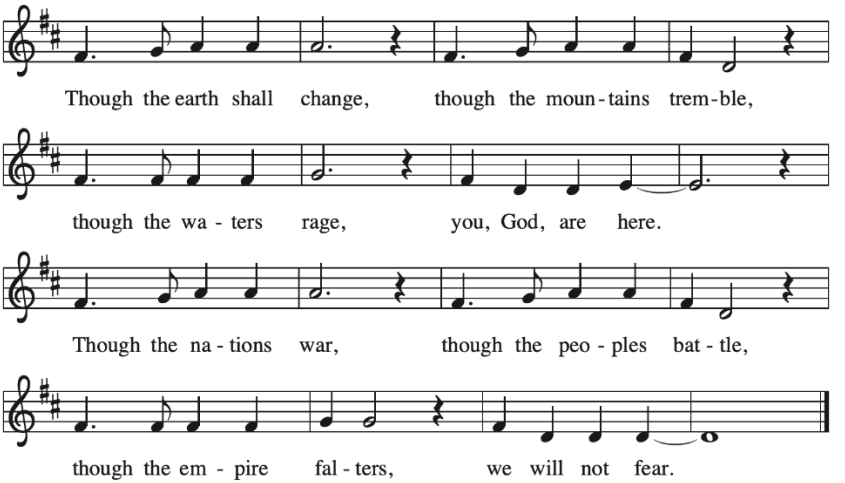
FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 46

The refrain is sung by all. The verses are read responsively.



God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the arth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. *Refrain*

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law
says, it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may
be silenced and the whole world may be
held accountable to God. 20 For no human
will be justified before him by deeds
prescribed by the law, for through the law
comes the knowledge of sin.

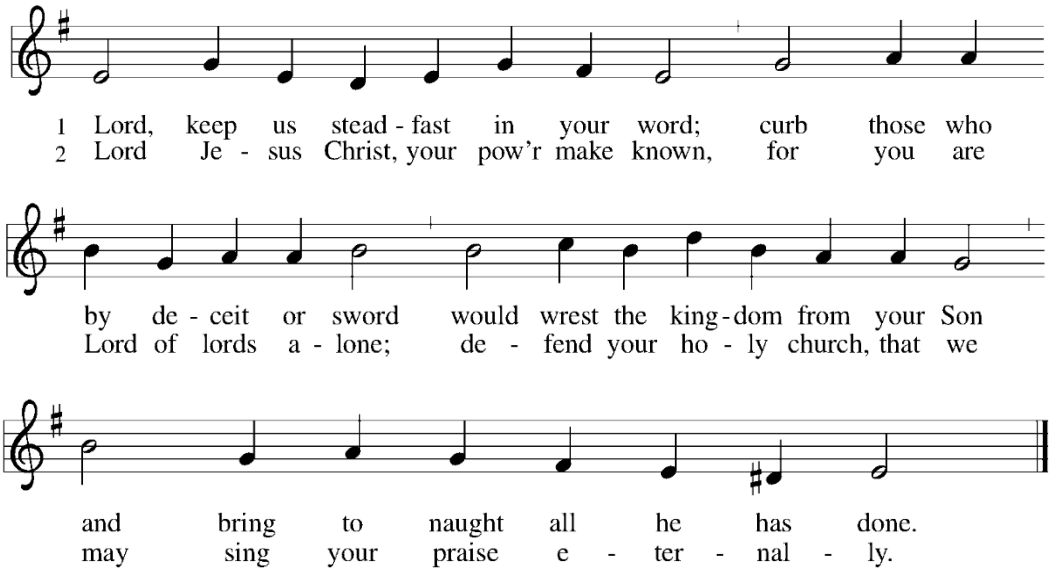
21 But now, apart from the law, the
righteousness of God has been disclosed
and is attested by the Law and the
Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God
through the faith of Jesus Christ for all
who believe. For there is no distinction,
23 since all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God; 24 they are now justified by
his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of
atonement by his blood, effective
through faith. He did this to demonstrate
his righteousness, because in his divine
forbearance he had passed over the sins
previously committed; 26 it was to
demonstrate at the present time his own
righteousness, so that he is righteous and
he justifies the one who has the faith of
Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is
excluded. Through what kind of law? That
of works? No, rather through the law of
faith. 28 For we hold that a person is
justified by faith apart from works
prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,* vv.1,2 ELW 517

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL John 8:31-36

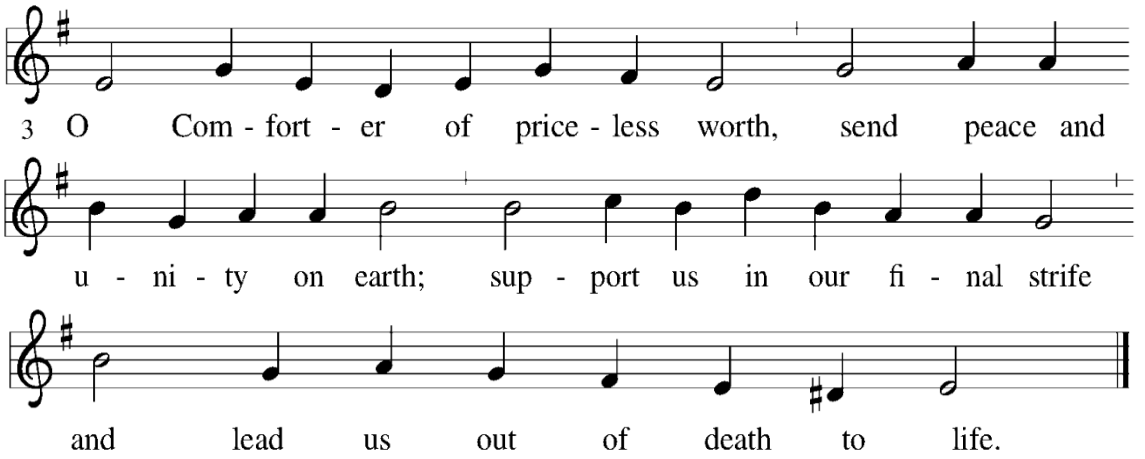
The holy gospel according to Saint John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed
in him, "If you continue in my word,
you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will
know the truth, and the truth will make
you free." 33 They answered him, "We are
descendants of Abraham and have never
been slaves to anyone. What do you mean
by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell
you, everyone who commits sin is a slave
to sin. 35 The slave does not have a
permanent place in the household; the
son has a place there forever. 36 So if the
Son makes you free, you will be free
indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, v. 3*



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

HYMN OF THE DAY A Mighty Fortress **ELW 504**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated.
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those 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 give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. 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:*

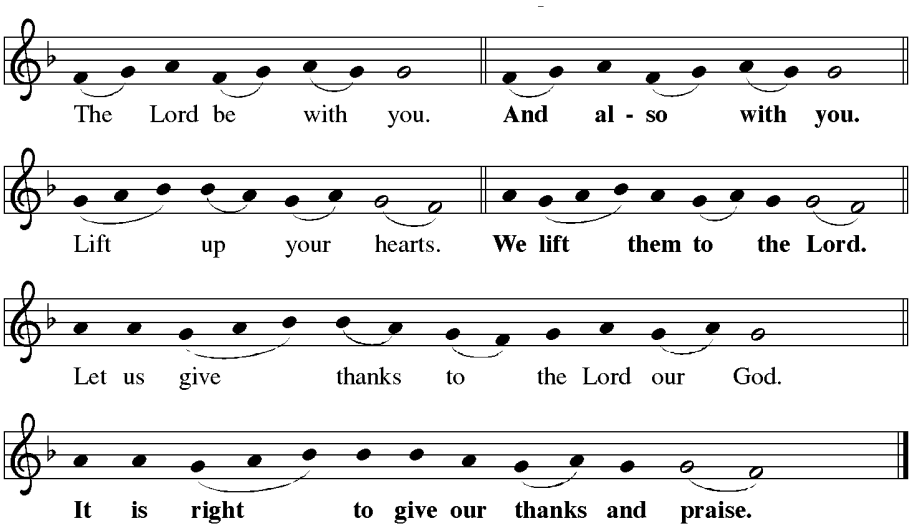


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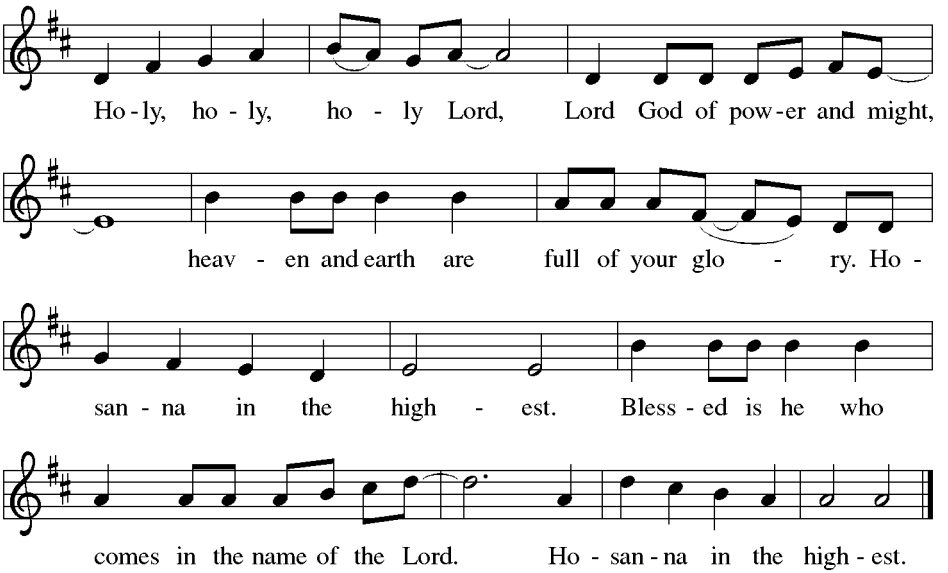
OFFERING PRAYER

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:

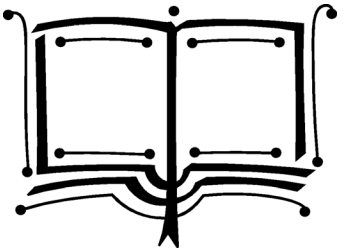


We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ… *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharisitic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with* … with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

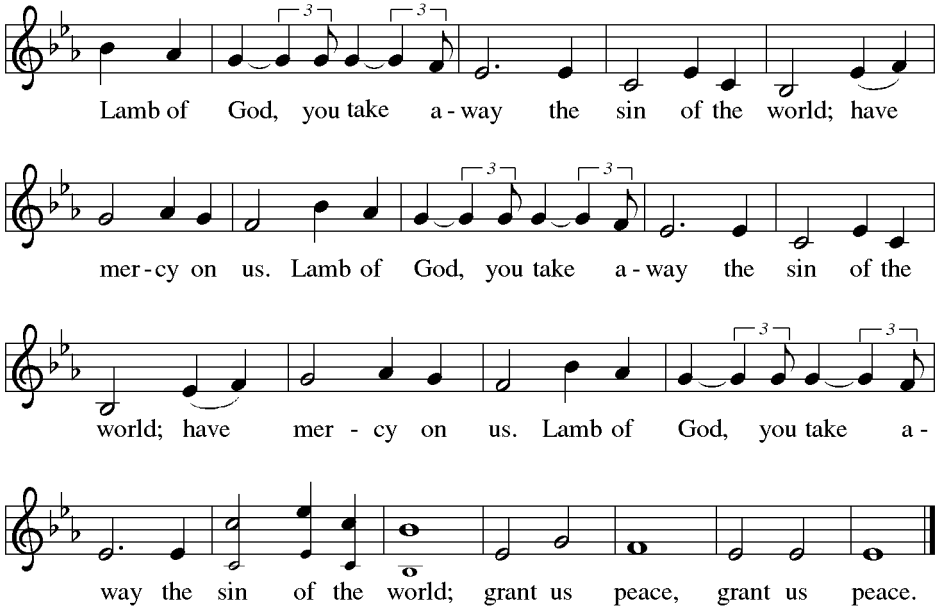
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 By Grace We Have Been Saved **ACS 1006**



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Music: BY GRACE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977, and Jonathan Rundman
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

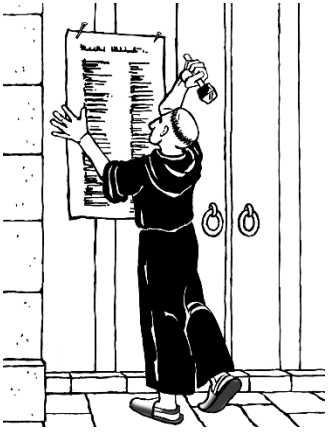
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
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 Born, Reborn **ACS 956**



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Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo
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DISMISSAL

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

