

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 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.
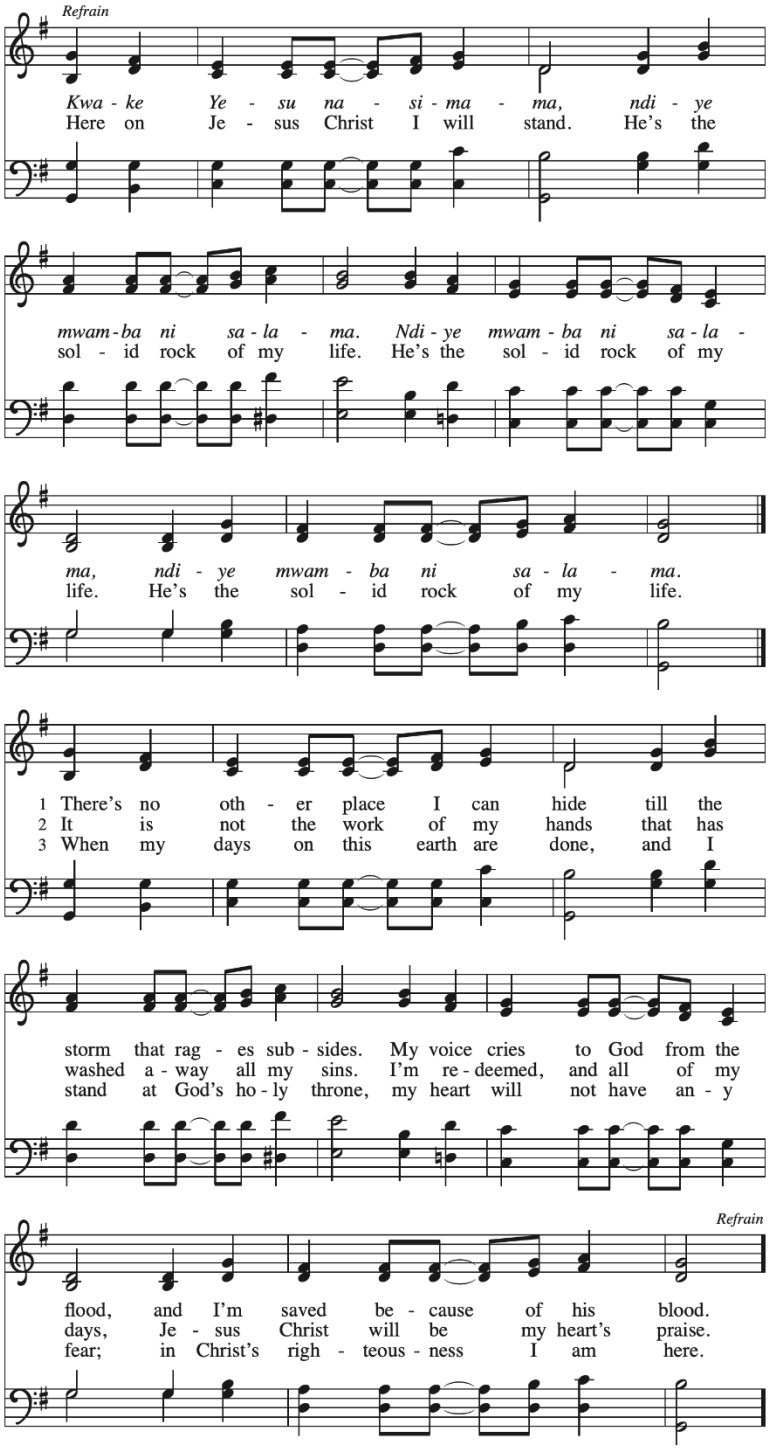
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

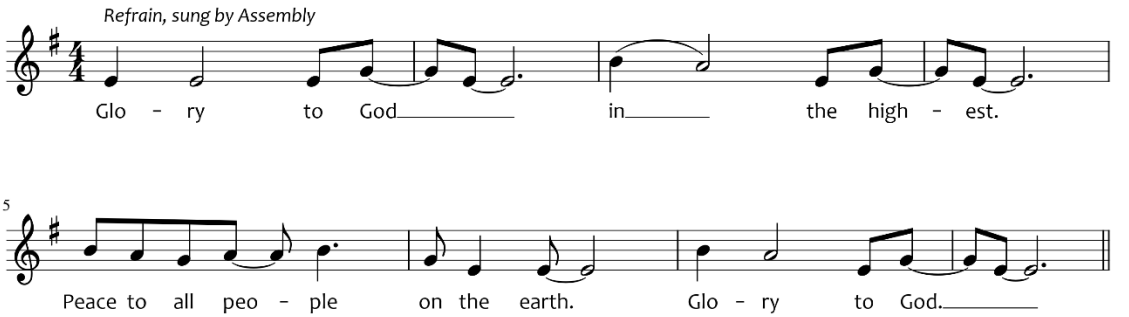
GATHERING HYMN Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand **ACS 1024**



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.
Righteous God,
our merciful master,
you own the earth and all its peoples,
and you give us all that we have.
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom,
and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+ Word +

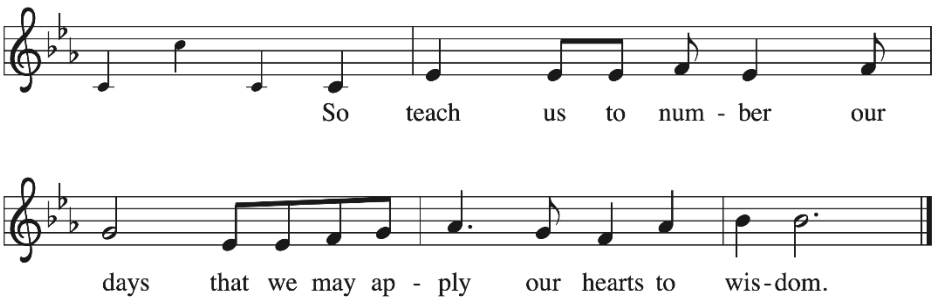
FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-12

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



Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**
You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night; *Refrain***

you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**
For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. *Refrain***
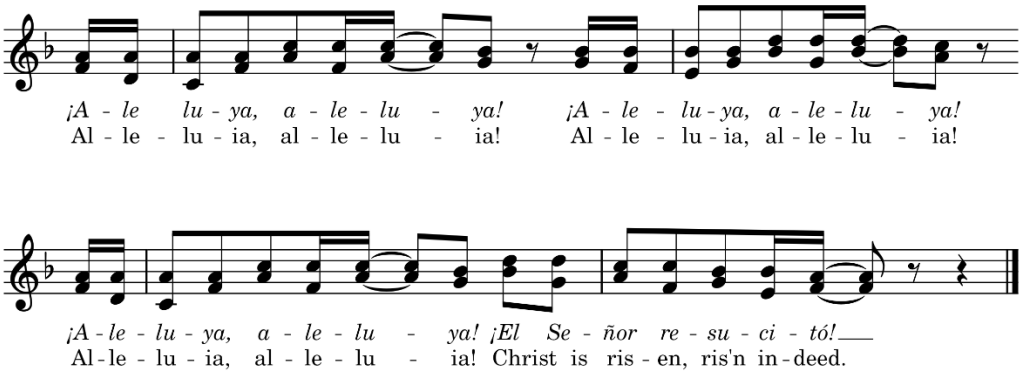
When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**
Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
**So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. *Refrain***

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

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

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 Lord of Light **ELW 688**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals;
show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine.
Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders.
Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles.
Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members,
finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams.
Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace.
In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us,
we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
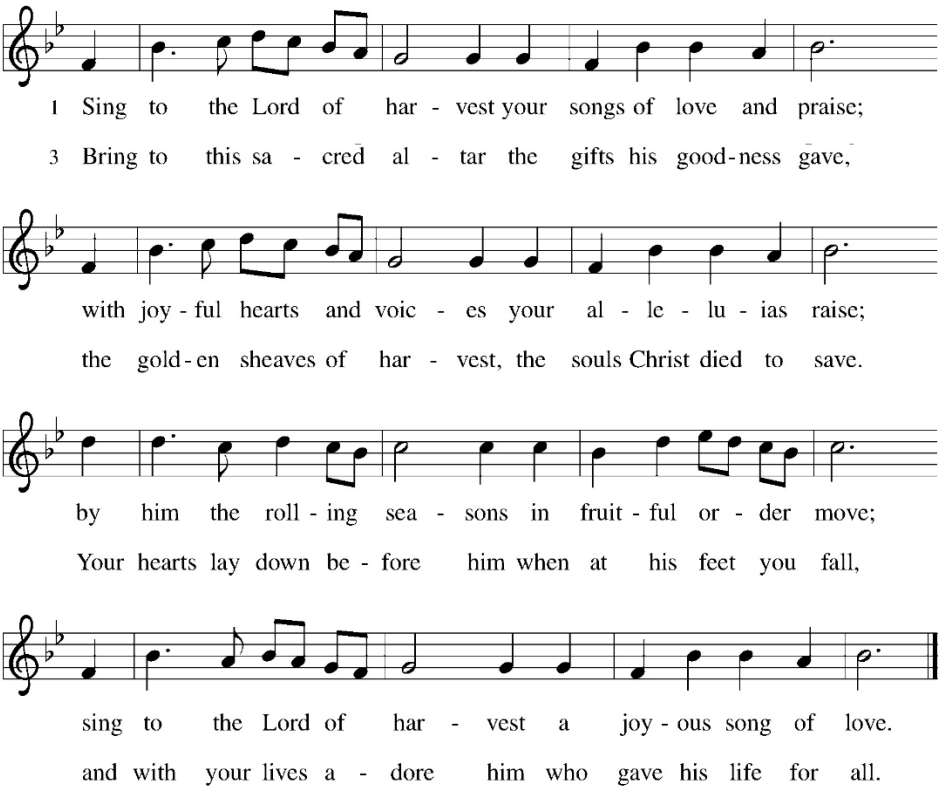
\+ Meal +

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:*

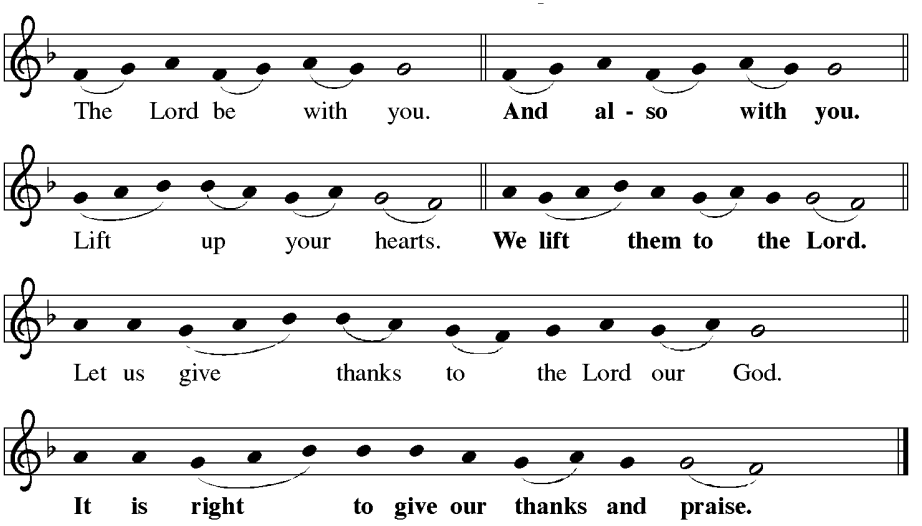


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Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

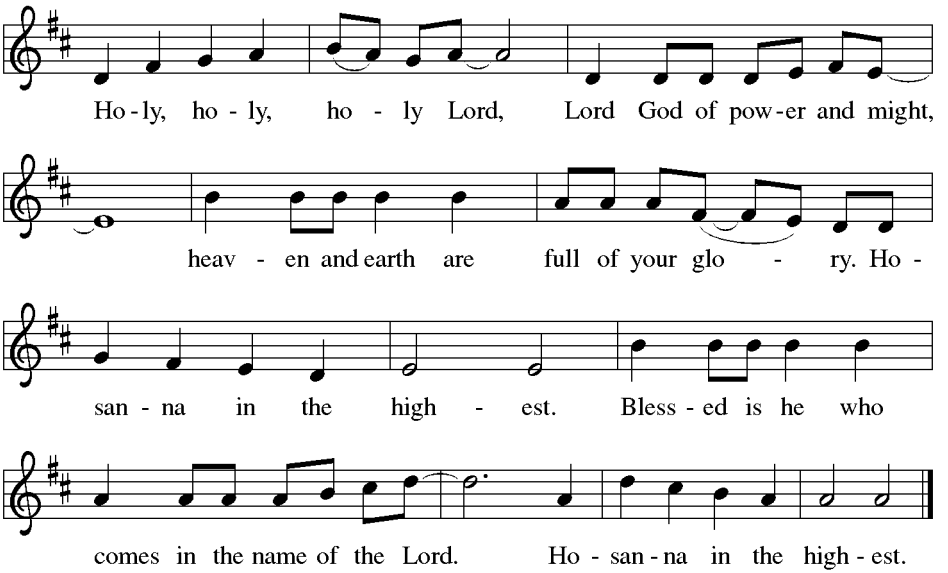
OFFERING PRAYER

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:



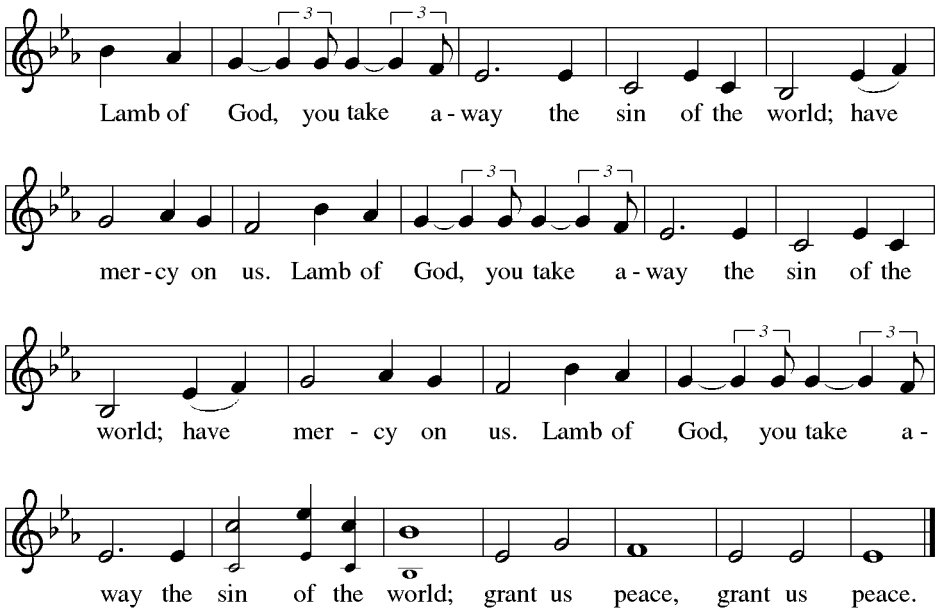
We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ… *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharisitic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with* …with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

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 Christ, Be Our Light **ELW 715**

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 When in Our Music God is Glorified **ELW 851**

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF PAUL STAROBA'S MUSICAL LEADERSHIP – TODAY
2026 marks 20 years of our pianist Paul Staroba's remarkable leadership of congregational song and we'll be celebrating today It all began with a Craigslist ad and since then Paul has kept our spirits singing through the sharing of his exceptional gifts. Be sure to join us as we express our gratitude and celebrate God's marvelous gift of music!

TRINITY NEWCOMERS' GATHERINGS – NOVEMBER 22 & DECEMBER 6
If you've been worshiping with us and would like to learn more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the Lutheran tradition, you are invited to join us for two upcoming Newcomers' Gatherings after worship in the parsonage on November 22 and December 6. These informal gatherings are the perfect opportunity for you to get to know us, and for us to get to know you!

COMING SOON: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY
Vicar Wayne is putting together a weekly Bible Study to begin after Christmas. There is a survey going out for everyone to fill out. We would like your input on ideal days/times, and Bible subjects that YOU would like to investigate further. Vicar Wayne will let everyone know the results on December 8.

Email office@trinitylowereastside.org to receive the survey.

SAVE THE DATE: WINTER RETREAT, FEBRUARY 5-7
Come away with your parish community as we return to Koinonia for a winter retreat in February! With plenty of time for community fellowship, worship and prayer, sharing meals, winter activities and evenings by the fire, we'll be refreshed and renewed as we grow closer together as a family of faith! Pricing and registration details coming soon!

SERVE IN WORSHIP AS AN USHER OR ASSISTING MINISTER
Among the many ways that we can live out our Christian vocation of service is the offering of ourselves as leaders in the worship of the church. We invite you to consider serving as an usher (offering a friendly welcome to worshipers, collecting the offering, and carrying forward the people's gifts of bread and wine) or assisting minister (proclaiming scripture, leading the assembly's prayer, and serving communion). If you would like to serve in either of these roles please speak with Pastor Will; training sessions will be organized soon!