

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRIST THE KING / THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 22, 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.

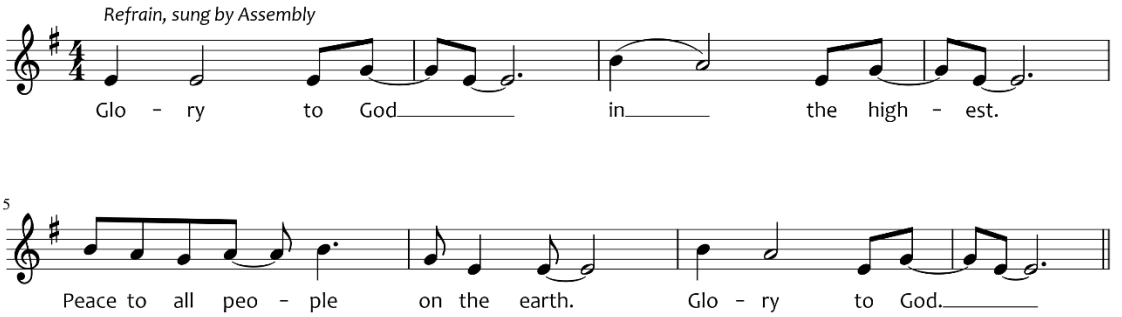
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the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

GATHERING HYMN Crown Him With Many Crowns **ELW 855**

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.
O God of power and might,
your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
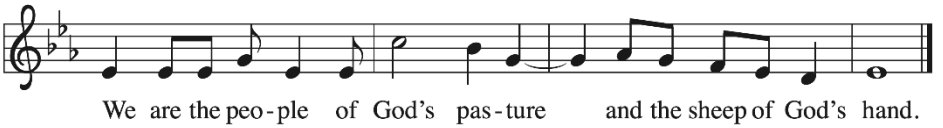
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 95:1-7a

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



Psalm 95:7

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Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. *Refrain*
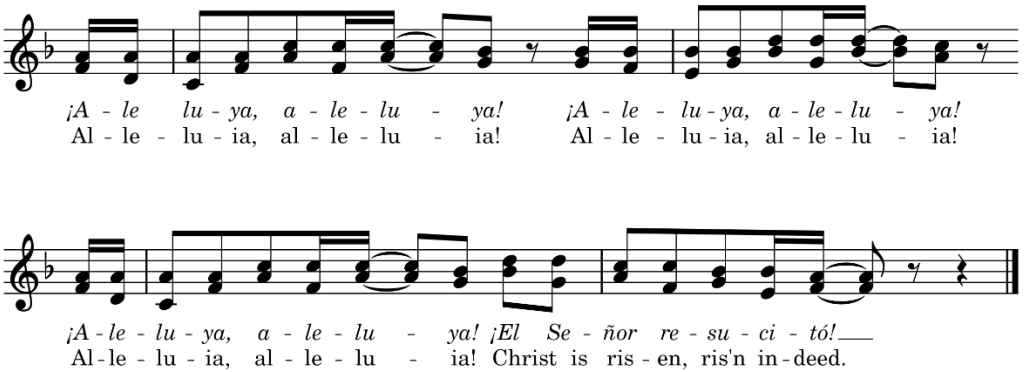
The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. ***Refrain***

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease
to give thanks for you as I remember you
in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give
you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, [18] so that, with the
eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
perceive what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints,
[19] and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe, according
to the working of his great power. [20] God
put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places,
[21] far above all rule and authority and
power and dominion and above every
name that is named, not only in this age
but also in the age to come. [22] And he has
put all things under his feet and has made
him the head over all things for the
church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46

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

"When the Son of Man comes in his
glory and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.
32 All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from
another as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put
the sheep at his right hand and the goats
at the left. 34 Then the king will say to
those at his right hand, 'Come, you who
are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed
me, 36 I was naked and you gave me
clothing, I was sick and you took care of
me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and
gave you something to drink? 38 And when
was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you or naked and gave you
clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw
you sick or in prison and visited you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say
to those at his left hand, 'You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels,
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me
nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you
did not give me clothing, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also
will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison and did not take
care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it
to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment but the righteous into
eternal life."

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 O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us? **ELW 431**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you.
Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger.
Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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.
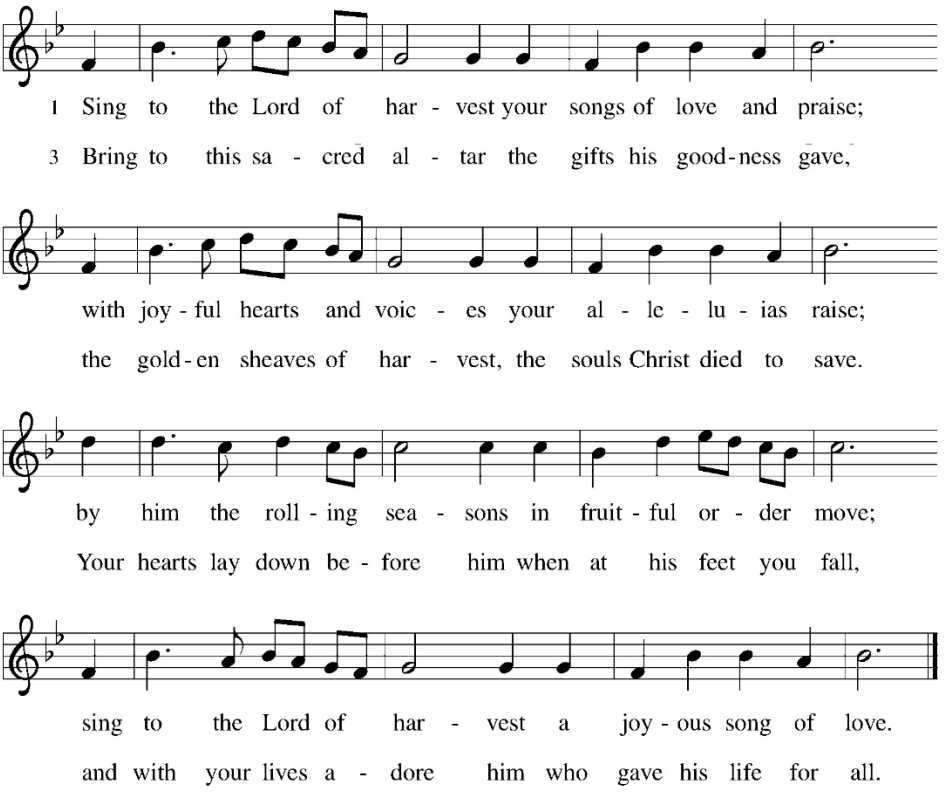
\+ Meal +

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:*

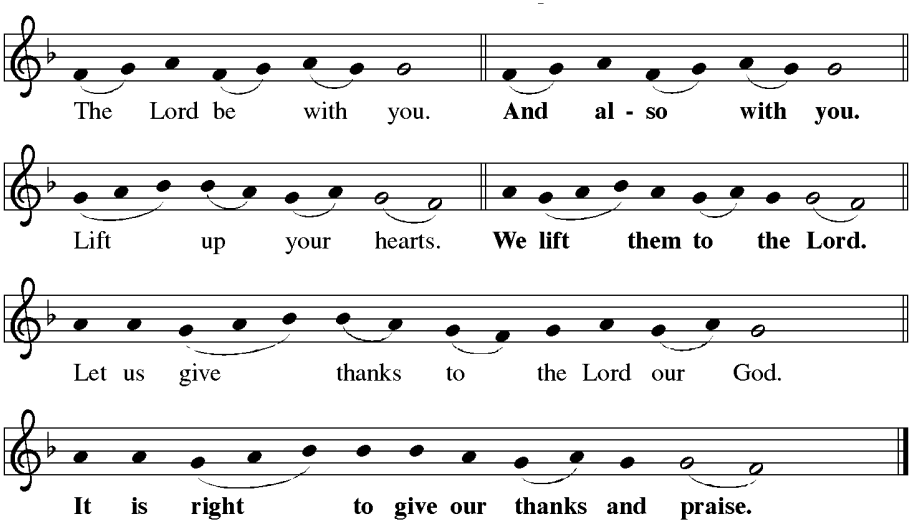


Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

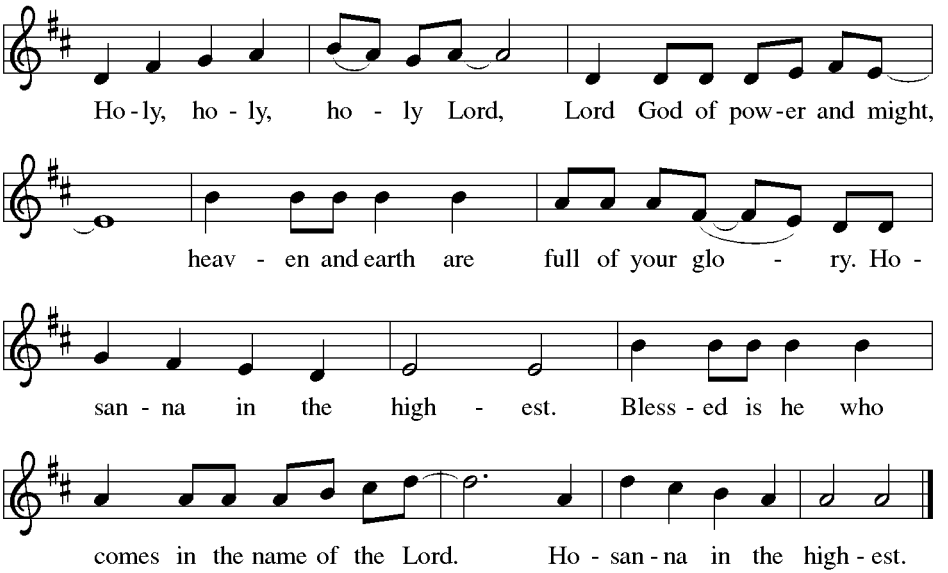
OFFERING PRAYER

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:



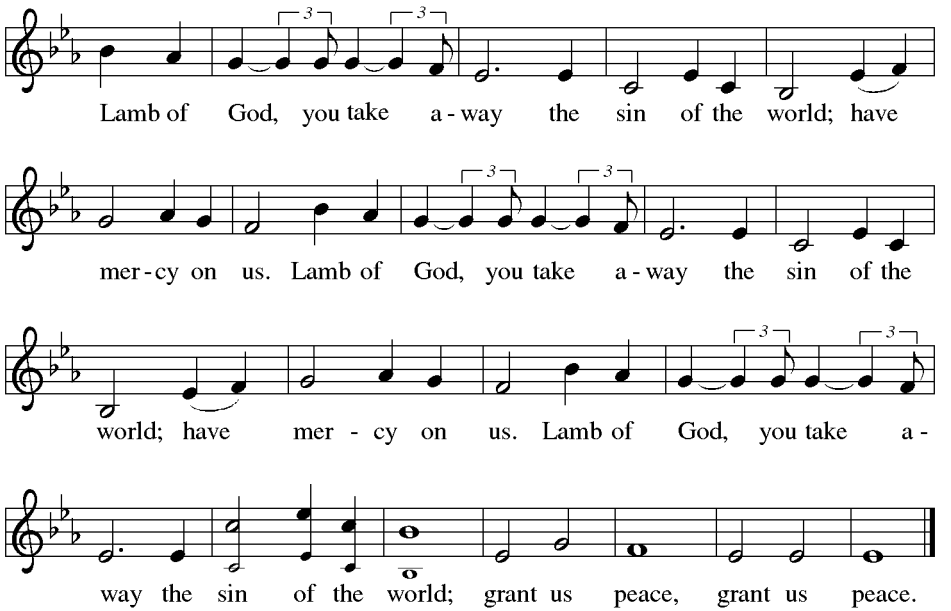
We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ… *Here the Presiding Minister continues with the Eucharisitic Prayer including the Words of Institution, concluding with* …with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

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 For the Fruit of All Creation
ELW 679

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 +

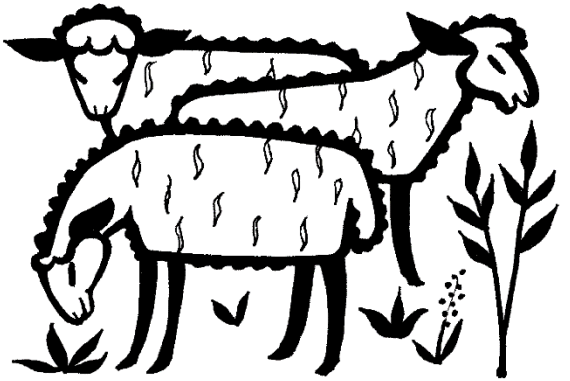
BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN Rejoice, for Christ is King **ELW 430**

DISMISSAL

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY NEWCOMERS' GATHERINGS – TODAY & 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 today 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!