

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 9th 2025

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox), and we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that every person unquestionably holds.

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation (and the first in the Metropolitan New York Synod), Holy Trinity welcomes all persons, including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Holy Trinity is also committed to practicing racial equity, learning anti-racism, and modeling radical hospitality and inclusion across age, class, national origin, physical and mental health and ability, family configuration, and language.

With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

GIVE ONLINE

If you contribute to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity through online giving, please pick up an "I give online" card from an usher to participate in the offering as the offering plates are passed.

LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY TRINITY Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and in our public relations materials.

PLEASE NOTE

Weapons, including firearms, knives, scissors, aerosols such as pepper spray and mace, and any hazardous materials are strictly prohibited on church property. All bags are subject to inspection upon entry into the sanctuary.

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GUEST CELEBRANT The Reverend Lena Warren

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Austin Philemon

PASTOR The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude A Quaker Reader Ned Rorem

IX. One sigh rightly begotten

X. Evidence of things unseen

The assembly stands to sing.

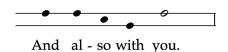
(1923-2022)



greeting

(2 corinthians 13:14)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

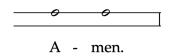


hymn of praise (from The New Liturgy of the Holy Trinity by Elizabeth Gartman)



prayer of the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our minds the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



The assembly sits.

WORD

from the hebrew scriptures

Job 19:23-27

- ²³ "O that my words were written down!

 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 - ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
 - ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 - ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
 - whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Silence is kept.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

psalm 17

A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.



Hear a just cause, O Lord; give | heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not | come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;

let your eyes | be fixed on justice.

Examine my heart, | visit me by night,

melt me down; you will find no im- | purity in me.

I have not re- | garded what others do;

at the word of your lips I have avoided the | ways of the violent.

My footsteps hold fast | to your well-worn path;

and my | feet do not slip.

I call upon you, O God, for | you will answer me;

incline your ear to me | and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

Keep me as the | apple of your eye;

hide me under the | shadow of your wings,

From the wicked | who assault me,

from my deadly ene- | mies who surround me.

from the christian scriptures

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

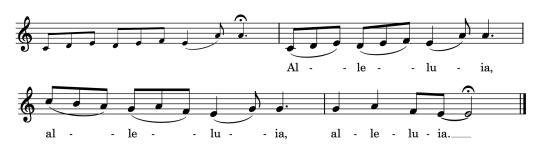
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel acclamation



The choir sings: Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. (Rev 1:5,6)

from the holy gospels

Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The assembly is invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

The Reverend Lena Warren

Silence is kept after the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.



the apostles' creed
(4th century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The assembly kneels or sits to pray.

prayers of the people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The assembly responds to each petition.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

prayer for racial justice

Grant us today, O God, that fearlessness that rests on confidence in the ultimate rightness of things. Let us be afraid neither of mere physical hurt, nor of the unfashionableness of color and diversity, nor of the unpopularity of our cause; let us turn toward the battle of life undismayed and above all when we have fought the good fight grant us to face the shadow of death with the same courage that has let us live, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the peace (john 20:19)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is invited to pass the peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, please feel free to cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting. Following the peace, the assembly sits.

MEAL

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offertory

Unclouded Day

Josiah K. Alwood (1828-1909) arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, o they tell me of a home far away; o they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise; o they tell me of an uncloudy day.

O the land of cloudless days, o the land of an unclouded sky. O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise, o they tell me of an uncloudy day.

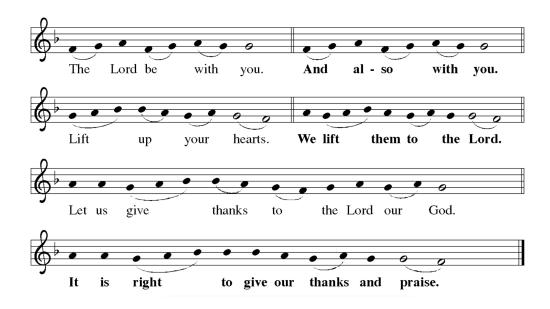
O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, o they tell me of that land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance thro' the uncloudy day.

O they tell me of a King in His beauty there, and they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where He sits on the throne that is whiter than snow, in the city that is made of gold.

offertory prayer Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

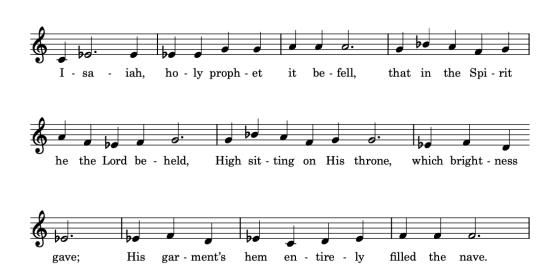
the great thanksgiving



the proper preface

The presider continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you. . . and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. . .

Sanctus (from The New Liturgy of the Holy Trinity by Elizabeth Gartman)





eucharistic prayer You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of our mothers and fathers, the return from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me. The assembly may bow.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me. The assembly may bow.

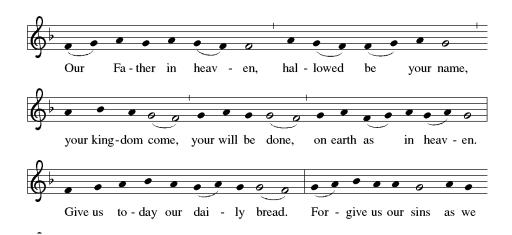
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

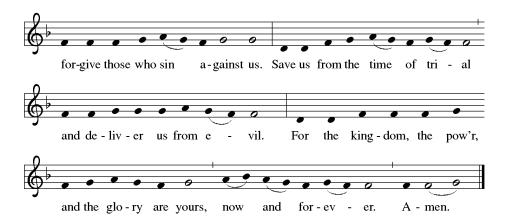
Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup, we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us, his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb and his victory over death, welcoming all the saints to the fullness of the resurrection.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, a glimpse of life eternal where there is no death, neither tragedy nor fear. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. And let the church say, **Amen!**

the lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)





the invitation (psalm 34:8)

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly sits until invited forward by an usher.

All are welcome at this table. This is not a Lutheran, Episcopal, or a Roman Catholic table; it is God's table and all are invited to receive. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the table near the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is open when you are ready.

communion motet Jauchzet dem Hernn, alle Welt!

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.



The assembly stands.

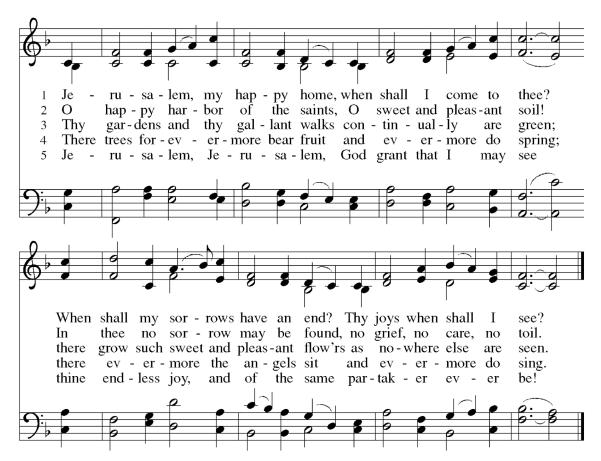
prayer after communion

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

final blessing (1 Thessalonians 5)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



dismissal

The Mass is ended.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sits for the postlude.

postlude Toccata

Anne Wilson

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WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

If you are new to Holy Trinity, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshiped here a thousand times or today is your first time, there will always be a place for you here.

Restrooms are located on the lower level.

Please follow safe church practices during worship and other activities at Holy Trinity. Parents and guardians, please do not allow children to go anywhere in the building unattended. Thank you for your help in keeping Holy Trinity a safe place for all people.

During the passing of the peace, you may greet those around you in whatever way is most comfortable to you. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, you may cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting.

After Mass, **please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Community Room located on the lower level.

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