

MASS | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 1st 2026

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

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.

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AT HOLY TRINITY

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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.

ABOUT THE
LENTEN ORGAN
MUSIC

For this year's Lenten organ music series, we will work our way through Hugo Distler's *30 Spielstücke* (30 pieces) from 1938. This is a collection of small, simple, pared-down pieces that pack a lot of musical material. The *Spielstücke* were written in the last few years of his life, and represent his approach to composition that favored music as a tangible and transparent mix of harmony and counterpoint to be interpreted by players and audiences rather than full of abstract associations with emotions and subjectivity. This complete playing is dedicated to the life of Distler, who was committed to anti-fascism and took his own life on All Saints Day, 1942 at the age of 34, after the Hitler-Jugend announced they would force him to use his church music as a vehicle for state propaganda since he refused to fight for the Third Reich.

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PASTOR	The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

prelude	30 Spielstücke, Op. 18	Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
	VII. Rasche	
	VIII. Zurückhaltende	
	IX. Ruhig gehende	

confession and
forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

The assembly may kneel or stand.

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.

The presider announces God's forgiveness.

At the entrance of the cross, the assembly rises in body or spirit; turn to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.

greeting

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



And al - so with you.

kyrie

(Martin Luther)



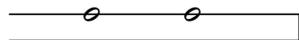
1. Je - sus Christ im - pris - oned sin, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!
2. He, the sin - less Sav - ior born, Chri - ste e - le - i - son!
3. Life and Grace are in his hands; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!



Con - quered death and now is ris - en. Ky - ri - e! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!
Bore God's wrath and rec - on - ciled us. Chri - ste! Chri - ste e - le - i - son!
He can res - cue all who seek him. Ky - ri - e! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

prayer of
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

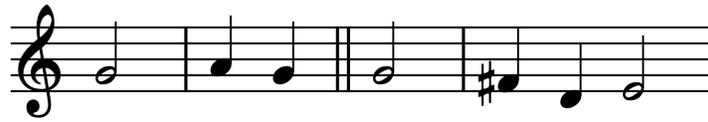
⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.

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



*I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?*

My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

from the
christian
scriptures

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

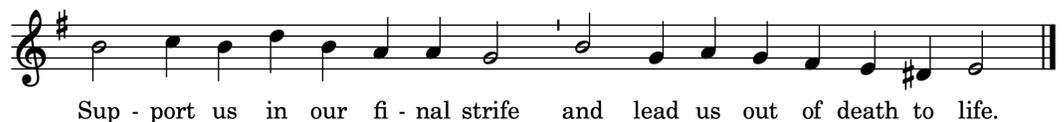
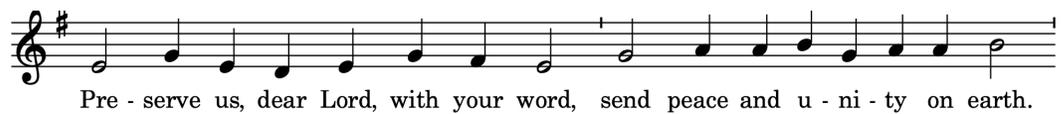
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



The choir sings: The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

from the
holy gospels

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

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

hymn of the day
#323

“God loved the world”

ROCKINGHAM OLD

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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
(W. E. B. Du Bois)

Lord make us mindful of the little things that grow and blossom in the dark to make the world beautiful. Teach us to reverence in this world not simply the great and impressive but all that is minute and humble. And as we worship these, so in our lives let us strive not for the masterful and spectacular but for the good and true, not for the thunder but for the still small voice of duty, 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.

M E A L

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offertory

De profundis

Ritz Rakotomalala (b. 1981)

*From the depths, I have cried out to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
My soul has hoped in the Lord.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

offertory
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great
thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - - ry:
Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
 Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

eucharistic
 prayer

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust repeat the ancient song: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

You took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

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.

Let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O blessed and triune God; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. And let the church say, **Amen!**

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



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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
music

The Darkest Hour, parts III & IV

Harold Moore (1870-1941)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Narrator: *Then cometh Jesus with them to a place called Gethsamane, and saith unto His disciples:*

Jesus: *My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch, while I shall pray.*

Narrator: *And He went forward a little, and fell on His face, and prayed.*

Jesus: *Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me. Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.*

Narrator: *And when He rose up from praying, and was come again to His disciples He found them sleeping for sorrow. And He went away again a second time and prayed.*

Jesus: *Father, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me. O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.*

Narrator: *He cometh again the third time, and saith unto them.*

Jesus: *Sleep on now, and take your rest, it is enough, the hour is come. Behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, and let us go. Lo! He that betrayeth Me is at hand.*

Narrator: *And while He yet spake cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves. And they laid their hands on Him, and took Him.*

communion hymn
#803

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

HAMBURG

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
 communion
 (Martin Luther)

Let us pray. **O Lord our God, who has commanded us to commemorate your passion, grant that we may so use this sacrament of your body and blood that daily and abundantly we may experience in ourselves your salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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,**

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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

30 Spielstücke, Op. 18

Hugo Distler

X. Mäßig rasche

XI. Ruhige

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YOUR PRAYERS

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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.

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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.

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

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