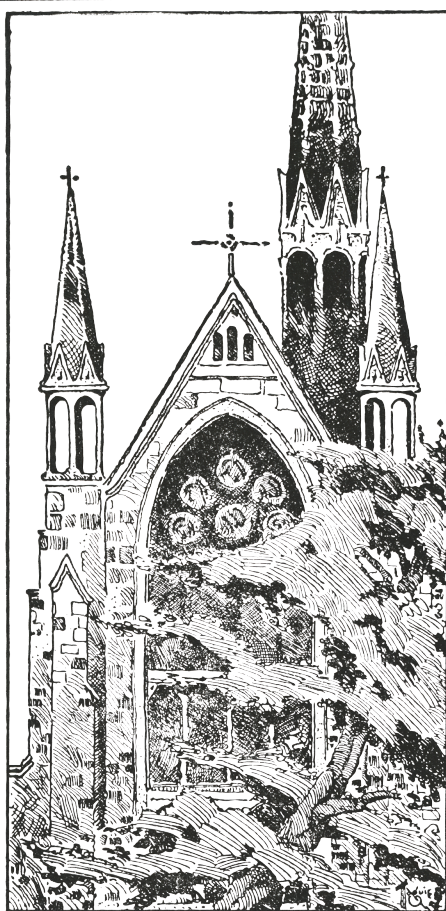


**The Evangelical
Lutheran Church Of The
Holy Trinity**
Central Park West, at 65th St., New York



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Welcome to Holy Trinity

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 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 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 is being live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness may be captured and shared. 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.

Special thanks to:

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JOSEPH GEDEON, *Usher*

TOM BARRITT, *Digital Sacristan*

TIM CAGE, *Coffee Hour*

AUSTIN PHILEMON, *Director of Music*

THE REV'D TIMOTHY WEISMAN, *Pastor*



Gathering

Prelude—Morceaux de fantaisie, Op.3 SERGEI RACHMANINOFF
III. Prélude

Hymn 886—“Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing” AZMON

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.



And al - so with you.

Hymn of Praise—"German Gloria"

ALLEIN GOTT



- 1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who
- 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we
- 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of
- 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who



has the world be - friend - ed; to us no harm shall
give you praise and hon - or; we wor - ship you; we
God, cre - a - tion's au - thor, re - deem - er of your
brings us con - so - la - tion: to men and wom - en



now come nigh, the strife at last is
trust in you; we give you thanks for -
wan - d'ring ones, and source of all true
saved by Christ as - sure your in - spir -



end - - ed. God shows good - will to
- ev - - er. Your will is per - fect,
plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
- ra - - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled
and your might re - lent - less - ly con -
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life -



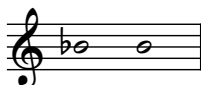
sin - ners call. Thank God for grace and
- firms the right; your lord - ship is our
your de - sign, and on us all have
- giv - ing breath; our lives are in your



mer - cy!
bless - ing.
mer - cy.
keep - ing. A - - - - - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

Word

From the Hebrew Scriptures

GENESIS 50:7-22

⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father [Jacob]. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their

flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. ⁹ Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company.

¹⁰ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation, and he observed a time of mourning for his father seven days.

¹¹ When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.” Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. ¹² Thus his sons did for him as he had instructed them. ¹³ They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. ¹⁴ After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

²² So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father’s household, and Joseph lived one hundred ten years.

Silence is kept.

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

Psalm 67 *A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.*



May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's | face shine upon us.
Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health | among all nations.

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all | the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all | the
nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all | the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our | own God, has blessed us.

May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of | the earth stand in awe.

From the Christian Scriptures

ROMANS II:I-2A, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



The cantor sings: “Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people.” (MATT. 4:23)

From the Holy Gospels

MATTHEW 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out

into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Sermon—The Rev'd Timothy Weisman

Hymn 807—“Come thou fount of every blessing” NETTLETON

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.

Prayers of the People *The assembly remains standing to pray.*

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 REV'D DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life and not give in. We thank you for our foreparents, who've given us something in the midst of the darkness of exploitation and oppression to keep going. Grant that we will go on with the proper faith and the proper determination of will, so that we will be able to make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

Peace *The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

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

In addition to giving toward the ministry of Holy Trinity as the offering plates are being passed, you can:

- Scan the QR code to the right;
- Venmo @holytrinitynyc;
- Send a Zelle to office@holytrinitynyc.org;
- Give to Holy Trinity through a Donor-advised Fund by searching for our EIN: 13-1685538.



Offertory—"Weh der Seele" from Cantata 102

J.S. BACH

Luke Paulino, countertenor

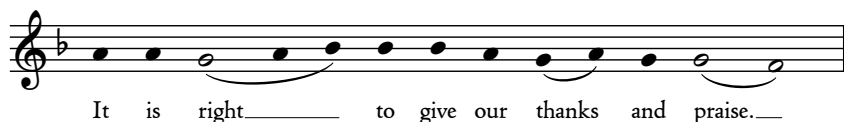
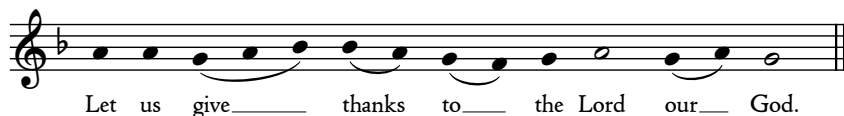
Woe to the soul, which no longer recognizes guilt,
and inviting punishment on itself, runs obstinately,
indeed, even from the grace of God separating itself.

Offertory prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. Take these offerings, we pray,

as our protest against all that is evil and impoverished, trivial and tyrannical, that we and all the world might know ourselves to be blessed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

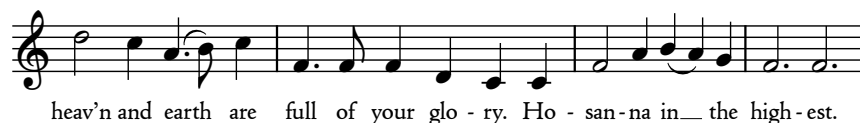
Great Thanksgiving *The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*



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





Eucharistic prayer

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.

All through our weary years and our silent tears, you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love. When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us. When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us. When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us. Through your holy prophets you called us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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.*

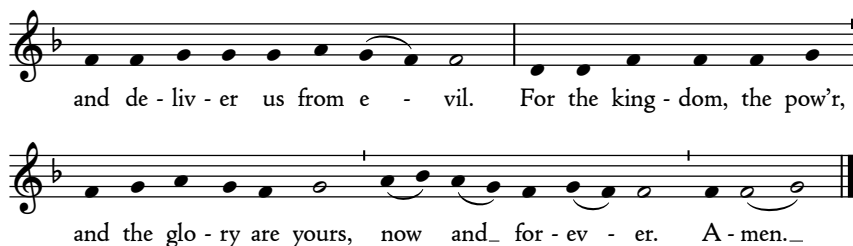
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his eating with outcasts and sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

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!**

Lord's prayer

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



Invitation

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 small 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.

Music—Ein Engel

SOFIA GUBAIDULINA

An angel walks unseen through our city,
To gather love for the one who has gone home—
He who loved his neighbor even more than himself. –

A single tear for the beloved soul,
An eye that shines for his spirit,
A pure word from the crimson petal of your lips—

For him, to whom all confided their sorrows;
In his stern comfort, his deed was already revealed.

Hymn 610—"O Christ the healer, we have come"

DISTRESS

The assembly stands.

Prayer after communion

MARTIN LUTHER

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we are not worthy that you should come under this roof, but we have no other confidence than this, that we have heard the sweet words of invitation to your table, and you have promised us forgiveness of sins through your body and blood. Let it be to us according to your word. 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.

Hymn 650—"In Christ there is no east or west"

MCKEE

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—Morceaux de fantaisie, Op.3 SERGEI RACHMANINOFF
IV. Polichinelle

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TRINITY TIDINGS

Prayers

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memory or celebration of a loved one, email
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Welcome

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

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lower level.

Please follow safe church practices
while visiting Holy Trinity. Par-
ents 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.

After Mass, please join us for
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