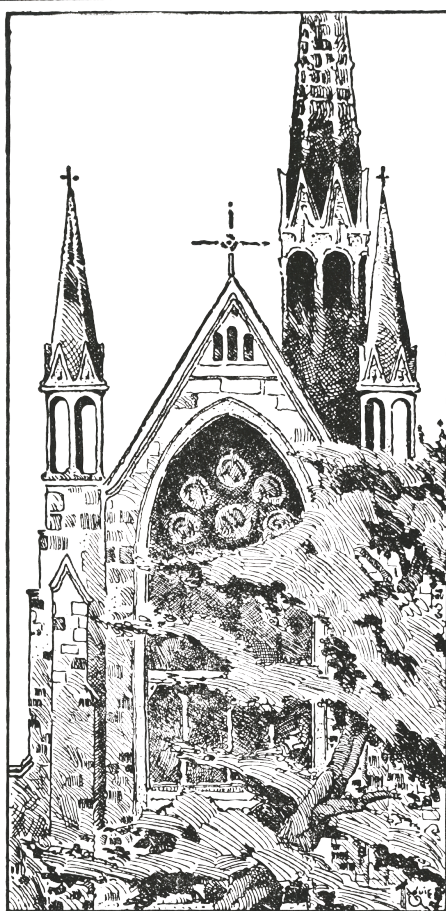


**The Evangelical
Lutheran Church Of The
Holy Trinity**
Central Park West, at 65th St., New York



The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 6, 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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DOUGLASS & GAYLE SEATON, *Altar Guild*

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GAYLE & DOUGLASS SEATON, *Coffee Hour*

ANDREJ KOUZNETSOV, *Guest pianist*

AUSTIN PHILEMON, *Director of Music*

THE REV'D TIMOTHY WEISMAN, *Pastor*



Gathering

Prelude— Suite bourguignonne, Op. 17

LOUIS VIERNE

II. Idylle

Hymn 522—"As we gather at your table"

IN BABILONE

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



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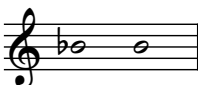
sin - ners call. Thank God for grace and
 - firms the right; your lord - ship is our
 your de - sign, and on us all have
 - giv - ing breath; our lives are in your



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

Word

From the Hebrew Scriptures

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from

their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Silence is kept.

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

Psalm 119 *A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.*



Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.
Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.

From the Christian Scriptures

ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



The cantor sings: "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. " (2 COR. 5:19)

From the Holy Gospels

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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.

¹⁵ [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Sermon—The Rev'd Timothy Weisman

Hymn 603—“God, when human bonds are broken” MERTON

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

IN THE SPIRIT OF JAMES BALDWIN

God of justice, give us the eyes to see where injustice is happening around us. God of victory, give us the lips to speak words that demand accountability and responsibility from the powers of this world. God of courage, give us the spirit of boldness to stand up for what is right, even if it is difficult. Show us paths of participation in the peace of our world, that we may be messengers of your good word. **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—"Simple Song" from *Mass*

LEONARD BERSTEIN

Brian Rodriguez, tenor

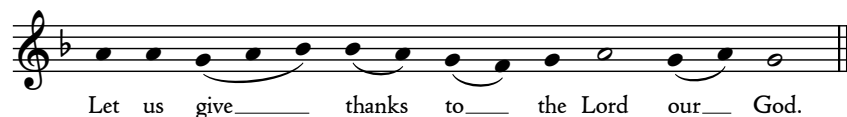
Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude... Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude... Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live. All of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, Lauda, Laude... And walks His ways.

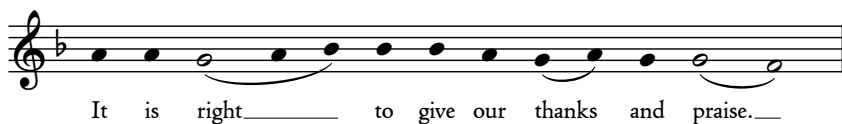
I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade up on my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude... and walks His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda, Lauda di da di day... All of my days.

Offertory prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

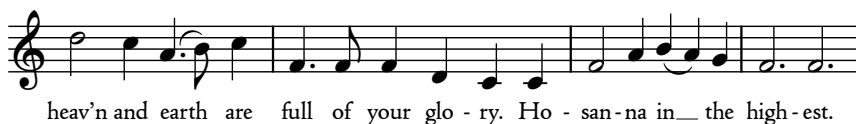




Proper Preface *The presider continues:*

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

Most Holy God, your Spirit fashioned us from the beginning, created us from the dust of the ground, and breathed upon us; and all creation too was enlivened by your Spirit, making life by your work of love.

Nothing living is untouched by your Spirit or without your gift of grace; the earth is full of your treasures great and small are the

works of your hands. Everywhere we behold your glory and the abundance of your Spirit; by the same Spirit we are molded together into one fellowship of life such that everything speaks of you and every speck of dust is transfused with glory.

You set us in the midst of life to care and serve, and to walk humbly with you and trust in your Spirit, but we have betrayed that trust and have served ourselves worshiping our own image and frustrating your Spirit within us. Only your Son filled with the Spirit has set us free and liberated us to walk again in newness of life, and the Spirit of your Son still cries in our hearts so that all creation may be free again with your love.

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.

Through the Holy Spirit we pray that these creatures of bread and wine may be to us the very life of your Son in flesh and blood, signs of life renewed for the whole creation. Driven by that same Spirit we confess you, Lord of Life, source of all that is good, beautiful, and true, and we commit ourselves to that life of care manifest in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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
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._

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.

Communion music—Last Rose of Summer BENJAMIN BRITTEN

Brian Rodriguez, tenor

'Tis the last rose of summer, Left blooming alone;
all her lovely companions Are faded and gone;
No flow'r of her kindred, No rosebud is nigh
To reflect back her blushes, Or give sigh for sigh.

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one, To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping, Go, sleep thou with them;
Thus kindly I scatter Thy leaves o'er the bed,
Where thy mates of the garden Lie senseless and dead.

So soon may I follow, When friendships decay,
And from Love's shining circle The gems drop away!
When true hearts lie wither'd. And fond ones are flown,
Oh! who would inhabit This bleak world alone?

Hymn 658—"O Jesus, joy of loving hearts"

WALTON

The assembly stands.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made, through Jesus Christ 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.**

Hymn 864—"Praise, my soul, the God of heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

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—Crépuscule au Lac Ogwen, Op.52 JOSEPH JONGEN

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Prayers

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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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Please follow safe church practices while visiting 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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