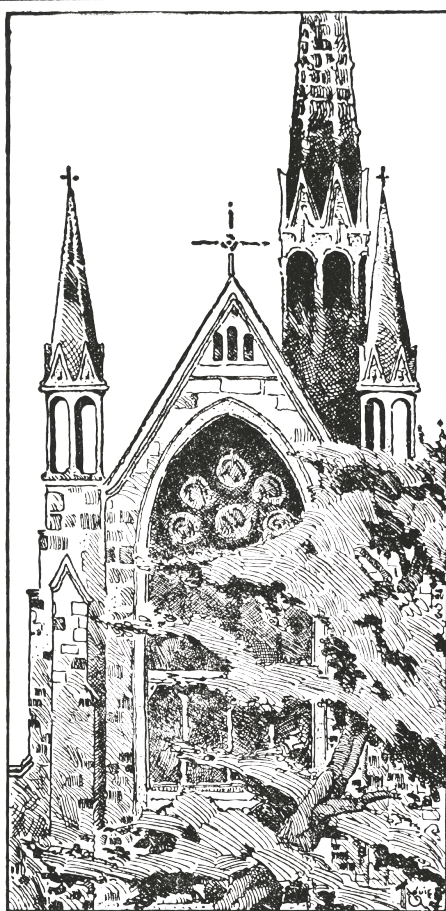


The Evangelical
Lutheran Church Of The
Holy Trinity
Central Park West, at 65th St., New York



The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 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:

JAN LINDEMANN, *Worship Assistant*

DOUGLASS & GAYLE SEATON, *Altar Guild*

LEE HELMS, *Lector*

ROBIN SAMUEL & LEE HELMS, *Ushers*

TOM BARRITT, *Digital Sacristan*

BRUCE & CAROL UELAND, *Coffee Hour*

THE REV'D CRICKET COOPER, *Guest celebrant*

AUSTIN PHILEMON, *Director of Music*

THE REV'D TIMOTHY WEISMAN, *Pastor*



Gathering

Prelude— Der Abend, Op. 4

EGON WELLESZ

I. Pastorale

Hymn 526—"God is here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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



Glo - ry to God in the high —



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the



Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



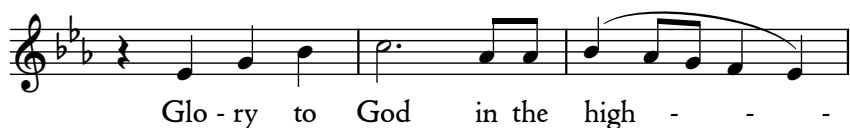
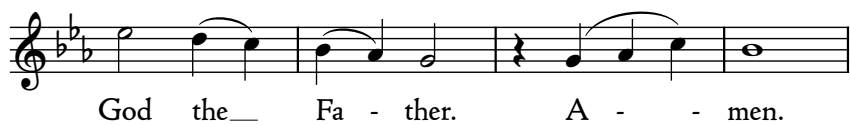
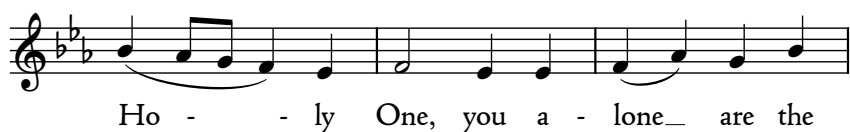
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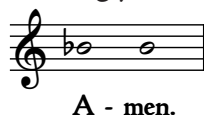


- ceive our our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Word

From the Hebrew Scriptures

EXODUS 14:19-31

⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great

work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Silence is kept.

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

Psalm 103 *A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.*



Bless the | Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, | bless God's holy name.

Bless the | Lord, O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—

who for- | gives all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
who redeems your | life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

who satisfies your de- | sires with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

O Lord, you provide | vindication
and justice for all | who are oppressed.

You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
Lord, you are full of com- | passion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding | in steadfast love;

you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
You have not dealt with us accord- | ing to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

For as the heavens are | high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who | fear you, O Lord.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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



The choir sings: “We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name.” (1 JOHN 2:1, 12)

From the Holy Gospels

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave

fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon—The Rev'd Cricket Cooper

Hymn 482—“I come with joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

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

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. **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—Jubilate deo

C.V. STANFORD

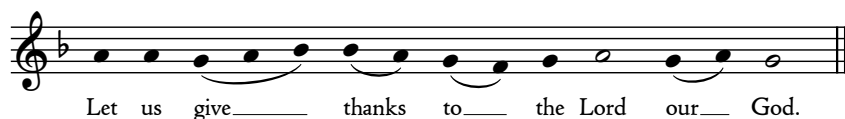
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He
is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are His
people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with
thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gra-
cious, His mercy is everlasting And His truth endureth from generation
to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Word without end,
Amen.

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.**

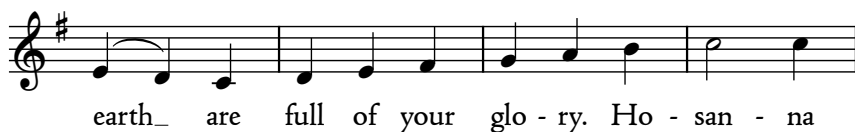
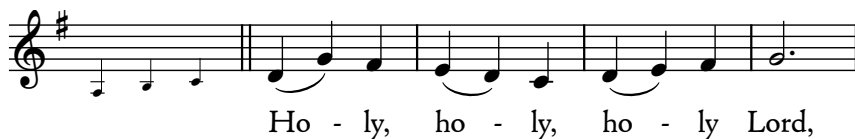
Great Thanksgiving *The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

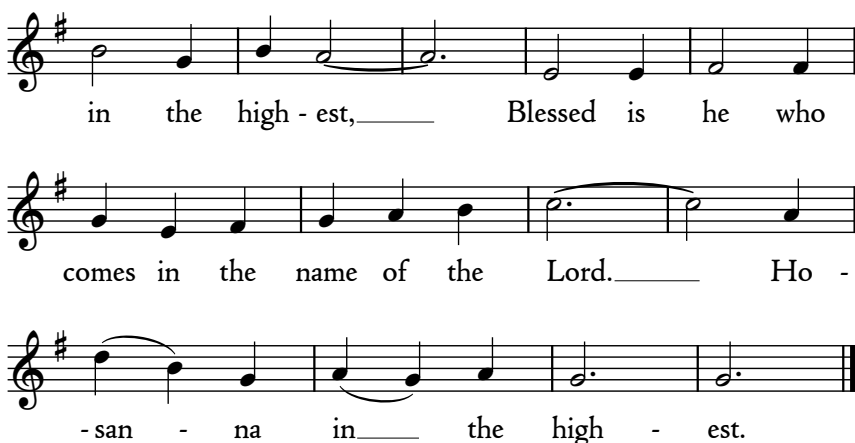


Proper Preface *The presider continues:*

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, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

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.*

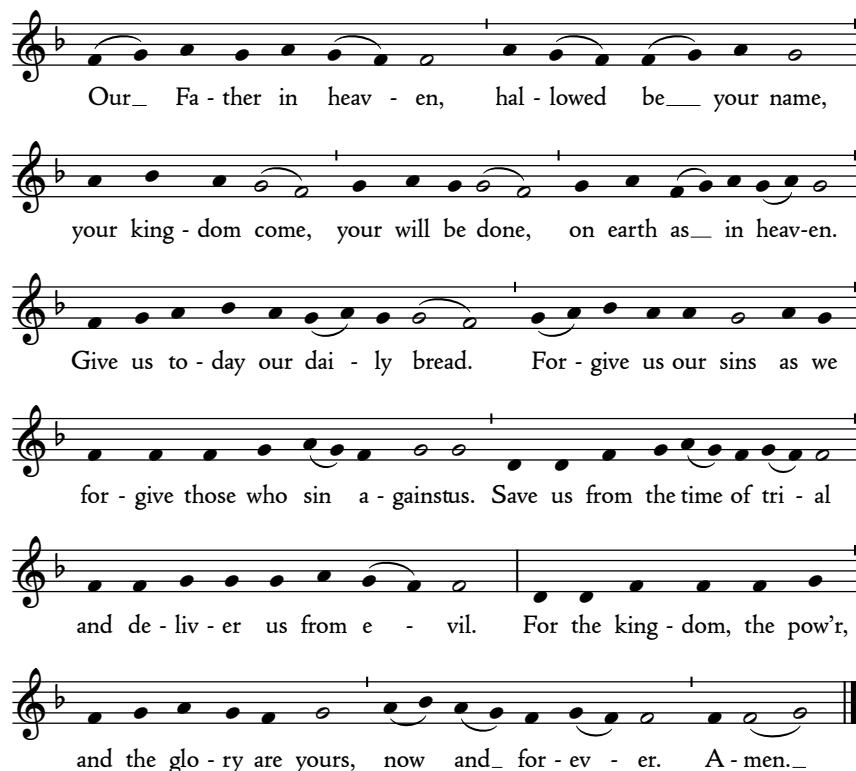
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end, 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—My spirit sang all day GERALD FINZI

My spirit sang all day: O my joy. Nothing my tongue could say,
Only My joy! My heart an echo caught O my joy And spake, Tell
me thy thought, Hide not thy joy. My eyes gan peer around, O my
joy What beauty hast thou found? Shew us thy joy. My jealous ears
grew whist; O my joy Music from heaven is't, Sent for our joy? She
also came and heard; O my joy, What, said she, is this word? What is
thy joy? And I replied, O see, O my joy, 'Tis thee, I cried, 'tis thee:
Thou art my joy.

Hymn 767—"Lord, take my hand and lead me" SO NIMM DENN

The assembly stands.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray. Most merciful God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling us with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Now send us out into the world with the promise of your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 835—"All creatures worship God..." LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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—Der Abend, Op. 4

EGON WELLESZ

IV. Wind auf der Heide

TRINITY TIDINGS

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

DOROTHY BARRITT
STEPHEN SHEA
BONNIE MINGER
JOHN AND JOE K.
DICK BAUMANN
RAPHAEL RUIZ
DEAN WEISMAN
THORVALD SLATER
MIKE RODRIGUEZ
BARBARA TAYLOR
CAROL HARNETT
KATHY VANBLARCUM
PAUL SCHMIDT
RUTH FARRELL
LOUISE PRINTZ
MARILYN JOHNSON
JEREMY LEE
NICK COSMILLO
AMY CLARE WHITAKER
ALICE SANGERMANO
MARTA OKLAND
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THE REV. PAUL SCHMIEGE
HOWARD NELSON
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ANN BRENNAN

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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.

Restrooms are located on the lower level.

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.

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

Find news and announcements in our e-newsletter here 



Reach out to Pastor Tim to let him know you're here today:
pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org.