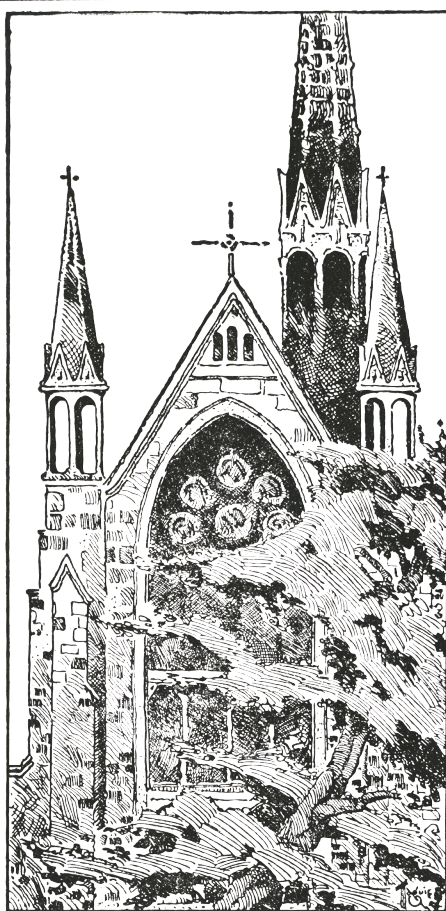


**The Evangelical
Lutheran Church Of The
Holy Trinity**
Central Park West, at 65th St., New York



The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18th, 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:
ROBERT CRUMB, *Worship Assistant & Altar Guild*
JEAN SILLIMAN, *Lector*
SONJA WERMAGER & GAYLE SEATON, *Ushers*
JEREMY FRIEDLAND, *Digital Sacristan*
RACHAEL PARK, *Coffee Hour*
AUSTIN PHILEMON, *Director of Music*
THE REV'D TIMOTHY WEISMAN, *Pastor*



Gathering

Prelude—Suite in e minor JEAN-PHILIPPE RAMEAU
VI. Rigaudon I - Rigaudon II et Double
VII. Musette en rondeau. *Tendrement*

Hymn 757—"All my hope on God is founded" MICHAEL

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



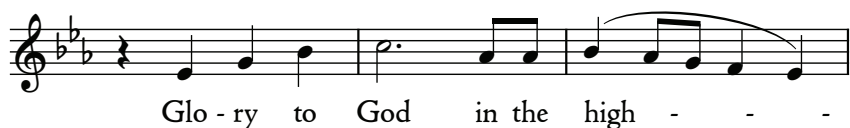
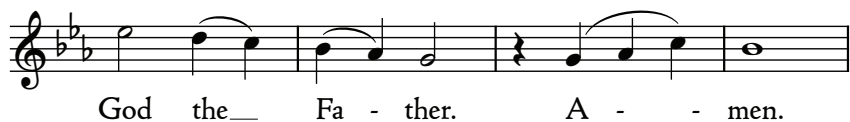
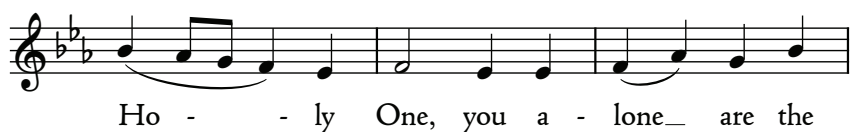
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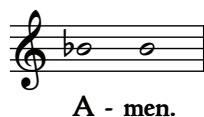


- ceive our our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Word

From the Hebrew Scriptures

ISAIAH 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 *A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.*



Sing to the | Lord a new song;
sing to | the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless the | name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation | from day to day.

Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
For great is the Lord and | greatly to be praised,
more to be | feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.
Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are | in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord | honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor | due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter | the courts of the Lord.

Worship the Lord in the | beauty of holiness;
tremble before the | Lord, all the earth.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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



The choir sings: "Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life." (PHIL. 2:15-16)

From the Holy Gospels

MATTHEW 22:15-22

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 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.

¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon—The Rev'd Timothy Weisman

Hymn 580—“How clear is our vocation, Lord”

REPTON

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.

Eternal God, out of whose mind this great cosmic universe has been created, we are grateful to thee for the challenging opportunities that lie before us; we are not unmindful of our sins and shortcomings; all too often, we have chosen injustice rather than justice, hate rather than love, the low road rather than the high road. Forgive us for yielding to our low impulses. Help us to realize that we are made for the stars and created for eternity. May we commit ourselves to the task of working with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth, and for companionship that transcends race or color. 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—The Storm is Passing Over

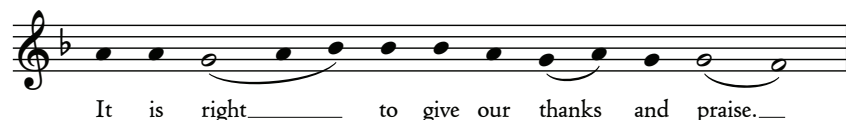
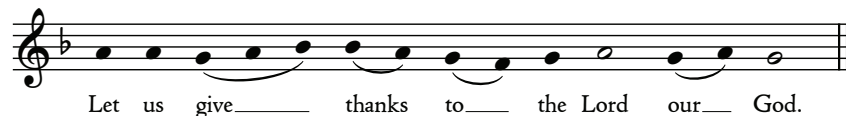
CHARLES TINDLEY

Have courage my soul and let us carry on.
For the night is dark, and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God. The morning light appears.
The storm is passing over, hallelujah.

Offertory prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Almighty God, with joy we bring our thanksgiving, and for all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation and we are only stewards of your bounty, 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, _____ heav - en and

earth _____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est, _____ Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

- san - na in _____ the high - est.

Eucharistic prayer

It is our joy to bless you, Creator of all, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our sight, we especially praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life that informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise and worship you.

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.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words were not enough.

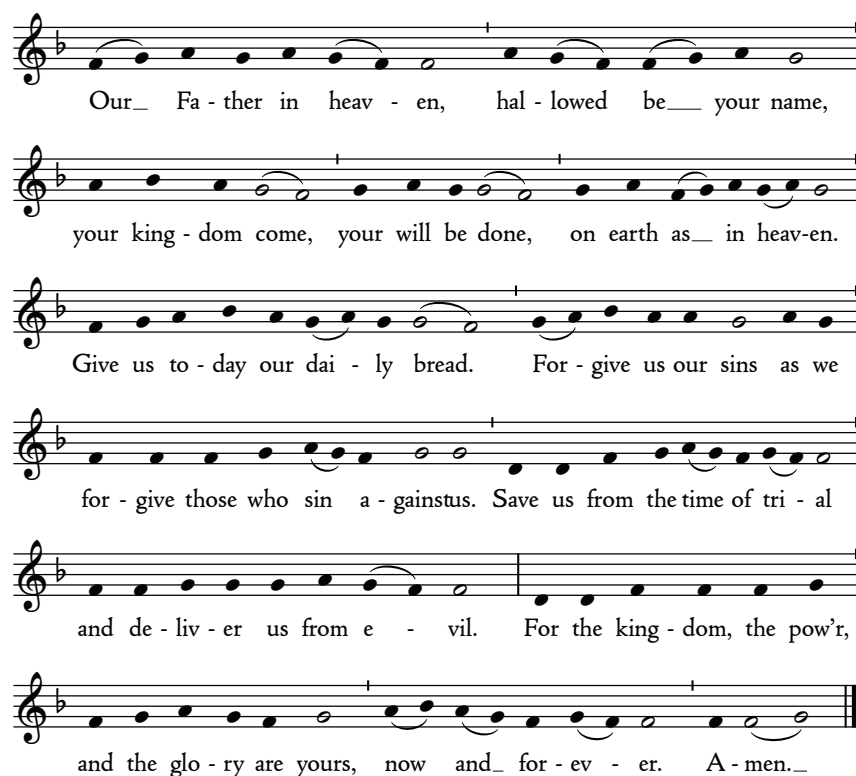
Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving that Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine, and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And then let that same Spirit rest on us, reforming us from the patterns of this passing world, as we become the living body of the one

whose food we now share.

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—Into thy hands

JONATHAN DOVE

Into thy hands O Lord and Father we commend our souls and our bodies, our parents and our homes friends and kindred. Into thy hands O Lord and Father we commend our benefactors and brethren departed. Into thy hands, O Lord and Father, we commend all thy people faithfully believing, all who need thy pity and protection, enlighten us with thy holy grace, and suffer us never more to be separated from thee. Into thy hands O Lord Jesus Christ mercifully grant to me that the rest of my pilgrimage may be directed according to thy will, that the rest of my life may be completed in thee and my soul may deserve to enjoy thee who art eternal life. Into thy hands.

Hymn 686—"We give thee but thine own"

HEATH

The assembly stands.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, 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 705—"God of grace and God of glory" CWM RHONDDA

Dismissal

The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sits for the postlude.

Prelude—Suite in e minor

JEAN-PHILIPPE RAMEAU

VIII. Tambourin

IX. La Villageoise. Rondeau

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
NICK COSMILLO
AMY CLARE WHITAKER
ALICE SANGERMANO
MARTA OKLAND
REV. JUANITA HILLSSENBECK
THE REV. PAUL SCHMIEGE
HOWARD NELSON
JOE CHAPPEL
JEFFREY RICHARDS
MAICAH DELCID
ANN BRENNAN

*If you would like to give altar flowers in 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.

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:
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