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**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

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); 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 everyone holds.

Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation welcoming all persons in Christ's name regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, gender, class or other possible exclusionary distinctions. We seek an active commitment to inclusiveness in membership, evangelism, and social outreach. 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.

UPDATED:  
COVID-19  
SAFETY  
INFORMATION

With the delta variant increasing in prevalence across the United States, the CDC and the NYS Department of Health have updated their guidance to advise wearing a mask indoors if you live in a place with substantial or high coronavirus transmission. (The guidance for people who are unvaccinated remains the same: Always mask up indoors in public places.) Despite high levels of vaccination in Manhattan, we remain in a region with substantial transmission.

Since we returned to in-person worship, the leadership at Holy Trinity has strived to keep you both healthy and at ease while in this sanctuary. In accordance with the latest CDC guidelines, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask at all times inside the building. Yes, we trust the science, and we want the gathered assembly to feel safe and loved. We appreciate your patience and understanding over the weeks and months ahead, as we continue to assure one another and our neighbors that Holy Trinity is a safe place to celebrate our community of faith in Jesus Christ.

A WORD ON  
RECEIVING THE  
EUCCHARIST

All are welcome at this table. Holy Trinity celebrates the Eucharist in both kinds. Pastor Weisman will distribute the bread, and the assisting ministers will distribute small cups containing white wine and red grape juice. **If we are communing with wafers this morning, gluten-free wafers are always available, just ask; if we are using homemade bread, our recipe at Holy Trinity is always gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan.** After receiving the bread, move to the side before removing your mask to partake; do the same after receiving the cup. Then leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

If you do not yet feel at ease receiving the cup, take the bread alone, confident that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is prepared for you and will continue to be open to you when you are ready. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

LIVE  
STREAMING AT  
HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and/or in outreach messaging.

## GATHERING

*At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.*

prelude

*When invited to stand, at this or at any time during this liturgy, please rise either in body or in spirit, as you are able and comfortable.*

*The presider announces the day. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

welcome

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

*During the gathering hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession.*



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

*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 also with you.**

prayer of the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly sits.*

## WORD

from the hebrew  
scriptures

Job 39:1–18

<sup>1</sup>"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

<sup>2</sup>Can you number the months that they fulfill,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,

<sup>3</sup>when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
and are delivered of their young?

<sup>4</sup>Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
they go forth, and do not return to them.

<sup>5</sup>"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

<sup>6</sup>to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling place?

<sup>7</sup>It scorns the tumult of the city;  
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

<sup>8</sup>It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.

<sup>9</sup>"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

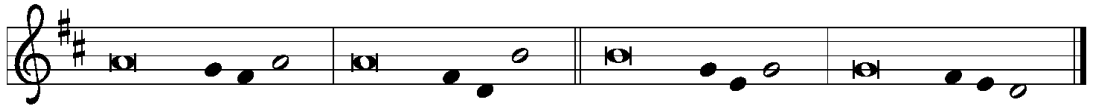
<sup>10</sup>Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?  
<sup>11</sup>Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you hand over your labor to it?  
<sup>12</sup>Do you have faith in it that it will return,  
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?  
<sup>13</sup>"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,  
though its pinions lack plumage.  
<sup>14</sup>For it leaves its eggs to the earth,  
and lets them be warmed on the ground,  
<sup>15</sup>forgetting that a foot may crush them,  
and that a wild animal may trample them.  
<sup>16</sup>It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;  
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;  
<sup>17</sup>because God has made it forget wisdom,  
and given it no share in understanding.  
<sup>18</sup>When it spreads its plumes aloft,  
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

*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.*



<sup>1</sup>*I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?*

<sup>2</sup>*My help comes | from the Lord,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.*

<sup>3</sup>*The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.*

<sup>4</sup>*Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;*

<sup>5</sup>*the Lord watches | over you;  
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;*

<sup>6</sup>*the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.*

<sup>7</sup>*The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.*

<sup>8</sup>*The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.*

*Silence is kept.*

from the holy gospel Matthew 11:25–30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Silence is kept.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

homily

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

*Silence is kept following the homily. The assembly stands to sing.*



blessing of  
the animals

*All who have brought pets or animals may bring  
them forward for a blessing.*

Simple Song (from Mass)

Austin Cody, tenor

Leonard Bernstein

(1918-1990)

*Sing God a simple song  
Lau da lau de*

*Make it up, as you go along  
Lau da lau de  
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  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his way  
I will lift up my eyes*

*To the hills from whence comes my help  
I will lift my voice to the Lord  
Singing lau da lau de  
For the lord, is my shade*

*Is the shade upon my right hand  
And the sun shall not smite me by day  
For the Lord my knight  
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his name*

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.**

the peace

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Following the peace, the assembly sits.*

MEAL

*To give towards the ministry of Holy Trinity, go to  
[tinyurl.com/giveHT](https://tinyurl.com/giveHT), scan the QR code to the right, or  
there's an offering receptacle near the entrance.*



offertory

*When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.*

offertory  
prayer

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.**

the great  
thanksgiving

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is + the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues with the Words of Institution.*

the lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

the 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.*

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*The assembly stands.*

blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

prayer after  
 communion

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of 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.**

*During the sending hymn, the assembly turns to face the procession, as we physically orient ourselves towards the street and world in which we now take the Gospel.*

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Refrain*  
 God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

dismissal

The Mass is ended.  
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL THANKS TO

USHERS & COFFEE HOUR **Suzanne and Robert Hoglund**

ALTAR GUILD **Frank & Kathy Meyer**

DIGITAL SACRISTAN **Tom Barritt**

## WELCOME

Please remember  
in your prayers

Ed Hannah  
Erin Roben  
Ahmad Haroon  
Dorothy Barritt  
Dolores Fernandez  
Betty & Duane  
Jennie  
Stephen Shea  
Joyce  
Marie Mutz  
Megan McCloskey  
Sawyer Bartell  
Jan Lindemann  
Barbara French  
Maria Jacobson  
Lory Larsen  
Leo Wright

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**If you would like to give altar flowers** in memory of a loved one or in commemoration of an event, contact Tommy Bricco at [tommy@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:tommy@holytrinitynyc.org).

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

## WORSHIP

This morning **Holy Trinity celebrates the Feast of St. Francis with a Blessing of the Animals**. We give thanks for all creatures great and small who have blessed our lives with their companionship.

Coffee Hour continues in our air conditioned Community Room. **Out of love for our neighbors and for the health of this community, we ask that only persons fully vaccinated against COVID-19 participate in Coffee Hour at this time.** The Community Room is located in the basement; stairs are located on either side near the front doors.

**Evening Prayer is on Tuesdays** at 6 p.m. on Zoom. The link is sent each Tuesday afternoon to our email list. Not getting emails from Holy Trinity? Sign up at [tinyurl.com/signupHT](https://tinyurl.com/signupHT).

An in-person mid-week **Mass is back at Holy Trinity on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** As long as there's viewership, it will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel as well, and the link will be sent each *Tuesday* afternoon along with the link to Evening Prayer. Not getting emails? Sign up at [tinyurl.com/signupHT](https://tinyurl.com/signupHT).

## COMMUNITY

**Are you considering membership at Holy Trinity?** From time to time, Pastor Tim puts together an orientation for new members. In addition to participating in the life of the congregation, members of Holy Trinity are given opportunities for leadership in this church. If you're interested in more information about what membership means here, email [pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org](mailto:pastortim@holytrinitynyc.org).

On Sundays at 12:45 p.m., **we're continuing a DVD lecture series called "Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation."** This series consists of 24 thirty-minute lectures, each followed by discussion prompts. We'll roll tape beginning at 12:45 p.m. and work our way

## At a Glance

### **Evening Prayer**

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.  
*via Zoom*

### **Mid-week Mass**

Wednesdays at  
6:30 p.m.  
*in-person and online*

### **Bach Vespers resumes**

Sunday, 10/31  
5:00 p.m.  
*Holy Trinity Nave*

through the lectures as we are able; feel free to stay after Coffee Hour when you can to participate.

**Our generosity at work!** Earlier this year, Holy Trinity initiated a Lenten Penitential Offering through which we hoped to raise \$20,000 to support two of our important ministries: H.U.G. and the Women's Shelter. We were thrilled to receive nearly \$25,000 plus an additional small grant. Because of your generosity we have done the following:

- We built a shower for our shelter guests
- We installed air conditioning to keep the Community Room cool
- Our kitchen range has been repaired and evaluated with a plan for keeping it going for the future
- Both H.U.G. and Shelter are financially "in the black" with funds to relaunch these ministries

Thank you for your support!

## UPCOMING EVENTS • • >

### **Bach Vespers is back in person and livestream beginning on**

**Sunday, October 31st at 5pm.** To view the announcement letter and Autumn/Advent calendar, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bb3asc98>. The organ recital originally scheduled for October 17 has been postponed to March 20, 2022.

For 43 years, H.U.G. (Human Understanding & Growth) at Holy Trinity has served a meal on Saturday afternoons, providing conversation and inclusivity to our neighbors on the Upper West Side. **H.U.G. returned on Saturday, October 25, and will resume again on Saturday, October 9.** We're excited to welcome our neighbors and bring back this ministry with hope and strength.

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Send your announcements to [pastortim@holyltrinitynyc.org](mailto:pastortim@holyltrinitynyc.org). Content must be received by **Tuesday at noon** for inclusion in the next bulletin and e-newsletter.

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