



**TRINITY**  
**STATEN ISLAND**

## **Holy Eucharist**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 • 10:30 AM

## Holy Eucharist

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about this community Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God's grace and mercy.

*Please silence all electronic devices before the service.*

*You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.*

## GATHERING

prelude

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

moment of reflection

*Please stand for Confession and Forgiveness*

confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*A moment of silence is observed*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community,**

**but we have served our own interests**

**at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**

**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**

**that we may do justice, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away,

and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,

and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

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gathering hymn "Thy Strong Word" (ELW 511)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976

Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944; arr. Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010

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.**

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

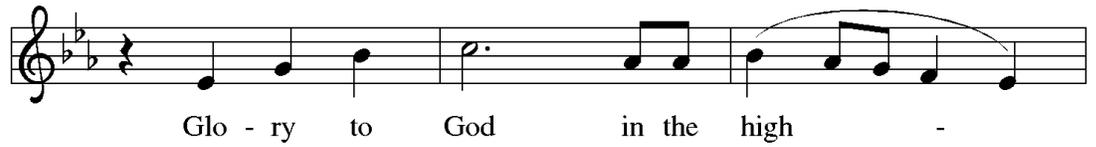
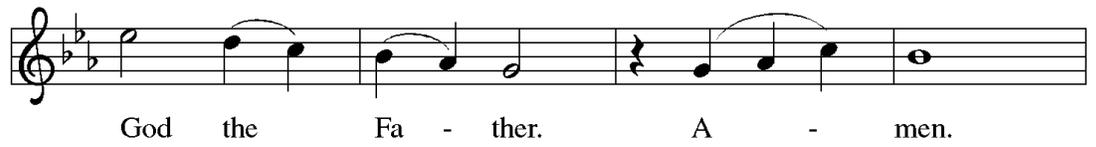
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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prayer of the day

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*All are seated*

children's message

*Children are invited to come forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie*

## WORD

first reading Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

psalm 27: 1, 4-9 *The Psalm is said responsively with the Assisting Minister*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- <sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell  
in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon  
the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high  
upon a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who  
surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the  
LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O  
LORD, I will seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God  
of my salvation.

second reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.***All stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

gospel acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

*Please stand for the Hymn of the Day*

hymn of the day "Will You Come and Follow Me" (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: Scottish traditional

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the apostles' creed

**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. Amen.**

prayers *The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*  
...Merciful God  
**receive our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers, the pastor says*  
Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

peace The peace and joy of Jesus Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*During the passing of the peace, many will shake hands, hug, or simply make a peace sign*

*After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated*

announcements *Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements*

offering *The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.*



instrumental offertory

*Please stand for the Presentation of the Offering*

presentation of the offering "As with Gladness Men of Old" (ELW 302, vs 3)

3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

*The assisting minister leads us in prayer*

offering prayer Let us pray.  
 God of majesty,  
 no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
 what you have prepared for those who love you,  
 yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
 Use what we have gathered  
 to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

the great thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.**

preface 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, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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.

*the communion setting is  
 Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
 Setting One*

thanksgiving at the table

Blessed are you, O God,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 You rescued your covenant people,  
 led them on all their journeys,  
 and taught them by the prophets.  
 You so loved the world  
 that you gave your only Son,  
 so that everyone who believes in him  
 may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

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 for all people

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for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

the lord's prayer    Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

invitation to communion Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.*

agnus dei

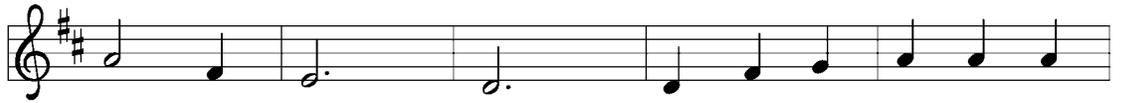
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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communion hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (ELW 815)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: Kathleen Thomerson

*After communion, all stand and receive the blessing*

table blessing    May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ strengthen us and  
keep us in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

*The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer*

prayer after communion    Let us pray.  
Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

blessing    May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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sending hymn "Christ Be Our Light" (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

dismissal Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Presider	Pr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Ministers	Cara Kay (liturgy) and Stephan Thimme (readings)
Pianist	Joe Kubera
Altar Guild	Lorraine & Richard Schrader
Usher	Ruth Saliski & Helene Blatt
Counters	Judy Bombardi & Jeanette Richardson
Livestream Tech	Peyton Bloom

IN OUR PRAYERS

The O'Loughlin friends and family, family and friends of Pat Zulch, Justin Solomon, Cindy Roberti, James Ciccolella, Sean Reardon, Lori Homan, Dianne Bombardi, Joseph Campitiello, Barbie Parker, Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Denise Melious, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, and Carmen Aponte

For those in our armed services, especially  
Joshua Lentini, Sgt. George E Turner, and the US Army

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