GATHERING
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude
“Communion” Gordon Young
*The Confession & Forgiveness
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The 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.
*The Kyrie (spoken)
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

*The Prayer of the Day
Sovereign God, raised 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. Amen.

The First Lesson
Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
   whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
   and 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 surname you, 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.

Psalm 96

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 among the nations and God's wonders among 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 or 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. 

Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.” 

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. 

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth. 

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.
The Second Lesson

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 inspired by 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 the people of those regions 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 wrath that is
coming.

*The Gospel Acclamation (spoken in unison)
Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world; holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.
(Philippians 2:15, 16)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him 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 the emperor, 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, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the
emperor the things that are the emperor’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.

Sermon

“WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?”

Solo

“Now In This Banquet” Marty Haugen
soloists - 8:45 a.m. (Steven House) 11:00 a.m. (Amy Goodson)
*The Nicene Creed
  We believe in one God,
  The Father, the Almighty,
  Maker of heaven and earth,
  Of all that is, seen and unseen.

  We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
  The only Son of God,
  Eternally begotten of the Father,
  God from God, Light from Light,
  True God from true God,
  Begotten, not made,
  Of one Being with the Father;
  Through him all things were made.
  For us and for our salvation
  He came down from heaven,
  Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
  And became truly human.
  For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
  He suffered death and was buried.
  On the third day he rose again
  In accordance with the scriptures;
  He ascended into heaven
  And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
  He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
  And his kingdom will have no end.
  We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
  Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
  Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
  Who has spoken through the prophets.
  We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
  We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
  We look for the resurrection of the dead,
  And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Blessing of the gifts of Time and Talent and Pledges

The Prayers of Intercession
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 Minister concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”

MEAL
*The Prayer    (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving
  L. The Lord be with you.
  C. And also with you.
L. Lift up your hearts.
C. We lift them to the Lord.
L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Words of Institution
*The Lord’s Prayer
L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
C. 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 Communion
  (Continuous method-Please follow directions of the ushers)
*The Communion Blessing
*Prayer after Communion

SENDING
*The Blessing
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

The Dismissal
   Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
   Response: **Thanks be to God!**
Postlude  
   **“The God Of Abraham Praise”**  - Jewish Melody

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Paul and Diane Wagner to the honor and glory of God.
Minister…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………The Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist………………………………………………………………………………………………………………Jill Helgeson
Acolytes…………………………………………[…][E] Bowen Strang (L) Bree Plesko
Lectors……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………(E) Gail Cannon (L) Dave Korn
Assisting Ministers……………………………………………………………………………………………………(E) Suzie Bannister (L) Dave Korn
Soloist…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………(E) Steven House (L) Amy Goodson
Video/IT Engineer………………………………………………………………………………………………………Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………Dan & Lori Jacobson

Ushers:
(E) Mike Oates, Chris Caldwell
(L) Mike Oates, Allan Cole

Church Secretary………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Pat Ross
President …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Sid Stokes
Vice-President………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Amy Goodson
Treasurer………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Diane Richardson
Council Secretary……………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Beth Cribbe

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
October 18 - October 24

TODAY
8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
Trick-Or-Treat-So-Others-May-Eat (after Late Worship)

MON.
Pastor to attend Convocation (Lutheridge, NC) October 19 - 21

WED.
10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED – October 11, 2020 Operating Fund $3,873.00, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund $40.00, WELCA Memorial 20.00, Quilt Postage Fund $20.00, Endowment Fund $875.00

ATTENDANCE Sunday Worship Services –October 11 – 8:45 a.m. (39) 11:00 a.m. (34)
PRAYER LIST
10/11 Betty Vanesse
10/11 Jack Butler
10/11 Chris Maxwell
10/06 The Family of Kelsey Dove Bowman
10/06 Kathy Weeks
10/6 Benjamin Emanuel
10/6 Steven Goodson
10/6 Nancy Elliot
10/6 Jenna Redman
10/6 Lida Woolery
10/6 The Family of Jerald Ray Helgeson
9/27 The Family of Leona Sexton
9/27 Susan Straup
9/27 Kelsey Dove Bowman
9/27 The Family of Bryan Hill
9/20 Anita Brady
9/20 Jack Roehrs
9/20 Kevin Eldridge
9/13 Andrea Locke
9/13 Rette Stokes
9/13 The Family of Mary Williams
9/13 Robert Metz
9/13 Buddy Metz
9/13 The Family of Mark Neuman
9/13 Erik & Rachel Smith
9/6 Richard Yardumian
8/30 Angie Dean
8/30 Leon Chute
8/30 The Family of Carolyn Bergman
8/23 Ray & Gay Dunlap
8/23 Paul Sturtz
8/23 Holden Mullen

SPONSORS
Congregation
Betty Williams
Dick Hazelwood
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Tom Weeks
The Emanuel Family
Beth Fischer
Beth Fischer
Amy Goodson
Tom Weeks
Bob Straup
Johnnie Hunnicutt
Congregation
Congregation
Jane Potter
Jackie McConnell
Sid Stokes
Congregation
Mike & Bobbi Metz
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Dave & Nancy Korn
Dave & Nancy Korn
Paula Boller
Congregation
Janice Rice
John & Vicki Lybrand
Jeff & Roz Eckardt

Assisted Living, Nursing Home, or Shut-in:
Elizabeth Vanesse, 1501 E. Greenville Street, Room 235A Anderson, SC 29621
Marion Howell, 3501 N. Highway 81, Apt. 333, Anderson, SC 29621
Jake & Ellen Walters, 510 Drayton Circle, Anderson, SC 29621
Elizabeth Herron, PO Box 132, Starr, SC 29684
Jean Vinson, P.O. Box 533, Anderson, SC 29622
A.I.M. Food Items Needed Include:
Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr. Clean for example).
Please note: perishables are not included.

Angel Tree
Holy Trinity will again have the Angel Tree in the Narthex this year. Families will be chosen by AIM and given to us for Christmas giving. The tree will be up on Sunday, November 1st. In addition to selecting names from the Angel Tree in-person like we usually do, for those concerned about being out in public, you also will have the option of making a donation and someone from WELCA will do the shopping for you. Information with more details will follow as we get closer to the November 1st date.
CORONAVIRUS NOTES:
As these weeks drag on and on of not being able to attend worship for some of us, if you and/or your family is interested in meeting Pastor Fischer in the church sanctuary to receive private Holy Communion, simply contact him to set up an appointment.

The Church Council met recently via Zoom and decided that the sanctuary CAN now be used for funeral/memorial services during this time of COVID-19, for the immediate family only.

Please note, during this coronavirus time, WELCA will not be preparing or serving bereavement meals for the family.

During this COVID-19 time, there will be no Combined Worship Services on our 5th Sundays.

REMINDER!!!! BUILDING ENTRY
Each church building (Fellowship Hall, Office, and Sanctuary) has access via an electronic keypad with a code that has been given to each church member; if you need be reminded of the code, please contact the church office or Pastor Fischer. As a reminder this code is not to be shared outside of church family.

The new church key will also give you access to all buildings as well.

As for the florists who deliver altar flowers on Saturday, they have been given a code of their own to use.

Guidelines for Worship in the Sanctuary

- You may enter the service through the front doors or the ramp door. The doors will be either propped open or someone will open the door for you so that you will not have to touch the door handle.
- Offering plates will not be passed during the worship service but instead, be placed at the entrances.
- To help facilitate social distancing, we will be using every other pew in worship, and using the ends of each pew. Each seat will be marked with a bulletin.
- The pews unused from the Early Service will be used at the Late Service.
- Surfaces will be cleaned after the Early Service.
- To minimize possible exposure to the virus, worship services will be shorter than what we are accustomed to.
- All hymnals have been removed from the pew. We will continue to use a bulletin containing the worship service.
- Several recent studies have found that forceful, sustained breathing, such as during singing, appears to pose a greater danger of spreading the coronavirus. To minimize these dangers, the singing of hymns, the Kyrie, and the Psalms, will be omitted. In addition to a prelude, we will be using a soloist for a hymn and speak the remaining parts of the liturgy.
- The Sharing of the Peace has been omitted.
- We will be refraining from handshaking and hugging.
- No nursery or Sunday School will be offered at this time.
• The distribution of Holy Communion will be modified to minimize touch.
• We will be using wafers instead of bread at this time.
• Cups of wine and grape juice will be pre-filled, and cups will be spaced out on the serving tray to eliminate accidental touching of nearby cups.
• For the protection of others, the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged during worship. You are encouraged to bring your own mask, however, masks will also be available at the door.
• We will continue to record one of the worship services every Sunday morning and post these on the internet, as we have been doing.

Today is Pink Sunday. It is a day where we not only recognize those who have survived breast cancer but also remember those who have lost their battle with the disease. Although we have made much progress in the treatment and the survival rates of breast cancer, we still have a journey ahead to find a cure. For now, our best defense is early detection. We encourage all women of all ages to do monthly self-breast exams as well as annual mammography screening.

TOTSOME
Trick -or-Treat- So- Others- May- Eat – The Youth will meet after the Late Service today and gather for lunch and then go to their designated neighborhoods to distribute the bags. We once again have bags available for the congregation to make food donations. The congregation is asked to pick up their bag today and bring it back on the 25th filled with food items and place them in the room off the Narthex. Then on October 25th, the Youth will return to the neighborhoods to pick up the filled bags. We will need some vehicles to help with the pick-up. If you are able to help, please see Amy Goodson.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on November 8. Details are still in the works to keep the congregation safe due to Covid -19.

1) Electing four new Council Members for a 3-year term.
2) Approving the 2021 Church Budget.
Remember Vacation Bible School?
We’re bringing it all back, but this time it’s online and it’s for YOU!

We are excited to announce that we will be doing VBS in a special way this summer! Holy Trinity has partnered with the organization Big Picture Big Purpose to bring Backyard VBS into your homes. The theme is Stories from the Old Testament.

Running throughout the end of October, you will receive an email with links to the bible lessons, songs, craft instructions, reflection questions, outdoor adventures, and a mission service project for the week.

You will have access to our Holy Trinity Backyard VBS Facebook page where you can post videos of yourselves singing the songs and playing games, pictures of your crafts, and sharing your mission projects. We will also have a Zoom ice cream social! This is multi-generational - Suitable for ages 4 - 104!

Here is the Facebook group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/422211001184226

Here is the sign-up page:
https://bigpicturebigpurpose.com/vbs-for-backyards-ot-signup-holy-trinity
On Sunday, October 18th and October 25th, during the worship service, you will be given an opportunity to share your intentions to share, give and serve by returning your completed Estimate of Giving Card and your Time and Talent Survey during the appropriate time in the service. If you forget your card and survey, ushers will have extras available – just ask. You may also mail your response directly to the church office. We hope to have all responses returned by November 1.

Now more than ever… prayerfully consider how you will let your light shine and answer the call to share the good news, give generously and serve unselfishly.

The Support Committee
Now more than ever...

**SERVE** unselfishly.

Let’s remind ourselves that the word “steward” was used in the Bible to describe a faithful servant who was appointed to be a manager over someone else’s resources, such as being in charge of the vineyard, or the farm, or some other aspect of the household, but it was a position of trust, and honor, and accountability. This is the time of the year when we drive a stake into the ground about the choices we are going to make in the days ahead to grow in faithfulness to what God has already given us. We have already covered the topics of SHARE and GIVE. This week we cover SERVICE. We read in Philippians 2:5-8: “Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.” In a nutshell, we are called to follow Christ and live a life of service to others as well. There are three basic areas of service. The first is serving our FAMILY. Every day we have the opportunity to be faithful to our family in serving them. Second, we are to be looking for ways to serve the Lord within the CHURCH. Our Time and Talent sheet is filled with various opportunities for us to serve right here within the church family. Finally, we are called to minister to those OUTSIDE the walls of our congregation. +++ May we be reminded that in the waters of baptism we are empowered to share the love of Christ in our community and world through a life of service to others.

“You are the light of the world.”
Matthew 5:14