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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

THE SERVICE

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April 7, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"This Joyful Eastertide"

- arr. Tom Birchwood

*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. (we kneel)

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.**



Psalm 16

(sung responsively)

How good and how pleas-¹ant it is,

when kindred live togeth-¹er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-¹on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar¹ of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the¹ hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for-¹evermore.

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**DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR
GOOD NEIGHBOR CUPBOARD - ITEMS 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – April 7, 2024

Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Jack Roehrs (L) Landen Moody
Lectors.....(E) Christopher Caldwell (L) Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Christopher Caldwell (L) Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Dave & Nancy Korn

Ushers:

(E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Suzie Bannister, Robert Allen, Olin Bell, Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans

Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthre

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
April 7 – April 13**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Early Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MON.

2:00 p.m. WELCA Board Meeting (Office Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUES.

6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)

THURS.

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday Services – March 28 - 12:00 noon (22) 7:00 p.m. (48)
Good Friday Services – March 29 - 12:00 noon (46) 7:00 p.m. (72)
Easter Worship Services – March 31 – 7:00 a.m. (86) 11:00 a.m. (109)

(we stand)

*Hymn

“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

Hymn #384

*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 (sung responsively)

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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 the 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 Hymn of Praise

“This Is The Feast”

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*The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Acts 4:32-35)

Psalm 133

The Second Lesson (1 John 1:1-2:2)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. Blessed are those who' have not seen and yet have come' to believe. Alleluia.
(John 20:29)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (John 20:19-31)

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“BLIND FAITH IS NOT DUMB FAITH”**

*The Hymn of the Month

“Day of Arising”

HYMN #374

***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.**

**LOOKING AHEAD
Sunday Morning Worship
Worship Assistants
April 14**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Katie Fischer
Lectors	Phyllis Barnette	Mike Metz
April 14	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
April 16	Anderson City Election Run-Off (Fellowship Hall) Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
April 17	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
April 18	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Office Conference Room)	6:00 p.m.
April 21	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
April 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
April 23	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
April 24	Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room) T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	6:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
April 27	Youth Practice	TBA
April 27	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
April 28	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Youth Sunday Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
April 30	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Youth Sunday Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED March 31 – Operating Fund \$3,336.70, Lenten Offering \$842.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00, Facilities Improvement Fund \$100.00, Easter Offering \$2,095.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$123.00, Prayer Garden Fund \$200.00, Lutheran World Relief Fund \$50.00, Anderson Soup Kitchen Fund \$30.00

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5 we will be recognizing all the seniors in our congregation, 70 years of age and over as well as our high school seniors. This will take place at both the Early and Late Services.

CALLING ALL 2024 GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge all our 2024 graduates. If you or a member of your family is graduating from High School, Technical School or College this spring, please contact the church office to let us know where you are graduating from and what your plans for college or employment may be. We will list them in the June *Messenger* edition.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We will gather on Wednesday evening in Fellowship Hall for a time of **Food, Fun & Fellowship** around a Biblical theme. Adults and Kids of all ages are invited to join us! There will be crafts, games, and song. The meal will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 10 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

THEME: David and Goliath



Smile, It's Picture Time!

It has been three years since we last updated our pictorial directory for the congregation. Dave Korn will be taking photos after both worship services today. This is your last chance to update your photos.

**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession (we kneel)

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 Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received

The Anthem

(8:45 a.m.)

"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

- 17th Century Latin Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His wounded side. Alleluia!

Praise the Christ, whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

(11:00 a.m.)

“Jesus Stood Among Them”

- Thomas Gieschen

Jesus stood among them and said, “Peace be with you. Peace be with you.”
“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, I am the Living One;
I was dead and behold I am alive forever!”

These things are written that you may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
And that believing, believing you may have life, you may have life in His name,
Even life with Him, yes, life forever.

***The Offertory Hymn “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful” Hymn # 181**

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

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

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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.

*Preface of the Day page 130

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day,
concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (sung by all) page 130

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



BUTTERFLY TREE

Throughout the 40 days of Lent, our sanctuary hosted a “dead” tree, covered with caterpillars.

Throughout the season of Easter, they have been gloriously transformed into butterflies, symbolic of the Resurrection of our Lord!

**LUTHERAN MEN IN
MISSION SUPPER
MEETING
April 22
6:00 p.m.**

**IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

WELCA MEETINGS
Katie’s Ladies
Leader: Beth Cribbe
April 9
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Office Conference Room

Luther’s Ladies
Leader: Beth Fischer
April 18
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Office Conference Room
Quilters
Time 10:00 a.m.
Place: Quilting Room

Foothills Spring Conference

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Love
one another
as I have loved you.

John

13:34

**Messiah Lutheran Church welcomes you to The WELCA
Spring Conference Meeting**

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

Guest Speaker: Sandi Smith,

Co-Director, Augustine Literacy

Project of the Upstate

They are a volunteer organization which is committed to providing caring, professionally trained tutors, at no charge, to children whose families cannot afford a private tutor for their struggling reader. Their motto: Tutor One Child, Change Two Lives.

All women are invited to attend. Please RSVP for lunch planning purposes but feel free to come if your schedule allows without an RSVP.

LOCATION: 1100 Log Shoals Road, Mauldin, SC 29662

Time: 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Beth Fischer – fischerfive@att.net or (864) 933-7446

***The Eucharist Prayer and the Words of Institution**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

***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 Communion Hymn (sung by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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The Communion

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

***The Communion Blessing**

Pastor Fischer

***The Post Communion Hymn (sung by all)**

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Hymn # 204

***Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.)**

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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 Recessional Hymn**

"Thine Is The Glory"

Hymn # 376

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Come, You Faithful, Raise The Strain"

-Johann Horn

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jane Potter to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST are extended to all members and visitors. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and the inspiration of God's presence here today. Prayer Request Cards (yellow cards) are located in the pews. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Gretchen Fant
Mike Barron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Judith Womer
Gabrielle Godfrey
Richard Benedict
Carolyn Culbreath
Abby Barrett & Family
Chris Goodwin
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Jean Vinson
Kathy Weeks
Linda Rikard
Judy Jarrett
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson
Donna Welborn
Michael Morrison
Pruitt Martin
Kenneth
Joan Stinson
Susan Socha
Robert Scribner
Danny Rouse
Laura Wagner
Sue Walthall
David Lane
Nina & Larry Sherman



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Jan House
Brenda McGowan
Paul Wagner
Bob & Susan Straup
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jill Helgeson

PRAYER LIST

3/31 Bob Williams & Family
3/31 Norma & Family
3/31 Sterling & Jane Allen
3/31 Jennifer Bannister
3/31 The Family of Sandy Matlack Forrest
3/31 Sophie Marshall
3/31 Susan Standfield
3/24 The Family of Jonathan Allen
3/24 Ron Naumann
3/24 Linda Smith
3/24 Linda Nightingale
3/24 Sherry Partain
3/24 Woody Collins
3/24 Maydn Fredette
3/24 Sydney Young
3/24 Kavya Nyak
3/17 Ben Emanuel
3/10 Shon
3/10 Elanor Dean
3/10 Phyllis Barnette
3/10 Leah Rogers
3/1 Padgett, Waltz, Holman Families
3/1 The Family of James Maxwell
3/1 Doris Burdette
3/1 Mary Ell
3/1 Martha & Donnie Ashley
2/28 Ronnie Lollis
2/25 Matt Roehrs
2/25 Donna Mangubat
2/25 Betty Newsome
2/25 Sharon Kautz
2/25 Johnny Garrison
2/25 Craig Rudolph
2/25 The Family of Larry Evans
2/25 Dustin Evans
2/25 Judy Jarrett
2/25 Whitney Capps

SPONSORS

The Moody Family
Suzie Bannister
Robert & Vicki Allen
Suzie Bannister
Jill Helgeson
Suzie Bannister
Suzie Bannister
The Caldwell Family
Kim Hill
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Lucy Roehrs
Lucy Roehrs
Lucy Roehrs
Bonnie Emanuel
Rette Stokes
The Stokes Family
Congregation
Congregation
Vicki & John Lybrand
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Jane Potter
Connie Adams
Kati Smith
Jill Helgeson
Kate Roehrs
Beth Fischer
Cathey Sale
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Rita Bell
Andy & Sharon Christmas
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