

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

September 1, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

- arr. Gerald Peterson

*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 15

(sung responsively)

LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

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DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS FOR A.I.M. - 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.

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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – September 1, 2024

Minister..... Pastor Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Katie Fischer
Lectors.....(E) Steven House (L) Sandi Jordan
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Susan Straup (L) Beth Fischer
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Gail Cannon & Jane Potter

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
September 1 – September 7**

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.

LABOR DAY- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURS.

6:00 p.m. DINING DIVAS (Fellowship Hall)

(we stand)

*Hymn

“O Worship The King”

Hymn #842

*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

O God our strength, without You we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9)

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Psalms 15

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The Second Reading (James 1:17-27)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. God gave us birth by the ’word of truth so that we would become a kind of first fruits ’ of creation. Alleluia. (James 1:18)

The gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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

Sermon

“SKIN DEEP RELIGION”

*The Hymn of the Month

“Our Father, God In Heaven Above”

HYMN #746

***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.**



The Service Committee is excited to announce our **“Hope and Hygiene Drive”**. For two Sundays in **September, September 15 and 22** we are accepting donations of toiletries and personal hygiene items to support two incredible organizations: **Clean Start and Haven of Rest Men’s and Women’s Ministries**. Clean Start serves the homeless, poor and marginalized in our community by providing facilities for them to shower, launder their clothing, access mail and phone, and to help direct them toward the availability of other services they may need. Haven of Rest Men’s and Women’s Ministries is a non-profit Bible based discipleship program and ministry designed to rescue, restore, and release men and women facing destructive, life-dominating behaviors.

Please join us in making a difference by donating items from the following list:

Laundry detergent	Paper Towels	Toilet Tissues
Wash cloths	Deodorants	Trash bags (13 and 30 gal.)
Tooth brushes	Tooth Pastes	Dental Floss
Body Wash	Full-size Shampoos	Full-size Conditioners
Disposable Razors	Brushes	Combs
Socks	Men’s White T-shirts up to size 4x	

Collection Bins will be placed in the room off the Narthex for two Sundays, September 15 and September 22. Collected items will be divided and distributed to Clean Start and Haven of Rest the following week.

Together, we can bring a fresh start and a renewed sense of hope to many in our community!

Thank you for your generosity and support!
The Service Committee

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants

September 8

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Joshua Fischer
Lectors	Brenda McGowan	Dave Korn
September 8	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Rally Day Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
September 9	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
September 10	Katie’s Ladies Luncheon (Earle Street Restaurant 134 W. Earle. St., Anderson))	11:30 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)	6:00 p.m.
	Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
September 11	TOPS (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 15	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children and Youth Sunday School Class	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
September 17	Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
September 18	TOPS (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 19	Luther Ladies Circle Supper (Olive Garden)	6:00 p.m.
September 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary) GIDEON SUNDAY	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children and Youth Sunday School Class	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
September 23	Lutheran Men in Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
September 25	TOPS (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

**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 **“Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spake”** B. Gesius/Johann H. Schein

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “all in My way abiding;
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey My call and guiding;
 Oh, bear the cross. What e’er betide; take My example for your guide.”

“I am the light; I light the way, a godly life displaying;
 I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
 I am the way, and well I show how you should sojourn here below.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed,
 And, firmly clinging to His word, in suffering be undaunted.
 For those who bear the battle’s strain the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – August 25 – 8:45 a.m. (65) 11:00 a.m. (34)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED August 25 – Operating Fund \$3,081.00, Utilities Fund \$105.00,
 Endowment Fund \$225.00, Saturday Servants Fund \$100.00

*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

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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)

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**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.**

*The Words of Institution

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*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)

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**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.**



God is the glue that brings us all together!

Everyone is invited to **Rally Day 2024** to kick off a new year of Sunday school. It will be a time for good fellowship, food, and games for all ages.

When: *September 8th*

@10:00 a.m. (Sunday School hour)

Breakfast will be served!!

On September 15th Sunday school classes will be available for ages 3 years old-5th grade, Youth - 6th-12th and all adults.

ATTENTION: The Learning Committee is in need of 11 volunteers to help teach Sunday school to our 3year olds -5th grade class. You will teach the class for only one month. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only serve Holy Trinity but also an opportunity to get to know the young children of the congregation. They are such blessings and we are excited to get Sunday school going again for this age group. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

“Dining Divas”

Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 PM

Dining Divas will be dining in our Fellowship Hall with a meal prepared by Chef Aaron Shedd on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 PM.

If you did not get an email about this from Beth Cribbe, please contact her for details. You must have paid reservations, or a meal will not be available for you.

Call or text 864-617-6216. Her email address is bcribbe1@gmail.com

ADVISORY BALLOT

Church Constitution and Bylaws:

“The Nominating Committee shall present to the congregation, at the Annual Meeting, the names of two persons for each Congregation Council term to be filled, both expired and unexpired terms without distinction. Those receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a full term. All nominees shall be involved in all phases of the work and ministry of the congregation. The Nominating Committee shall not present the name of any member of the committee nor shall it select as a nominee more than one member of an immediate family or someone who has a member of his/her immediate family already serving on the Congregation Council.

The Nominating Committee, using an advisory ballot, shall give members of the congregation the opportunity to suggest persons for consideration as nominees. Each voting member may submit the name of one person for each vacancy to be filled.”

THEREFORE, an ADVISORY BALLOT is provided below for your use in submitting names of individuals you would like the Nominating Committee to consider as nominees.

The following are ineligible for nomination either because they are currently members of the Nominating Committee, the Church Council, spouses of current Council members or they have served on Council within the past two years: Connor Caldwell, Bobbi Metz, Jane Potter, Bobby Wagner, Robert Allen, Suzie Bannister, Claude Calloway, Joshua Fischer, Richard and Omaira Caruso, Beth and Terry Cribbe, Vicki and John Lybrand, Rev. Stephen and Anita Roehrs, Lauren Guthre, Rynde and Bill Dial, Chris and Anna Caldwell, Jane and Phil Cahaly.

COUNCIL ADVISORY BALLOT - 2025

The following are suggested for consideration as nominees for Congregation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please deposit your Advisory Ballot in the box in the Sacristy, Narthex or mail to the church office by September 22nd.

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

*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.**

Pastor Fischer
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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

Hymn # 685

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Great Is The Lord”

-Michael & Deborah D. Smith

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mike & Bobbi Metz to the honor and glory of God, and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. B.L. Metz, Sr. and Rev. & Mrs. Luther Ballentine.



ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are now available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

PRAYER LIST

8/25 The Family of Jimmy Yonce
8/25 Michael Oates
8/25 The Family of Mary Lee McIntosh
8/18 Joan Johnson
8/18 Shelley Carroll
8/18 Barry Holcombe
8/18 Barbara Trent
8/18 Marlys Hittner
8/18 Mike Jones
8/18 The Family of Zack Jones
8/11 The Family of Bill Ebert
8/11 The Family of Judy Womer
8/11 The Family of Bobby Watt
8/4 The Family of Kathy Weeks
8/4 The Family of Richard Benedict
7/21 The Family of Dr. Bob Austin
7/21 Sandy Addis
7/21 The Family of Chris Price
7/21 Bea Bates
7/21 Linda Hill
7/14 Becky Smoak
7/14 Jeanette Thoms
7/14 The Family of Debbie Dorn
7/14 Connie Herring
7/6 The Family of Charlene Kelly
7/6 Matthew Vinson
7/6 Phyllis Barnett
7/6 Hervie Thomas
7/6 Emily Richey
7/6 Ryan Bond
6/30 Beth Miller
6/30 Chase Patterson

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Ed Hartshorn
Warren Lutz
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath

SPONSORS

The Fischer Family
Congregation
Jill Helgeson
Bob & Susan Straup
Claude Calloway
Amy Goodson
John Trent
Congregation
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Mike Oates
Congregation
Congregation
Michael Oates
Congregation
Dave & Sue Rasche
Jill Helgeson
Bob & Susan Straup
Shelley Carroll
Mike & Lynn Ziemba
Kim Hill
Bob Vinson
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Judy Jarrett
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson
Michael Morrison
Pruitt Martin
Joan Stinson
Susan Socha
Robert Scribner
Danny Rouse
Laura Wagner
Sue Walthall
David Lane
Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant

Jay & Suzie Bannister
The Fischer Family
Marisa Adrian
Bob Vinson
The Fischer Family
Cherie Brown
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
Bob Vinson
Brenda McGowan
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jan House
Brenda McGowan
Paul Wagner
Bob & Susan Straup
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We continue our monthly summer gatherings 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, September 11th 5:30 –7:00 p.m.
TOPIC: BIRDS OF THE AIR

Please save the date of October 5th for the annual Deutsches Fest. Tickets will be available soon. Please check the September Newsletter for more details.

