

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ministers: People of Holy Trinity

The Reverend J. Chris Fischer, Pastor

209 Broad Street
Anderson, SC 29621

Pastor Fischer's

Cellphone (864) 933-7434 Home Phone (864) 225-1554

E-mail: htlcpastor@htlc-anderson.com

Secretary's 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed)

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Church Telephone: (864) 224-4220

Email: htlc@htlc-anderson.com

Website: www.htlc-anderson.org

*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. and 11:00 a.m.

September 8, 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Grandparents

Prelude

"Open My Eyes"

C. Scott/Paul Taylor

*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



PSALM 146

(sung responsively)

Hal-¹ lelujah!

Praise the LORD,¹ O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long¹ as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I¹ have my being.

³Put not your¹ trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there¹ is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth,
and in that day¹ their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them;
who keeps promis-¹ es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to¹ those who hunger.

The LORD sets the¹ captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who¹ are bowed down;
the LORD¹ loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah!**

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Rejoice in the ' Lord always; again,
I will ' say Rejoice. Alleluia.* (Philippians 4:4)

COPYRIGHT OneLicense number is A-715908

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.

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants
September 15

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Landen Moody
Lectors	Pamela Michalski	Nancy Korn
Assisting Minister	Suzie Bannister	Sandi Dickson
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) GIDEON SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.
September 23	Lutheran Men in Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
September 24	Women's Bible Study (Pairs and Spares)	6:00 p.m.
September 25	TOPS (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 29	ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP – WELCA SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Presentation of New Orleans following meal.	

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – September 1 – 8:45 a.m. (40) 11:00 a.m. (38)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED September 1 – Operating Fund \$7,307.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Endowment Fund \$100.00

(we stand)

*Hymn

“All Are Welcome”

Hymn #641

*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)

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.**

*Hymn of Praise (sung by all)

page 121

(Refrain)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Refrain)

*The Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages You transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of Your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim Your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

The Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Isaiah 35:4-7a)

Psalm 146

The Second Lesson (James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17)

Back Cover

Inside Cover

Back Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say Rejoice. Alleluia.* (Philippians 4:4)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Mark 7:24-37)

Back Cover

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

Sermon **“THE WIDENESS OF GOD’S MERCY”**

*The Hymn of the Month **“Our Father, God In Heaven Above”**

Hymn #746

*Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

SERVING YOU TODAY – September 8, 2024

Minister..... Pastor Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Joshua Fischer
Lectors.....(E) Brenda McGowan (L) Dave Korn
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Robert & Vicki Allen

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 8 – September 14

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Early Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. **RALLY DAY** (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MON.

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUE.

11:30 a.m. Katie’s Ladies Circle Luncheon (Earle Street Restaurant,
134 W. Earle. St.)

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

7:00 p.m. Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

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

5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice



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

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem **“Your Hand, O Lord, In Days Of Old”** - Tune Marot, 1542

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o’er disease and death, O’er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the dumb, the palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery. The sick with fevered frame.

And lo, Your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain, as by Gennes’ret’s shore.

Oh, be our great deliv’rer still, the Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with Your lifegiving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom’s healing pow’r,
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise You evermore.

*The Offertory Hymn **“Praise God, From Whom Blessings”**

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. (We kneel.)

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

The Lord’s Prayer (we remain kneeling)

L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

SENDING

The Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn ***“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”*** **Hymn #886**

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

*The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude ***“O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us”*** -Henry S. Cutler

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Robert & Vicki Allen to the Honor and Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

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

Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.



God is the glue that brings us all together!

TODAY IS Rally Day the kickoff for the new year of Sunday school. It will be a time for good fellowship, food, and games for all ages.

When: 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.

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

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.

PRAYER LIST

- 9/1 Michael Oates
- 9/1 Bill & Charlee Goodwin
- 9/1 The Family of Virginia McDaniel
- 9/1 John Stricker
- 9/1 Whitney Capps
- 9/1 The Catalfomo Family
- 9/1 Jamie Sharpenberg
- 8/25 The Family of Jimmy Yonce
- 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

SPONSORS

- Congregation
- Sid & Rette Stokes
- Sid & Rette Stokes
- Congregation
- Mike & Bobbi Metz
- Virgil & Mary Ann Hobbs
- Mike & Leslie Cox
- The Fischer Family
- 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
- Ernie Thoms
- The Stokes Family
- Jane Potter
- Congregation
- Bob & Jean Vinson
- Congregation
- Congregation
- Michael & Amber Oates
- Michael & Amber Oates
- The Stokes Family
- Barbara Thomas

SPONSORS

Pat Ross

Warren Lutz
 Elanor Dean
 Mike Borron
 Henri Holmes Adair Baker
 Gabrielle Godfrey
 Carolyn Culbreath
 Abby Barrett & Family
 Chris Goodwin
 Buddy & Lesley Taylor
 Jean Vinson
 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

Bonnie Lutz
 The Stokes Family
 Paul Wagner
 The Stokes Family
 Brenda McGowan
 The Stokes Family
 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

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.



Please join us for choir practice! Choir meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse for the 11:00 a.m. service. The 8:45 a.m. choir meets after the Early Service every Sunday morning before the worship service and then after the service, in preparation or the following week. No auditions required; all ages welcome! See Jill for more information.



St. Francis

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

You are invited to join us on Sunday evening, October 6th for a Service of the Blessing of Animals. We will gather in the back parking lot at 5:00 p.m. behind Fellowship Hall. Bring your pets – dogs, cats, birds, snakes, turtles, fish, gerbils, lizards or anything else you consider to be a family pet.

SAVE THE DATE



On Saturday, October 5th, from 4-7 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host its 10th Annual Deutsches Fest, a German festival to celebrate our Lutheran heritage. We will again be inviting Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to join us. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall and dine on German foods like bratwurst, roast chicken and German side dishes. Beer, wine and softer beverages will be served. We will have German music, dancing and Gemütlichkeit, which does not have a direct English translation but describes an atmosphere which is comfortable and enjoyable.

Tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (12 and younger) and will be available from a Church Council member or through the church office beginning September 15th. Tickets need to be purchased in advance to help us with the planning of the food. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, September 29th.

If you'd be interested in making a German dish, if we provide you with a recipe, please contact Virgil Hobbs. Mark your calendars now as we look forward to a wonderful afternoon/evening of fellowship for our congregation.

5th SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 29

ONE - COMBINED WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL.
 PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

In July, 4 youth and 2 adult leaders from Holy Trinity were privileged to attend the ELCA's National Youth Gathering. This event was meaningful for all. Please join us as the youth and adult leaders present the congregation with highlights of this wonderful event. The presentation will be given during the covered dish luncheon. All are welcome!