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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.*

ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

March 30, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Deck Yourself, My Soul With Gladness"

arr. Gerhard Krapf

*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.**

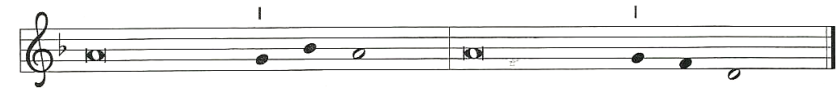
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent; self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Let us continue our journey through these forty days.

[we stand]



Psalm 32

(sung responsively)

Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in ¹ time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will ¹ not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

*The Gospel Acclamation

"Let Your Steadfast Love"

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

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DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED

ITEMS FOR A.I.M. 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 – March 30, 2025

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte.....Ken Earp
Lector.....Bob Straup
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Chris & Anna Caldwell
Ushers:
(E) Susan Straup - Captain, Skip Knight, Terry Cribbe, Beth Cribbe, Claude Calloway
(L) Sid Stokes - Captain, Ernie Thoms, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins, Robert O'Connor
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
March 30 – April 5**

TODAY

10:00 a.m. ONE-COMBINED Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
Potluck meal to follow in Fellowship Hall after the service

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal (Fellowship Hall) host - Lutheran Men In Mission
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Choir Practice After Service

THURS.

6:00 p.m. Dining Divas (Master's Wok, 2104 N. Main Street)

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Worship Services – March 23 - 8:45 a.m. (48) 11:00 a.m. (49)
Mid-Week Lenten Service March 26 – 7:00 p.m. (35)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

March 23 - Operating Fund \$13,408.00, Lent Offering \$539.50, Endowment Fund \$700.00,
Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$500.00, Easter Lily Fund \$39.00, WELCA Donations \$500.00

**Today we gather for a 5th SUNDAY ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY A MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

*Hymn *“O God, My Faithful God”* **Hymn #806**
*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 by the Children’s Choir) page 120

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 Prayer of the Day
God of compassion, You welcome the wayward, and You embrace us all with Your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of Your grace, and feed us at the table of Your love, 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 Choir *“Give Thanks”* -arr. Brenda McGowan
Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (Joshua 5:9-12)
Psalm 32 Bulletin Inside Cover
The Second Lesson (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
*The Gospel Acclamation *“Let Your Steadfast Love”* page 125
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th Chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.
Bulletin Cover
*The Holy Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)
After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Hymn of the Day

“Amazing Grace”

Hymn #779

*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.**

*The Peace is Shared
The Offering is Received

Offertory Anthem *"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"* - From Sacred Harp, 1844

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants, April 6

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Landen Moody
Lectors	Robert Allen	Joshua Fischer
Assisting Minsters	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer

April 6	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a. m.
April 9	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) (Congregational Potluck Meal)	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice to follow worship service	
April 12	Fellowship Hall Reserved	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
	Crafty Ladies (Pairs and Spares Room)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Worship Service (Sanctuary) PALM SUNDAY	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary) PALM SUNDAY	11:00 a. m.
April 14	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
April 16	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
April 17	MAUNDY THURSDAY w/Holy Communion	12:00 noon
	MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE w/Holy Communion	
	and the Stripping of the Altar	7:00 p.m.
April 18	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	12:00 noon
	GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
April 20	EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary)	7:00 a.m.
	Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall.	
	No choir practice after worship	
	EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
April 21	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
April 25	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	



BREAD MAKING WORKSHOP

When you receive communion, have you ever wondered what goes into this most special meal? While bread may seem a most basic and simple food, it is actually quite complex from the growing of the wheat to the reactions of the ingredients which cause it to rise into the familiar form we know and love.

On Saturday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a bread baking workshop. All who would like to learn more about the ingredients and the spiritual process which goes into the bread used for communion here at Holy Trinity are welcome to join

us. This will be a hands-on event. No experience is needed. After our loaves are baked, we will join together in fellowship by sharing a simple meal of soup and bread. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex and the sacristy so we can be sure everyone has the needed supplies. Please contact Amy Goodson if you have any questions.

LENT

Just a reminder

The Forty Days before Easter are the Lenten season. During this time we omit the refrains that are connected to celebrating Christ's resurrection and we use the verses appropriate for Lent. They are:

- We refrain from singing Alleluias because of its connection to Easter.
- There is no Absolution (minister declaring our forgiveness, page 118) for all of Lent is a time of self-examination.
- We omit the Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God in the highest" and we instead lead straight into The Prayer of the Day.
- We sing the Lenten verse: "Let your steadfast Love" page 125.
- We use the Apostles' Creed.

On Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will return to the verses praising our Lord and His resurrection.

*The Offertory Hymn

"Create In Me"

Hymn # 186

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

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 Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn #836

(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 God of Mercy, God of Light"

- Joseph Barnby

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Marlys Hittner to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Patrick.

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

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 pew holders. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

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

Dining Divas
April 3
6:00 p.m.
Master's Wok
2104 N. Main Street
Anderson, SC 29621
Please contact Beth Cribbe (864) 617-6216
or email bcribbe1@gmail.com

CRAFTY LADIES

If you are a creative person who enjoys doing crafts, this group is for you. If you are a knitter, cross stitcher, scrapbooker, painter, quilter, writer, etc. or anything else you have started and would like to make time to work on your projects, this group is for you. We are meeting once a month on a Saturday to do our crafts and socialize. You bring your projects; we will provide the space and fellowship.

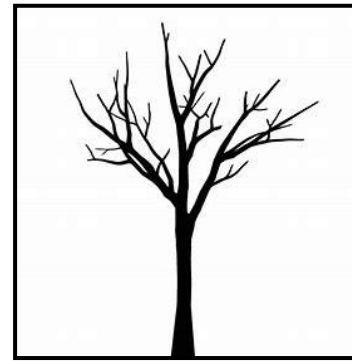
Our next Creative Day is Saturday, April 12
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Pairs and Spares Room.

Contact Beth Fischer (fischerfive@att.net) or (864-933-7446) for more information.

Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.

The next future date will be May 3rd. from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Today we gather in One-Combined Worship



Why Is That Dead Tree in the Church?

You can't help but notice the "dead" tree covered in caterpillars which has appeared in the Sanctuary. You may question - why is it here or what is it about?

Things are different in both the church and nature this time of year. There are some things "sleeping" in our worship such as the use of Alleluias. Everything in our yards such as the grass and trees look dead but they too are just "sleeping". Some of God's creatures such as caterpillars make cocoons. Although we might think they are dead, they actually have rebirth as a butterfly.

This tree is actually here to help each of us to remember that while the weather often is cool and gray and the grass is brown and the trees bare, there is the hope that Spring is coming! Bulbs are blooming and the days are getting longer. Just as we have hope for Spring, Lent gives us a time to hope for Easter and the promise that the resurrection brings. Just as the change of seasons brings surprises, keep watching the tree thru the Lenten season – there are more surprises to come!

In past years this has been a project of the LCY and the Sunday School children but this year we included all families of the congregation during a Family Fun Night event.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



We will be placing Easter Lilies in our windows and on the Chancel steps for the services on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$19.50. If you desire to place an order for one or more lilies, please use the form below. Fill in the information and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday, April 13th. **Note:** Payment must accompany your order.

Enclosed is \$ _____ For _____ Lilies

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other (To the Glory of God) _____

Given by _____

Because 35 lilies must be special ordered from Whitten's to have them arrive at their peak for Easter, they will be assigned on a first-ordered, first-served basis. When 35 have been assigned, no more can be purchased. Thank you for your understanding. The Worship and Music Committee

2025 LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: “Experiencing Lent”

Note: Both Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical (except for the Stripping of the Altar which will take place at the Evening Service for Maundy Thursday).

Wednesday, April 2 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in Mission to host]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Experiencing Forgiveness”

Wednesday, April 9 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational Potluck Meal]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Experiencing Extravagant Worship”

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday
[no meal] Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Message: “Experiencing A Solemn Yet Joyous Feast”

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday
[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Message: “Experiencing Death”

Wednesday, April 9 will be our last mid-week Lenten meal. This will be a Congregational pot-luck meal. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

PRAYER LIST

3/23 Joby Hefner
3/23 Abby Barrett & Family
3/23 Bob Paulling
3/16 Lamar Cromer
3/16 The Family of John “Jack” Herbert Hannahs
3/16 Carey Doyle
3/9 The Family of Jean Vinson
3/9 Kati Smith
3/9 The Family of Tony Stapleton
3/9 The Family of Dr. John Walker
3/9 The Family of Holley Ware Heyward, Jr.
2/23 Dr. Phillip & Jessica Roehrs & Family
2/23 The Ashley Family
2/23 Patrick Caldwell
2/23 Jane Rooney
2/23 The Family of Matt Vinson

SPONSORS

Jamie Corrigan
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Jill Helgeson
Congregation
Jane Potter
Congregation
Congregation
Gail Cannon
The Stokes Family
The Stokes Family
Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
Kati Smith
Chris & Anna Caldwell
Suzie Bannister
Congregation

2/16 David Whitten
2/16 John Trent
2/16 The Family of Bill “BR” Rhodes
2/16 Janet Patriarco
2/9 The Family of Betty N. Greene
2/9 The Family of David Gamble
2/9 Carolyn Webb
2/9 Sharon Christmas
2/2 Fred Smith
2/2 The Family of Betty Newsome
2/2 Jared Drake
2/2 Mike Jones
1/26 Ann Farmer
1/26 Jane Clardy
1/26 The Family of Libby Newton
1/26 Hilda Bruce
1/26 Neal & Mary Holt
12/8 Ben Blanks
12/8 The Family of Kathy Isbell

The Fischer Family
Barbara Trent
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Dave & Sue Rasche
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
The Stokes Family
Andy Christmas
Carter Boucher & Diana James
Congregation
Bill & Rynde Dial
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Paula Boller
Paula Boller
Kati Smith
Suzie Bannister
Dave & Sue Rasche
Bob Vinson
Paul Wagner

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Nick Korn
Edmond Pop
Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson
Michael Morrison
Pruitt Martin
Joan Stinson
Susan Socha
Danny Rouse
Sue Walthall
Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant

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