

## **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.**

**April 27, 2025**

### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" - G. F. Handel/arr. Lani Smith

\*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 118**

(sung responsively)

The LORD is my strength<sup>1</sup> and my song,  
and has become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents<sup>1</sup> of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the<sup>1</sup> LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD<sup>1</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the<sup>1</sup> LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not<sup>1</sup> die, but live,  
and declare the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ-<sup>1</sup>teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have<sup>1</sup> answered me  
and you have become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build-<sup>1</sup>ers rejected  
has become the chief<sup>1</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has<sup>1</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the<sup>1</sup> LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna!<sup>1</sup> O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, pros-<sup>1</sup>per our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has giv-<sup>1</sup>en us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners<sup>1</sup> of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and<sup>1</sup> I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I<sup>1</sup> will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the<sup>1</sup> LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Blessed are those who' have not seen and yet have come' to believe. Alleluia.* (John 20:29)

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Worship Assistants, May 4**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Brady West
Lectors	Robert Allen	Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers	Suzie Bannister	Nancy Korn
May 4	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.
May 7	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
May 11	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.
May 12	Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
May 14	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
May 15	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
May 18	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Youth 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) Youth Sunday	11:00 a. m.
May 21	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Maundy Thursday - April 17 12:00 p.m. (35) 7:00 p.m. (30)

Good Friday – April 18 12:00 p.m. (49) 7:00 p.m. (46)

Easter Sunday Worship Services – April 20 – 7:00 a.m. (96) 11:00 a.m. (68)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED** April 20 - Operating Fund \$3,007.00, Easter Offering \$2,283.00, Endowment Fund \$150.00, Worship & Music Fund \$25.00, Easter Lillies Fund \$19.50, Mid-Week Lenten Service Offering \$839.00, Utilities Fund \$120.00

(we stand)

\*Hymn

*“Thine Is The Glory”*

**Hymn #376**

\*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)

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(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

O God of life, You reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By Your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in Your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

The Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Acts 5:27-32)

Psalm 118

The Second Lesson (Revelation 1:4-8)

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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 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

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

Sermon

**“THOMAS AND THE WATERMELON TRUCK”**

\*The Hymn of the Day

*“That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”*

**Hymn #384**

\*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;**

**SERVING YOU TODAY – April 27, 2025**

- Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
- Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
- Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Katie Fischer
- Lectors.....(E) Beth Cribbe (L) Richard Caruso
- Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
- Tabulators.....Bill & Chris Dafoe
- Ushers:
- (E) Chris Caldwell – Captain, Christopher Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Kevin Lockhart, Leon Chute
- (L) Mike Oates – Captain, Richard Caruso, Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz, Michael Oates, Randy Passow
- Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
- President .....Beth Cribbe
- Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
- Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
- Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

**April 27 – May 3**

**TODAY**

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
- Early Choir Practice
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)

**MON.**

- 6:00 p.m. Lutheran Men In Mission (Fellowship Hall)

**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 (134 W. Earle Street Grill)

**SAT.**

- 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)

**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.



**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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Contact Beth Fischer ([fischerfive@att.net](mailto:fischerfive@att.net)) or (864-933-7446) for more information. Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.

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**Dining Divas**

**May 1  
6:00 p.m.**

**Earle's Bar & Grill, 134 W. Earle Street Grill  
Anderson, SC**

**Please contact Beth Cribbe (864) 617-6216  
or email [bcribbe1@gmail.com](mailto:bcribbe1@gmail.com)**

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**SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

We will be recognizing all the seniors in our congregation, 70 years of age and older. This will take place at both the Early and Late Services.

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**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

We will gather 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, May 14 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**WHAT: "REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY"**

**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.**

\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthems  
(8:45 a.m.) *"Now The Green Blade Rises"* - French Carol  
Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been.  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain.  
Thinking that He would never wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen.  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain.  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

(11:00 a.m.)                      ***"Love Is Come Again"***

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been.  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, love whom men had slain.  
Thinking that never He would wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Christ the Lord is risen, Sing Alleluia!  
Ris'n for our salvation, Sing Alleluia!  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

\*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."*

- Arr. John Erickson

The Lord's Prayer  
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                      ***"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"***                      **Hymn # 389**

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

\*The Dismissal  
Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.    Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude                      ***"The Risen Christ"***                      -Walter Greatorex

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(\*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Robert & Vicki Allen to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Wyman.

**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 pews. 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.

**PRAYER LIST**

4/20 Beth Passow  
4/20 The Family of David Snook  
4/20 The Family of Joe Zeigler  
4/20 Kathy S.  
4/20 Krystal Welborn  
4/20 Joe Croxton  
4/20 Gerald Leard  
4/20 Edna Scott  
4/12 The Family of Abby Barrett  
4/12 The Family of Ned Sanders  
4/12 Tony Williams  
4/12 The Family of Sue Walthall  
4/6 The Family of Carey Doyle  
4/6 Melinda Carter  
4/6 Sammy Gaddis  
3/30 Bonnie Emanuel  
3/23 Joby Hefner  
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.

**LONG TERM PRAYERS**

Nick Korn  
Edmond Pop  
Ed Hartshorn  
Elanor Dean  
Mike Borrón  
Henri Holmes Adair Baker  
Gabrielle Godfrey  
Carolyn Culbreath  
Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
Ross King  
Willy E. Johnson  
Michael Morrison  
Pruitt Martin

**SPONSORS**

Randy Passow  
Congregation  
Congregation  
Suzie Bannister  
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Suzie Bannister  
Gail Cannon  
Gail Cannon  
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Bob & Susan Straup  
Jane Potter  
Bob Vinson  
Bob Vinson  
Ben Emanuel  
Jamie Corrigan  
Mike & Bobbi Metz  
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The Stokes Family  
Marisa Adrian  
Cherie Brown  
The Stokes Family  
Jill Helgeson  
Bob Vinson

Joan Stinson  
Susan Socha  
Danny Rouse  
Nina & Larry Sherman  
Gretchen Fant

Brenda McGowan  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson  
Jill Helgeson



We extend our Christian sympathy to Lauren Sayers and family upon the death of her grandfather, David Snook, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 20<sup>th</sup>. May God’s promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

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**Vacation Bible School**



Holy Trinity will again be joining forces with Abiding Savior Lutheran Church for our children’s VBS program. VBS classes will take place at Abiding Savior. Children ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come join us during the week of **June 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 a.m.** Friday will be slightly longer to allow time needed for the closing program and lunch with the extended families. If you have neighbors or your children have friends, that would like to venture to camping with us, invite them!! Volunteers are needed for VBS.

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**MOTHER’S DAY** is Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. A special offering, sponsored by WELCA, is being received and then will be given to deserving female students at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. If you would like to make a donation In Memory Of or In Honor Of your mother, please fill out the form below. The names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother’s Day. **The deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other (To the Glory of God) \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_