

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. and 11:00 a.m.

April 6, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Beneath The Cross of Jesus"*

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

*The Confession & Forgiveness

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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.

Silence is kept for reflection. (we kneel)

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.**

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.



Psalm 126

(sung responsively)

When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
then were we like ¹ those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with ¹ shouts of joy.**
**Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great ¹ things for them.”**
³ The LORD has done great ¹ things for us,
and we are ¹ glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses ¹ of the Negeb.**
⁵ Those who ¹ sowed with tears
will reap with ¹ songs of joy.
⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves.**

*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 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.



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.

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.

(we stand)

*The Hymn

“What Is This Place”

Hymn #524

*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 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

Creator God, You prepare a new way in the wilderness, and Your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing You are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of Your love given to all through 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

Children's Sermon

The First Lesson (Isaiah 43:16-21)

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Psalm 126

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The Second Lesson (Philippians 3:4b-14)

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*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.

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (John 12:1-8)

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

Sermon

“THE THREE S’s OF THE CROSS”

*Hymn Of The Day

“*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*”

Hymn #464

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

*The Peace Is Shared

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 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.

REMINDERS
Weather permitting, next Sunday we will gather outside in front of the church for the Palm Sunday liturgy. We will process into the worship area singing the hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, carrying palm branches and “reliving” the procession of Christ into Jerusalem.



CROSS OF FLOWERS

Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!

SERVING YOU TODAY – April 6, 2025

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Landen Moody
Lectors.....(E) Susan Straup (L) Joshua Fischer
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Susan Straup (L) Joshua Fischer
Video/IT Engineers.....Mike Cox, Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Christopher & Rachel Caldwell
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
PresidentBeth Cribbe
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
April 6 – April 12

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)
WED.
10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal (Fellowship Hall) - POTLUCK MEAL
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Choir Practice After Service

SAT.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies (Pairs and Spares Room)
1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved (C.H.O.I.C.E.)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED March 30 - Operating Fund \$2,778.00, Endowment Fund \$275.00,
Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$157.00, Utilities Fund \$140.00, Mid-Week Lenten Offering
\$317.00, Easter Lillies Fund \$274.00

ATTENDANCE

One-Combine Worship Service – March 30 – 10:00 a.m. (88)
Mid-Week Service – April 2 – 7:00 p.m. (42)

MEAL

The Offering is Received
Anthem "I Will Love You" -G. Joseph/Paul Ladd, Jr.

I will love You, my strength, my gladness; I will love You my greatest joy,
I will love You amid all sadness; I will love everlastingly.
I will love You, O Light Divine, love till death stops this heart of mine.

I will love You, my Life forever; You are my best and truest friend.
I will love You in all endeavor; I will love You until the end.
I will love You, O Lamb of God Who shed for me Your precious blood.

I thank you, Lord, my Sun, my Heaven; Your radiant beams shine down on me.
I thank you, Lord, for You have given all that You could to make me free.
I thank you, Lord, with all my soul; Your Holy Word shall make me whole.

I will love You, my crown of glory; I will love You my God indeed.
I will love You, I need not worry; You are my help in ev'ry need.
I will love You, O Light Divine, love till death stops this heart of mine.

*Offertory Hymn “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful” Hymn #181
*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively) page 129
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.

***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.**



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



Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 a.m.
Breakfast to follow.

Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.

Note: There will not be an Adult or Children’s Sunday School class.

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
PALM SUNDAY			
Worship Assistants, April 13			
		8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Katie Fischer	
Lectors	Michelle Nelson	Richard Caruso	
Assisting Ministers	Michelle Nelson	Richard Caruso	
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 22	Congregational Tour of Haven of Rest	10:00 a.m.	
April 23	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.	
	Choir Practice		
April 28	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.	
April 27	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 28	Lutheran Men in Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.	

***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.

Communion Hymn ***“Lamb Of God”*** page 135
 (we sit)

The Communion (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.)
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

*Post Communion Hymn ***“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant”*** page 135
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled,
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared
In the sight of ev’ry people: a light to reveal you to the
Nations and the glory of your people Israel.

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

*The Blessing

*The Recessional Hymn

Hymn #638

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Postlude

“How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds”

- J. Newton/A. R. Reinagle

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

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.

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

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 12th
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Pairs and Spares Room.**

(Note: This is a temporary new location.)

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.

Psalm 24:1-2:

“The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell within.”

We had beautiful weather on Saturday, March 29, to provide litter pickup in Anderson. Eleven congregants picked up 19 large bags of litter on Fritz Drive, a portion of Beltway Connector, and a portion of Brown Road. We also discovered three tires, a bicycle, a metal temporary road stand and numerous pieces of scrap wood. We enjoyed working with each other and the area looks much better. Great job Holy Trinity!

Explore Haven of Rest

Join Us for a Ministry Tour

Are you curious about the mission and impact of Haven of Rest? Are you wondering how they serve the community and whether it's a good place to volunteer?

Join fellow church members on Tuesday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. for an informational tour of the Haven of Rest facilities. Here's what to expect:

Start Location: Meet at 219 West Whitner Street at 10:00 a.m. for an introduction to the Men's Ministry facility and a tour. Next Stop: Women's Ministry facility at 509 East Orr Street.

Final Stop: Training Center at 1106 North Major Road in Belton. They will provide us with lunch at this site around 12:15 p.m. at which time the Haven of Rest staff will provide insights and have time for our questions.

There is ample parking at each location. You may carpool from the first stop or follow each other in separate cars. We hope that many of you can join us for this activity. If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Jamie Corrigan at 864-224-8070 or Leslie Cox at 301-788-9035.

PRAYER LIST

3/30 Bonnie Emanuel
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
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

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LONG TERM PRAYERS

Nick Korn
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Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
Abby Barrett & Family
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
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Sue Walthall
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Brenda McGowan
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Bob & Susan Straup
Jill Helgeson
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Helpful Hint

“What is the significance of the pastor’s stole?”

The narrow band of cloth worn draped around the pastor’s neck and down the front of his/her robe is the stole. The word “stole” is derived from the Latin word for garment, stola. In the Lutheran faith, the stole is a symbol of ordination and expression of the office of the Word and Sacrament. It may be simple or ornate, but its color is determined by the color of the liturgical season.