HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ministers: People of Holy Trinity
The Reverend J. Chris Fischer, Pastor

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Pastor Fischer's

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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.

WELCA SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. September 28, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Fischer

Prelude "Jesus We Crown You With Praise"

*The Confession & Forgiveness Deacon Dallas Shealy

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.** (we stand)



PSALM 146

(sung responsively)

Hal- lelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your I trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. ⁴When they breathe their last, they re- fturn to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God; ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them; who keeps promis- | es forever; ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to I those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free. ⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. ¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) Alleluia. You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he' became poor, so that by his poverty you might 'become rich. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

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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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants

October 5, 2025

		8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
Acolytes		Claude Calloway	Landen Moody	
Lectors		TBD	Sid Stokes	
Assisting M	inisters	TBD	Harry Coggins	
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October 5	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship)			8:45 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)			10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)			10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)			
	Workshop "How to Give Your Faith Away" (Pairs and Spares Room)			
October 8				
	Choir Practice	1 /		6:30 p.m.
October 12	Worship Service	e (Sanctuary)		8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Pra	actice (After Worship)		
	Children's Sun	day School Class (Fello	owship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)				10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	ce (Sanctuary)		11:00 a.m.
			Away" (Pairs and Spares Room	
October 13	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)			7:00 p.m.
October 15		and Spares Room)		10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice			6:30 p.m.
October 16				6:00 p.m.
October 18			9:00 a.m.	
October 19		e (Sanctuary) Breast (Cancer Sunday	8:45 a.m.
	•	actice (After Worship)	1	10.00
		day School Class (Fello		10:00 a.m.
		School Class (Fellowsh		10:00 a.m.
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	worksnop Ho	ow to Give Tour Faith.	Away" (Pairs and Spares Room) 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – September 21 – 8:45 a.m. (53) 11:00 a.m. (49)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED September 21 – Operating Fund \$1,991.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00

*Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Hymn #533

*The Greeting

Deacon Dallas Shealy

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

Leslie Cox/Beth Fischer

O God, rich in mercy, You look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with Your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Anna Caldwell/Amy Goodson	
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The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O** Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 16: 19-31)

Deacon Dallas Shealy

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

Sermon Deacon Dallas Shealy

*The Hymn of the Month "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" Hymn #580

*Apostles' Creed Susan Askew/Sandi Jordan

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 28, 2025

Minister	
Organist	Sharon Christmas
Pianist	Brenda McGowan
Acolytes	(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Amy Goodson
Lectors	(E) Pamela Michalski (L) Bobbi Metz
Video/IT Engineer	Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
	Dave & Nancy Korn
Ushers(E) Leslie Cox	& Susan Askew (L) Diane Richardson & Nancy Scalf
Church Secretary	Pat Ross
President	Beth Cribbe
Vice-President	Rynde Dial
Treasurer	Diane Richardson
Council Secretary	Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK September 28 – October 4

TODAY	•
8:45 a.m.	Worship Service (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 (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m.	Workshop "How to Give Your Faith Away" (Pairs and Spares Room)
MON.	
10:30 a.m.	Learning Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)
WED.	
10:00 a.m.	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
THUR.	
6:00 p.m.	Dining Divas (Carson's Steak House, 150 W. Beltline Blvd.)
SAT.	
4:00 -7:00 p.m.	Deutsches Fest (Fellowship Hall and back parking lot)



Talent

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away." Matthew 25:14-15

In the parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), we are challenged to reflect on how we are using and sharing the talents God has given us. Some of us are given much and others less, but God calls each of us to put what He has entrusted to us to work for His Kingdom. Consider how

you are using all the talents you are blessed with as you think of what puzzle piece you are in your church life.

Webster's Dictionary defines talent as "a special aptitude, often athletic, creative, or artistic; general intelligence or mental power; or the natural endowments of a person."

Talent isn't always about doing something flashy or standing in the spotlight. Sometimes, it's quiet, patient, and deeply powerful – like the gift of being a good listener. Every time we listen with care and attention we show love, understanding and respect. Someone frightened of a medical procedure or someone living alone may deeply value someone just to listen.

There are many "talents" one has: speaking, teaching, cooking, sewing, gardening, problem solving, research, financial knowledge, and writing, just to name a few. Use whatever your talent is to listen, to guide, to uplift, to serve, to teach, to worship, and to pray with and for others. From listening to leading, serving to praying, every talent we possess is a vital piece of the puzzle for God's plan – its value is revealed in how we use it. Your talent is a gift from God – what you do with it is your gift back to God.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

You are invited to join us on Sunday evening, October 5th 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.

*The Peace Is Shared Susan Askew/Sandi Jordan

The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem "All Good Gifts" - Natalie Sleeth soloist - Lucy Roehrs

(8:45 a.m.)

duet - Nancy Korn and Amy Goodson (11:00 a.m.)

On this day of days, join in grateful praise that will sound from shore to shore, And for blessings all, whether great or small, offer thanks forevermore!

Refrain:

All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord in great array! All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord God day by day!

Special gifts have we in variety, by the Spirit's grace inspired; But to all so blest shall be put the test, for of them is much required! Refrain

Let ev'ry heart anew prepare through all the world these gifts to share, In praise to God who reigns on high to bring the heav'nly kingdom nigh!

Let those who will, glad anthems sing, or words of healing comfort bring; Let others preach or prophesy, the Lord our God to magnify!

Let your light so shine, use your gifts divine, that wherever you may go, You reflect the love of the Lord above in abundance here below! Refrain

Many gifts we are given from the time of our birth by the Lord our God who ruleth o'er the earth;

Great joy ever after shall be our true reward if we use our talents to serve the Lord!

If we use our talents to serve the Lord!

*The Offertory Hymn "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"



The Prayers of Intercession

Beth Cribbe/Sandi Dickson

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 Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is,

"Hear our Prayer."

The Lord's Prayer (we remain kneeling)

Beth Cribbe/Sandi Dickson

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

Dining Divas

Thursday, October 2, at 6:00 PM Carson's Steak Warehouse 150 W. Beltline Blvd., Anderson Please RSVP

Beth Cribbe (call or text 864-617-6216 or email bcribbe1@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE



On Saturday, October 4th, from 4-7 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host its 11th Annual Deutsches Fest, a German festival to celebrate our Lutheran heritage. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall and dine on German foods like bratwurst, grilled 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 again are available for \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (12 and younger) and will be available from a Church Council member after the worship service. <u>Today is the final day to purchase your tickets.</u> All funds raised will go the Anderson Meals on Wheels.

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.

WELCA SUNDAY

Today is WELCA Sunday when the women of our congregation lead the worship service. We are honored to have Deacon Dallas Shealy, who is a graduate of Newberry College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and has been Executive Director of the South Carolina Retreat Centers for almost 20 years. She is a member of Summer Memorial Lutheran Church in Newberry and an Associate Member of Faith Lutheran Church in Batesburg. She lives in Batesburg-Leesville with her husband Bobby and two cats.

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 <u>ineligible</u> 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: Robert Allen, Suzie Bannister, Claude Calloway, Joshua Fischer, Richard Caruso, Beth Cribbe, Vicki Lybrand, Rev. Stephen Roehrs, Lauren and Patrick Sayers, Leon Chute, Chad and Kristie Evans, and Sandi Jordan, Rynde and Bill Dial, Chris and Anna Caldwell, Jane and Phil Cahaly, Phyllis Barnette.

COUNCIL ADVISORY BALLOT - 2026

The following are suggested for consideration as	nominees for Congregation.
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

<u>Today</u> is the <u>final</u> day to give your Advisory Ballot. The boxes are located in the Sacristy and Narthex.

*The Recessional Hymn "Guide Me Even

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Hymn #618

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

*The Dismissal Beth Cribbe/Beth Fischer

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

Postlude "Go Children With My Blessing"

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand

<u>THE ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are provided by WELCA to the honor and glory of God and in honor and memory of the Women of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are 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.

<u>WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST</u> 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.

Workshop in September and October!

If you believe the greatest favor you can do for someone is to introduce them to Jesus Christ, then mark your calendar and plan to attend the "How to Give Your Faith Away" program from the Witness Committee! We will be meeting on Sunday nights from 6-8 PM, September 21st – October 26th in the Pairs and Spares Room. This program will be very interactive and include media, guest speakers, Q & A, and group discussions. It will be facilitated by Jane Cahaly from the *Salt and Light Foundation* and feature the works of Paul E. Little (1928-1975) as he shared his down-to-earth approach to how friendly and natural evangelism can be!

Don't miss this opportunity to add the "tell" to the "show" for which HTLC is so well known in our community! Books will be provided.



Chancel Choir has resumed their rehearsals after a short summer break.

Everyone is welcomed back and anyone new who would like to offer their singing talent in service to God by joining us is invited

to come on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (11 a.m. Chancel Choir) and 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings (8:45 Chancel Choir)

If you have any questions, please check with Jill Helgeson, the Music Director/Organist, or any choir member.



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, October 18 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Beth Fischer (<u>fischerfive@att.net</u>) or (864-933-7446) for more information. Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.

Amazing Donations

WOW! Holy Trinity has always been generous in feeding those in need in our community. This "Gathering and Giving Project" focused on providing food to hungry students. Thanks to the donations of our congregation, we were able to share the following foods with the United Way of Anderson County which supplies foods to Middle and High School Food Pantries.

- 22 jars of peanut butter
- 12 jars of jelly
- 22 boxes of cereal
- 213 packs/boxes of Mac and Cheese
- 20 packs of Lance Snack Crackers
- 229 Granola/Fruit Bars
- 286 Pop Tarts
- 130 packages of Ramen Noodles
- 6 cans of tuna
- 10 cans of soup
- 2 packages of beef jerky
- 2 containers of oatmeal
- 1 bag of Sweet Tarts
- 1 cake mix

This is a congregation that truly serves its neighbors in need.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you Holy Trinity!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We continue our monthly 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, October 8 - "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy

neighbor."

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER LIST	<u>SPONSORS</u>
9/21 The Family of Dr. Timothy Roehrs	Congregation
9/21 Susan Straup	Bob Straup
9/21 Norman Keasler	Bob Vinson
9/7 Tim Wood	Amber Oates
9/7 Aaron Simmons	Michael Oates
9/7 Susan Singleton	Andy & Sharon Christmas
8/24 Whitney Capps	Mike & Bobbi Metz
8/17 The Family of Matt Pontius	Bob & Susan Straup
8/17 Nancy Korn	Dave Korn
8/17 Christina Richey	Amber Oates
8/17 The Lindsted Family	Jim & Donna Dancik
8/10 Patrick Caldwell	Chris & Anna Caldwell
8/10 The Skelton Family	Jay & Suzie Bannister
8/10 Sonny Morris	Bob & Susan Straup
8/10 Scott Hall	Mike & Bobbi Metz
8/10 The Family of Joan Stinson	Brenda McGowan
8/3 Family of Junior Garrett	Jill Helgeson
8/3 Bob Davenport	Janice Davenport
8/3 Jean Miller	Brenda McGowan
8/3 Mary Saylors	Brenda McGowan
8/3 Stacey Skaggs	Jim & Donna Dancik
8/3 Laura Linstedt	Jim & Donna Dancik
8/3 Holly Milburn	Jim & Donna Dancik
7/28 Angie Young	Jill Helgeson
7/28 Matt Pontius	Bob & Susan Straup
7/28 Harley Earwicker	Robert & Vicki Allen
7/28 Brad Simpson	Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
7/20 Alex Grieco	Paul Wagner
7/13 The Family of Paula Kareta Smith	Paula Boller
7/13 The Family of Tommy Fowler	Mike Oates
7/13 The Family of Al Reutz	Diana James & Carter Boucher
7/13 The Family of Claudia Dickerson	Diana James
7/6 Ernie Thoms	Congregation
7/6 Dave Korn	Nancy Korn
7/6 The Family of Doug Stow	Jill Helgeson
7/6 The Family of Catherine Craft	Jill Helgeson
7/6 The Family of Pruitt Martin	Jill Helgeson
7/6 The Family of Gary Brockman	Jane Potter
7/6 The Family of Myrtle McLain	Congregation
7/6 The Nicastro Family	Jim & Donna Dancik

LONG TERM PRAYERS	SPONSORS
The Caruso Family	Omaira Caruso
Chris Pracht	Jill Helgeson
Ben Taylor	Jill Helgeson
Robert Cahaly	Phil & Jane Cahaly
Nick Korn	Dave & Nancy Korn
Edmond Pop	The Fischer Family
Ed Hartshorn	Pat Ross
Elanor Dean	The Stokes Family
Mike Borron	Paul Wagner
Henri Holmes Adair Baker	The Stokes Family
Gabrielle Godfrey	Brenda McGowan
Carolyn Culbreath	The Stokes Family
Buddy & Lesley Taylor	Marisa Adrian
Willy E. Johnson	The Stokes Family
Michael Morrison	Jill Helgeson
Susan Socha	Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Danny Rouse	Brenda McGowan
Nina & Larry Sherman	Jill Helgeson
Gretchen Fant	Jill Helgeson



We keep our thoughts and prayers to Rev. Stephen Roehrs and family upon the death of his brother, Dr. Timothy Roehrs, who entered the Church Triumphant on September 17^{th.} May God's promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

Devotionals are here

The new *Christ In Our Home* devotionals for October, November and December are in the Narthex. Please limit one per household.