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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.

October 5, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Coming With Me”

*The Confession & Forgiveness

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. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Psalm 37

(sung responsively)

Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
**²For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**
³Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
**⁴Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**
⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
**⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**
⁷Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.
**⁸Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.**
⁹For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. The word of the Lord en' dures forever. That word is the good news that was an' nounced. Alleluia.* (1 Peter 1:25)

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DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – October 5, 2025

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist.....Sharon Christmas
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Landen Moody
Lectors.....(E) Phyllis Barnette (L) Sid Stokes
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Harry Coggins
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Jane Potter & Gail Cannon

(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
October 5 – October 11

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)
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (Fellowship Hall Parking Lot)
6:00 p.m. “How to Give Your Faith Away” Workshop (Pairs and Spares Room)

MON.

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

TUES.

4:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)

We are grateful for Sharon Christmas sharing her gifts as our organist this morning, filling in for Jill.

(we stand)
*Hymn “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” Hymn #759

*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) 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 Hymn of Praise “This Is The Feast” page 122

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Prayer of the Day
God among us, we gather in the name of Your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to Your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4) Back Cover
Psalm 37 Inside Cover
The Second Lesson (2 Timothy 1:1-14) Back Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. The word of the Lord en' dures forever. That word is the good news that was an' nounced. Alleluia.* (1 Peter 1:25)

The gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 17:5-10) Back Cover

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

Sermon **“JUST DO IT!”**

*The Hymn of the Month **“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”** **HYMN #597**

***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;
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.

Dining Divas
Thursday, November 6, at 6:00 PM
Public Well Café & Pizza
5733 Dobbin Bridge Road, Anderson
Please RSVP
Beth Cribbe (call or text 864-617-6216
or email bcribbe1@gmail.com)

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.

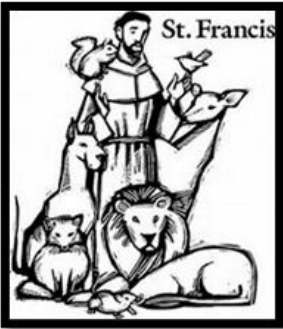
WHEN: Wednesday, October 8 - "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

WELCA MEETINGS

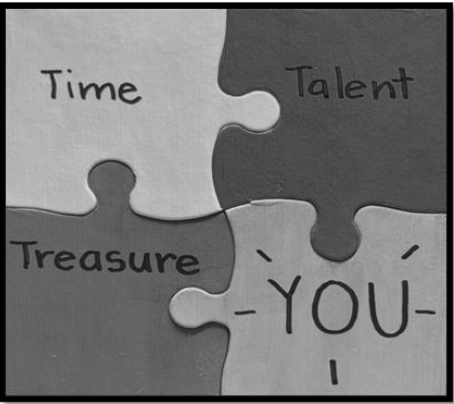
Luther’s Ladies
Leader: Beth Fischer
Date: October 16
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Supper Meeting
October 27
6:00 p.m.
in
Fellowship Hall



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
You are invited to join us this afternoon 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.



TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Matthew 6:21 encourages us to focus on heavenly things rather than earthly possessions. The use of the word “treasure” here represents what is most valuable and important to a person - their priorities. It is not about material wealth, like hidden treasures of coins and jewels. This biblical use of the word “treasure” is about one’s

time, energy, compassion, kindness, faith, love, and service to others: These heavenly treasures are eternal and cannot be taken away like material possessions can be, but they become more valuable when given away. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40 that when we serve, give, or care for someone in need, we are serving Jesus Himself, emphasizing the importance of compassion and service.

We are compensated for the work we do in our careers with money. Success is often measured by how much money someone has or how many expensive material treasures they possess - like big houses, fancy cars, and a luxurious lifestyle. Money and property can provide security and opportunities, but material treasures do not guarantee happiness or meaning in your life.

It is not a sin to be wealthy. What matters is whether our wealth supports a divine purpose. True wealth is not measured by what we possess but by how we lift others with it. When wealth, abundant or modest, is used in service to others, it honors God. Guided by love, money ceases to be just material wealth; it is transformed from a tool into a ministry. Using wealth wisely and compassionately becomes a sacred piece of God’s puzzle by blessing the one who receives the gift, while enriching the heart of the one who gives. True prosperity is measured by generosity.

October is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

On Sunday, **October 19TH** everyone is invited to wear **PINK** in honor of all survivors and in memory of loved ones who have been victims of breast cancer.

**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 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 Leader concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “**Hear our Prayer.**”*
*The Minister concludes the prayers with these words: “Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Amen.***

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received
Offertory Hymn of Meditation **“Open Our Eyes Lord”**

***The Offertory Hymn** **“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”** **Hymn #181**

* The Prayer (The congregation responses 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)

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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 Words of Institution

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*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.

*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Communion

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.

LOOKING AHEAD			
Worship Assistants			
October 12, 2025			
Acolytes	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
	Ken Earp	Brady West	
Lectors	Christopher Caldwell	John Trent	
October 12	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.
October 13	Workshop “ How to Give Your Faith Away” (Pairs and Spares Room)		6:00 p.m.
	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)		7:00 p.m.
October 15	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)		10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice		6:30 p.m.
October 16	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)		6:00 p.m.
October 18	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)		9:00 a.m.
October 19	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Breast Cancer 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) Breast Cancer Sunday		11:00 a.m.
October 22	TOTSOME after Late Worship		
	Workshop “ How to Give Your Faith Away” (Pairs and Spares Room)		6:00 p.m.
	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)		10:00 a.m.
October 24	Choir Practice		6:30 p.m.
	Sanctuary Reserved		5:00 p.m.
October 25	Sanctuary Reserved		4:00 p.m.
October 26	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Breast Cancer 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) Breast Cancer Sunday		11:00 a.m.
October 26	TOTSOME after Late Worship		
	Workshop “ How to Give Your Faith Away” (Pairs and Spares Room)		6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – September 28 – 8:45 a.m. (57) 11:00 a.m. (49)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED September 28 – Operating Fund \$2,962.00, Endowment Fund \$50.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$104.00



CHOIR PRACTICE
HAS BEGUN!

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.

NOTE: This will be the last event for this year.

Our next Creative Day is Saturday, October 18
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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.) page 136

SENDING

*The Blessing
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The
Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn “Faith Of Our Fathers” Hymn # 812

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

The Dismissal
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude “We Declare Your Majesty”

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bonnie Lutz to the honor and glory of God and in
loving memory of her husband, Warren. May God keep him safe until we meet again.



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.

PRAYER LIST
9/28 Paul Wagner
9/28 Dave Rasche
9/28 The Family of Officer Mark Garrett
9/28 The Family of Shane McVey
9/28 Ronnie Grambrell
9/28 Terrika Hicks & Family
9/28 The Family of Warren Perry Brown, Jr.
9/21 The Family of Dr. Timothy Roehrs
9/21 Susan Straup
9/21 Norman Keasler
9/7 Tim Wood
9/7 Aaron Simmons
9/7 Susan Singleton
8/24 Whitney Capps
8/17 The Family of Matt Pontius
8/17 Nancy Korn
8/17 Christina Richey
8/17 The Lindsted Family
8/10 Patrick Caldwell
8/10 The Skelton Family
8/10 Sonny Morris
8/10 Scott Hall
8/10 The Family of Joan Stinson
8/3 Family of Junior Garrett
8/3 Bob Davenport
8/3 Jean Miller
8/3 Mary Saylor
8/3 Stacey Skaggs
8/3 Laura Linstedt
8/3 Holly Milburn
7/28 Angie Young
7/28 Matt Pontius
7/28 Harley Earwicker
7/28 Brad Simpson
7/20 Alex Grieco
7/13 The Family of Paula Kareta Smith
7/13 The Family of Tommy Fowler
7/13 The Family of Al Reutz
7/13 The Family of Claudia Dickerson
7/6 Ernie Thoms
7/6 Dave Korn

SPONSORS
Diane Wagner
Sue Rasche
Matt Roehrs
Gail Cannon
Gail Cannon
The Stokes Family
The Stokes Family
Congregation
Bob Straup
Bob Vinson
Amber Oates
Michael Oates
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Bob & Susan Straup
Dave Korn
Amber Oates
Jim & Donna Dancik
Chris & Anna Caldwell
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Bob & Susan Straup
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Janice Davenport
Brenda McGowan
Brenda McGowan
Jim & Donna Dancik
Jim & Donna Dancik
Jim & Donna Dancik
Jill Helgeson
Bob & Susan Straup
Robert & Vicki Allen
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Paul Wagner
Paula Boller
Mike Oates
Diana James & Carter Boucher
Diana James
Congregation
Nancy Korn

7/6 The Family of Doug Stow
7/6 The Family of Catherine Craft
7/6 The Family of Pruitt Martin
7/6 The Family of Gary Brockman
7/6 The Family of Myrtle McLain
7/6 The Nicastro Family
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson
Jane Potter
Congregation
Jim & Donna Dancik
Names listed for the dates of 7/6 thru 7/28 will be removed from the prayer list next week. If a name from this date is being removed that you would like to stay on, please resubmit it.
LONG TERM PRAYERS
The Caruso Family
Chris Pracht
Ben Taylor
Robert Cahaly
Nick Korn
Edmond Pop
Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Willy E. Johnson
Michael Morrison
Susan Socha
Danny Rouse
Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant
Omaira Caruso
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson
Phil & Jane Cahaly
Dave & Nancy Korn
The Fischer Family
Pat Ross
The Stokes Family
Paul Wagner
The Stokes Family
Brenda McGowan
The Stokes Family
Marisa Adrian
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
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Workshop in 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.