

## 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.

February 1, 2026

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"A Song In The Morning"*

- Gilbert M. Martin

\*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 15

(sung responsively)

LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>1</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health  
and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. Rejoice 'and be glad, for your reward is ' great in heaven. Alleluia.* (Matthew 5:12)

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**SERVING YOU TODAY – February 1, 2026**

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Katie Fischer  
Lectors.....(E) Pamela Michalski (L) Rynde Dial  
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Suzie Bannister (L) Rynde Dial  
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Tom Adrian  
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown,  
Kristie Evans, Chad Evans  
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Rynde Dial  
Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
February 1 – February 7**

**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. Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 a.m. The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class (Pairs and Spares)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**TUES.**

10:00 a.m. Service Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)

**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 (Rigby’s, 115 Interstate Blvd., Anderson)

**SAT.**

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

(we stand)

\*The Hymn

*“As We Gather At Your Table”*

**Hymn #522**

\*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 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.**

\*Canticle 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

Holy God, You confound the world’s wisdom in giving Your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Micah 6:1-8)

Psalm 15

The Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

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Acclamation (sung by all)

*Alleluia. Rejoice 'and be glad, for your reward is ' great in heaven. Alleluia.* (Matthew 5:12)

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12) Bulletin Cover

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

Sermon **“THE IRONY OF TRUE HAPPINESS”**

\*Hymn of the Month **“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”** **Hymn #745**

\*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**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Worship Assistants**

February 8, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Lectors	Jane Potter	Mike Metz
February 8	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.  9:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
February 9	Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
February 11	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.
February 15	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class (Pairs and Spares) Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
February 17.	<b>Community Shrove Pancake Supper (Boulevard Baptist Church)</b> Anglican Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)	<b>4:30-7:00 p.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.
February 18	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b> w/Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion Choir Practice following service	10:00 a.m.  12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.
February 19	Luther’s Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
February 21	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

**Supper Meeting  
February 23  
6:00 p.m.  
in  
Fellowship Hall**

**Dining Divas**

**February 5  
6:00 p.m.  
(Rigby’s, 115 Interstate Blvd.,  
Anderson)  
Please RSVP Beth Cribbe (864)  
617-6216  
or email [bcribbe1@gmail.com](mailto:bcribbe1@gmail.com)**

**The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class  
continues to meet in the Pairs and Spares Room at  
10:00 a.m. each week.**

### **“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”**

Ernie Thoms has spent 23 years as a faithful servant to the Lord, dedicating a considerable amount of time and using his many God-given talents in service to our congregation as the Property Committee Chair. Please join us as we honor Ernie for his faithful service on Sunday, February 22, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, between the two Worship Services. We will also be dedicating the Mechanical Room in the Fellowship Hall in Ernie's name. Refreshments will be provided.



#### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY**

On Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest eating day in the US, we will be focusing on hunger in our own community. The youth will be in the back of the church after both worship services on February 8 with large soup pots to collect funds as a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring Event. The money received will be going to A.I.M. Your generosity is appreciated.

**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.**

**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

Choir Offertory Anthem

(8:45 a.m.)

**"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"** - Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness.....only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

(11:00 a.m.)

**"The Beatitudes"**

- Martin Swalboski

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; Blessed are they that mourn;  
For they shall be comforted, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, yes blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God!

Blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are the peacemakers;

They shall be called the Children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake:  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you, revile you and persecute you

And say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake

Falsely for my sake.

Rejoice, be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven.

Rejoice, be exceeding glad, rejoice, be exceeding glad

For great is your reward in heaven.

\*The Offertory Hymn

**"Let The Vineyards"**

Hymn # 181

\*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

\*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

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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

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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:

**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, February 7<sup>th</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.

**NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Semi-Annual meeting of the congregation will be held at 9:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on February 8. At this meeting the officers of the congregation, staff, committee chairs, organization presidents/leaders will present a brief report highlighting the accomplishments of the previous ministry year. There will be a light breakfast provided.



**Annual Community  
Pancake Supper**



**Shrove Tuesday, February 17**

**Boulevard Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**

**Serving: 4:30—7:00 p.m.**

Tickets will be available after both worship services. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" with "Pancake Supper" on the memo line. The funds raised this year will go to Start Tomorrow Today.

**Sponsored by:**

**THE ANDERSON AREA MINISTERS**

**As in the past; the Lutheran Men In Mission of Holy Trinity are invited to help with the cooking.**

## LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

### Sermon Series: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

#### Notes:

- 1) Our annual Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year again at Boulevard Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 17.
- 2) Both Ash Wednesday Services, Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical.

Wednesday, February 18 [no meal]	Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Message: "And When You Pray"
Wednesday, February 25 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group A to host] Message: "Our Father Who Art In Heaven"
Wednesday, March 4 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group B to host] Message: "Hallowed Be Thy Name"
Wednesday, March 11 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Church Youth to host] Message: "Thy Kingdom Come"
Wednesday, March 18 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in Mission to host] Message: "Thy Will Be Done"
Wednesday, March 25 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational Potluck Meal] Message: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"
Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday [no meal]	Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Message: "Forgive Us As We Forgive Others"
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday [no meal]	Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Message: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil"

\*Sanctus (sung by all)

**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.**

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\*The Words of Institution

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\*The Lord's Prayer

**C. 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)

**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.**

(we sit)

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**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



**PRAYER LIST**

1/25 The Family of Goetz Eaton  
 1/18 Trish Taub  
 1/18 The Family of Eric Helveston  
 1/18 Katrina Sellars  
 1/18 Justin T. Smith  
 1/18 Phillip Montgomery  
 1/18 Olin Bell  
 1/18 Heather King  
 1/18 April Wentzky  
 1/18 Dana Arnold  
 1/11 Tommy Rudisill  
 1/11 Tom Weeks  
 1/11 Ron McDowell  
 1/11 The Family of Francis Boggs  
 1/11 The Family of Catherine Murphy  
 1/11 Jay Hayes  
 1/11 The Family of Nancy Stewart  
 1/4 Johnel Searcy  
 12/28 The Family of Mike Stowe  
 12/28 Penny Moudrianakis  
 12/21 The Family of Michael Richardson  
 12/21 Margaret DiOrio  
 12/21 Bill Brissey  
 12/21 Matt Stinson  
 12/21 The Family of Mitzi Gehring  
 12/21 Greg Bell  
 12/21 Marisa Adrian  
 12/14 James Jester  
 12/14 The Family of Dexter Odum  
 12/7 Jeanette Thoms  
 12/7 The Family of Dale Womer  
 12/7 Carter Boucher  
 12/7 Bailey Spiers  
 12/7 Judy Jarrett  
 12/7 Ben Blanks  
 12/7 Scott Smith

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**LONG TERM PRAYERS**

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**DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 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.