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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.
January 18, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

- Johann Pachelbel

*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 40

(sung responsively)

I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

2The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff,
making my¹ footing sure.

3The LORD put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

4Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.

5Great are the wonders you have done,
O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be com-¹ pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than¹ I can count.

6Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have¹ not required.

7And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me:

8I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
your law is¹ deep within me."

9I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.

10I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and¹ your deliverance;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth
from the¹ great assembly.**

11You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compas-¹ sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth
continually¹ keep me safe.

Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. In the¹ Word was life, and the life was the light¹ of all people. Alleluia. (John 1:4)

SERVING YOU TODAY – January 18, 2026

Minister.....	Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....	Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....	(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Landen Moody
Lectors.....	(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers.....	(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Harry Coggins
Video/IT Engineers.....	Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates
Tabulators.....	Sandi Jordan & Jane Potter
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	Rynde Dial
Vice-President.....	Mary Ann Hobbs
Treasurer.....	Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....	Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

January 18 – January 24

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.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Reserved

WED.

10:00 a.m.

T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)

6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

SAT.

10:00 a.m.

Quilters (Quilting Room)

10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

(we stand)

*The Hymn

*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.**

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

Hymn #311

*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.**

*Canticle of Praise (sung by all)

(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, our strength and our redeemer, by Your Spirit hold us forever, that through Your grace we may worship You and faithfully serve You, follow You and joyfully find You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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WORD

Children's Sermon
The First Lesson (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Psalm 40

The Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. In the 'Word was life, and the life was the light ' of all people. Alleluia. (John 1:4)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (John 1:29-42)

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

Sermon

"BEHOLD THE LAMB"

*Hymn of the Month

"Come, Beloved of the Maker"

Hymn #306

*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**

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LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants

January 25, 2026

Acolytes	8:45 a.m. Ken Earp	11:00 a.m. Joshua Fischer
Lectors	Christopher Caldwell	Bobbi Metz

January 25	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Ernie Thoms Appreciation (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary) Worship and Music Meeting after worship	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
January 26	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 28	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:45 a.m.
February 1	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)	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
February 4	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
February 5	Dining Divas (Rigby's, 115 Interstate Blvd., Anderson)	6:00 p.m.
February 7	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
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.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services – January 11 - 8:45 a.m. (55) 11:00 a.m. (58)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

January 11 - Operating Fund \$2,881.55, World Hunger Fund \$100.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00,
Initial Offering \$10.00

**The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class
reading for the upcoming class is Genesis 12-50. All
adults are invited to attend at 10:00 AM Sunday in
the Pairs and Spares Room.**

Tabulator Training

Our final tabulator training will take place today in the Office Conference Room at 10:00 AM, between the Early and Late services. If you are a new tabulator, or a current tabulator uncertain of the current process, or just need a review, you are encouraged to attend one of these two sessions. There have been spreadsheet changes and process changes to tabulating from prior years in an attempt to reduce errors and more easily correct any that occur.

If you are unable to attend a session and would like a copy of the slide deck, email Mike Cox (SALZBURG1951@GMAIL.COM) and a .pdf will be emailed to you.

“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, January 25, 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.) ***“The Only Son From Heaven”***
Only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, in human form appears.
No sphere His light confining, no star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.

- German, 1524

Awaken, Lord, our Spirit to know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken, in spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving, each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.
O Father, here before Thee with God the Holy Ghost,
And Jesus, we adore Thee, Thou pride of angel host:
Before Thee mortals lowly cry, "Holy , holy, holy,
One God in Persons Three!"

(11:00 a.m.)

"The Only Son From Heaven"

Only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, in human form appears.
No sphere His light confining, no star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.

O Father, here before Thee with God the Holy Ghost,
And Jesus, we adore Thee, Thou pride of angel host:
Before Thee mortals lowly cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
One God in Persons Three!"

*The Offertory Hymn

"Let The Vineyards"

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

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

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)

**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

- J. S. Bach



Hymn # 181

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

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 7th
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

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 next Sunday.

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.



11/2 The Smith Family
11/2 The Roloff Family
11/2 Beth Passow

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Phillip Roehrs
Nick Korn
Betty Williams
The Caruso Family
Ben Taylor
Robert Cahaly
Edmond Pop
Ed Hartshorn
Elanor Dean
Mike Borron
Henri Holmes Adair Baker
Gabrielle Godfrey
Carolyn Culbreath
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Jill Helgeson

*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.

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*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)

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.

Pastor Fischer

*The Communion Blessing

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*Post Communion Hymn **"Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant"**
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.

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

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DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 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.

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.**

*Closing Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn #310

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

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O Savior, Precious Savior

- Arthur H. Mann

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Diane Richardson and family to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Richardson.

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.

**LUTHERAN MEN IN
MISSION**
Supper Meeting
January 26
6:00 p.m.
in
Fellowship Hall

PRAYER LIST

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
11/30 Jana Rudisill
11/30 The Family of V.R. Nelson
11/30 Neely Thompson
11/30 The Family of Pat Caldwell
11/30 Kathy S.
11/23 Jayson Sanstrum
11/23 The Locke Family
11/23 The Family of Jerry Arp
11/23 Matt Tenry
11/23 George Olbon
11/16 Janice Davenport
11/16 Marjorie Kuhn
11/16 Larry Olbon
11/9 Kimi Williams
11/9 Neda Kantrowitz

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Beth Fischer
Bob Vinson
Andy & Sharon Christmas
Cathy Rudisill
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Chris & Anna Caldwell
Suzie Bannister
Emery Sanstrum
Mike & Leslie Cox
Jamie Corrigan
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Kim Hill
Andy & Sharon Christmas
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Rette Stokes