

**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.**

**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.**

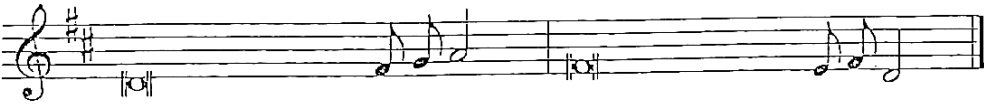
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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- I on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and I heard my cry.  
**2The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the I miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff,  
making my I footing sure.**  
**3The LORD put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise I to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust I in the LORD.**  
**4Happy are they who trust I in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who I follow lies.**  
**5Great are the wonders you have done,  
O LORD my God! In your plans for us,  
none can be com- I pared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I I can count.**  
**6Sacrifice and offering you do I not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have I not required.**  
**7And so I said, “Here I I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is writ- I ten of me:  
8I love to do your will, I O my God;  
your law is I deep within me.”**  
**9I proclaimed righteousness in the I great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O I LORD, you know.**  
**10I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and I your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth  
from the I great assembly.**  
**11You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compas- I sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth  
continually I keep me safe.**

Acclamation (sung by all)  
*Alleluia. In the ' Word was life, and the life was the light ' 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
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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 *“Hail To The Lord’s Anointed”* Hymn #311

\*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.**

\*Canticle of Praise (sung by all) page 121

**(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.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Psalm 40

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

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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) Bulletin Cover

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

LOOKING AHEAD  
Worship Assistants  
January 25, 2026

Acolytes	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	Ken Earp	Joshua Fischer
	Christopher Caldwell	Bobbi Metz
January 25	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Ernie Thoms Appreciation (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Worship and Music Meeting after worship	
January 26	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
January 28	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
February 1	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Children’s Sunday School Class (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)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
February 4	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	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)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	9:50 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	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](mailto: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"***

- German, 1524

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.

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!"

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One God in Persons Three!"

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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 page 130

- J. S. Bach



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.

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.**

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## 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

Jim & Donna Dancik  
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Randy 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  
Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
Willy E. Johnson  
Michael Morrison  
Susan Socha  
Danny Rouse  
Nina & Larry Sherman

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The Stokes Family  
Paul Wagner  
The Stokes Family  
Brenda McGowan  
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Marisa Adrian  
The Stokes Family  
Jill Helgeson  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson

**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.

\*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) page 135  
**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.*

\*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

