

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 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
January 11, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude "In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord" -John Pachelbel  
\*The Confession & Forgiveness page 116

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. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.



Psalm 29  
(sung responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.  
O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)  
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pleased." Alleluia. (Matthew 3:17)

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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.

| <u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>      |  |                        |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Worship Assistants</b> |  |                        |
| January 18, 2026          |  |                        |
|                           | 8:45 a.m.  | 11:00 a.m.             |
| Acolytes                  | Lucy Roehrs  | Landen Moody           |
| Lectors                   | Virgil Hobbs   | Dave Korn              |
| Assisting Ministers       | Virgil Hobbs   | Harry Coggins          |
|                           |  |                        |
| January 18                | 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.             |
| January 20                | Sanctuary Reserved   | 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.       |
| January 21                | T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)                             | 10:00 a.m.             |
|                           | Choir Practice   | 6:30 p.m.              |
| January 24                | Quilters (Quilting Room)                                     | 10:00 a.m.             |
| January 24                | Fellowship Hall Reserved                                     | 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| January 25                | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                  | 8:45 a.m.              |
|                           | Ernie Thoms Appreciation Gathering (Fellowship Hall)         | 10:00 a.m.             |
|                           | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                  | 11:00 a.m.             |
|                           | Worship and Music Meeting after worship (Fellowship Hall)    |                        |
| 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.             |
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**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

December 31 - Operating Fund \$12,200.00, Endowment Fund \$1,000.00, Facility Use Fund \$125.00

January 4 - Operating Fund \$7,515.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Endowment Fund \$25.00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – January 4 – 8:45 a.m. (59) 11:00 a.m. (62)

(we stand)  
\*The Hymn *“This Is The Spirit’s Entry Now”* Hymn #448  
\*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.**

\*Hymn 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  
O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be Your daughters and sons, and empower us all with Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Isaiah 42:1-9)

Psalms 29

The Second Lesson (Acts 10:34-43)

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

Alleluia. A voice from ' heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I ' am well pleased." Alleluia. (Matthew 3:17)

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

\*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17)

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

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Month

\*Apostles’ Creed

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.

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Hymn #306

SERVING YOU TODAY – January 11, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Katie Fischer  
Lectors.....(E) Phyllis Barnette (L) Sandi Jordan  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/ Mike Oates  
Tabulators.....Amy Goodson & Jane Potter  
Ushers:  
(E) Susan Straup - Captain, Skip Knight, Terry Cribbe, Beth Cribbe, Claude Calloway  
(L) Sid Stokes - Captain, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins, Robert O’Connor  
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Rynde Dial  
Vice-President.....Beth Cribbe  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

January 11 – January 17

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 Room)  
10:00 a.m. Tabulator Training (Office Conference Room)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MON.

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUES.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)  
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)  
6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

THUR.

6:00 p.m. Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT.

10:00 a.m. Quilters (Quilting Room)

**Dining Divas**  
**January 8**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Carson's Restaurant**  
**150 Beltline Blvd.**  
**Anderson, SC**  
**Please RSVP Beth Cribbe (864) 617-6216**  
**or email [bcribbe1@gmail.com](mailto:bcribbe1@gmail.com)**

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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The start of the New Year is always a great time for resolutions, and this year we are inviting all adults at Holy Trinity to prayerfully consider a “weekly walk through the Bible” in a proposed new adult Sunday School.

Lauren Sayers and Jane Cahaly are leading a new venture and will be using two books as guides: *“The Whole Story”* by Dr. David Jeremiah and *“Thirty Days to Understanding the Bible”* by Max Anders.

Our motivations for this new class are as follows:

- To build an adult Sunday school class for those not already participating in the current adult class during the 10 o'clock hour
- to build relationships between individuals worshipping in the early service and the late service
- to promote the idea of individual and/or family Bible study on a weekly basis.

We will be meeting in the “Pairs and Spares” room during the month of January. At the end of that month, we will pray for guidance to see if there is interest in continuing. It is not necessary to sign-up in advance but if you are interested in exploring this opportunity or have questions, please text Lauren at 215-589-9647 or Jane Cahaly at 864-314-2561. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthem                      *“When Jesus Came to Jordan”*                      -English Folk Tune

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When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on Him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

\*The Offertory Hymn                      “*Create In Me*”                      Hymn # 186

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## 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 Minister concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”*

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

|   |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| <b><u>SENDING</u></b>   |   |                   |
| The Blessing<br>Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. <b>Amen.</b> |   |                   |
| *Closing Hymn   | <b><i>“Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”</i></b> | <b>Hymn #304</b>  |
| (Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)                                     |   |                   |
| *The Dismissal<br>Go in peace, serve the Lord.<br><b>Thanks be to God!</b>                            |   |                   |
| Postlude  | <b><i>“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”</i></b>      | -Wittenburg, 1524 |
| (*) “Indicates congregation to stand  |   |                   |

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed on the altar by Robert & Sophie O’Connor to the honor and glory of God and in celebration of their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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.

Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, January 14. We will meet 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, January 14    5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**WHAT: THE DISCIPLES**

**“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 Utility Room in the Fellowship Hall in Ernie’s name. Refreshments will be provided.

**Tabulator Training**

Today, and again on the January 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be tabulator training 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.

The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class reading for the upcoming class is **Genesis 1-11**. All adults are invited to attend at 10:00 AM Sunday in the Pairs and Spares Room.

| <u>PRAYER LIST</u>                     | <u>SPONSORS</u>         | <u>LONG TERM PRAYERS</u> | <u>SPONSORS</u>         |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/4 Johnel Searcy                      | Rynde Dial              | Nick Korn                | Dave & Nancy Korn       |
| 12/28 The Family of Mike Stowe         | Jill Helgeson           | Betty Williams           | Connie Adams            |
| 12/28 Penny Moudrianakis               | Diana James             | The Caruso Family        | Omaira Caruso           |
| 12/21 The Family of Michael Richardson | Congregation            | Chris Pracht             | Jill Helgeson           |
| 12/21 Margaret DiOrio                  | The Stokes Family       | Ben Taylor               | Jill Helgeson           |
| 12/21 Bill Brissey                     | Jay & Suzie Bannister   | Robert Cahaly            | Phil & Jane Cahaly      |
| 12/21 Catherine Murphy                 | Brenda McGowan          | Edmond Pop               | The Fischer Family      |
| 12/21 Matt Stinson                     | Brenda McGowan          | Ed Hartshorn             | Pat Ross                |
| 12/21 The Family of Mitzi Gehring      | Jane Potter             | Elanor Dean              | The Stokes Family       |
| 12/21 Greg Bell                        | Jane Potter             | Mike Borron              | Paul Wagner             |
| 12/21 Marisa Adrian                    | Tom Adrian              | Henri Holmes Adair Baker | The Stokes Family       |
| 12/14 James Jester                     | Paula Boller            | Gabrielle Godfrey        | Brenda McGowan          |
| 12/14 The Family of Dexter Odum        | The Stokes Family       | Carolyn Culbreath        | The Stokes Family       |
| 12/7 Jeanette Thoms                    | Congregation            | Buddy & Lesley Taylor    | Marisa Adrian           |
| 12/7 The Family of Dale Womer          | Congregation            | Willy E. Johnson         | The Stokes Family       |
| 12/7 Carter Boucher                    | Diana James             | Michael Morrison         | Jill Helgeson           |
| 12/7 Bailey Spiers                     | Mike & Bobbi Metz       | Susan Socha              | Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt |
| 12/7 Judy Jarrett                      | Beth Fischer            | Danny Rouse              | Brenda McGowan          |
| 12/7 Ben Blanks                        | Bob Vinson              | Nina & Larry Sherman     | Jill Helgeson           |
| 12/7 Scott Smith                       | Andy & Sharon Christmas | Gretchen Fant            | Jill Helgeson           |
| 12/7 Nick Korn                         | Dave & Nancy Korn       |                          |                         |
| 11/30 Jana Rudisill                    | Cathy Rudisill          |                          |                         |
| 11/30 The Family of V.R. Nelson        | Congregation            |                          |                         |
| 11/30 Neely Thompson                   | Jane Potter             |                          |                         |
| 11/30 The Family of Pat Caldwell       | Chris & Anna Caldwell   |                          |                         |
| 11/30 Kathy S.                         | Suzie Bannister         |                          |                         |
| 11/23 Jayson Sanstrum                  | Emery Sanstrum          |                          |                         |
| 11/23 The Locke Family                 | Mike & Leslie Cox       |                          |                         |
| 11/23 The Family of Jerry Arp          | Jamie Corrigan          |                          |                         |
| 11/23 Matt Tenry                       | Congregation            |                          |                         |
| 11/23 George Olbon                     | Andy & Sharon Christmas |                          |                         |
| 11/16 Janice Davenport                 | Bob Davenport           |                          |                         |
| 11/16 Marjorie Kuhn                    | Kim Hill                |                          |                         |
| 11/16 Larry Olbon                      | Andy & Sharon Christmas |                          |                         |
| 11/9 Kimi Williams                     | The Straups             |                          |                         |
| 11/9 Neda Kantrowitz                   | Rette Stokes            |                          |                         |
| 11/2 The Smith Family                  | Jim & Donna Dancik      |                          |                         |
| 11/2 The Roloff Family                 | Jim & Donna Dancik      |                          |                         |
| 11/2 Beth Passow                       | Randy Passow            |                          |                         |