

## 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

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

*"In Thee Alone, O Christ My Lord"*

-John Pachelbel

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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 <sup>1</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-<sup>1</sup> ry and strength.  
**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory<sup>1</sup> due God's name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau-<sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.**  
**3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of<sup>1</sup> glory thunders;**  
the LORD is upon the<sup>1</sup> mighty waters.  
**4The voice of the LORD is a pow-<sup>1</sup> erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a<sup>1</sup> voice of splendor.**  
**5The voice of the LORD breaks the<sup>1</sup> cedar trees;**  
the LORD breaks the ce-<sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;  
**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip<sup>1</sup> like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a<sup>1</sup> young wild ox.**  
**7The voice<sup>1</sup> of the LORD**  
bursts forth in<sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.  
**8The voice of the LORD<sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;**  
**the LORD shakes the wilder-<sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh.**  
**9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe**  
and strips the<sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are<sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"  
**10The LORD sits enthroned a-<sup>1</sup> bove the flood;**  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.**  
**11O LORD, give strength<sup>1</sup> to your people;**  
give them, O LORD, the bless-<sup>1</sup> ings of peace.

\*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)

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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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Worship Assistants**

January 18, 2026

Acolytes	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Assisting Ministers	Virgil Hobbs	Dave Korn
	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.
	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.

(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.**

\*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.**

\*Hymn 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

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.**

## ***"This Is The Spirit's Entry Now"***

Hymn #448

## 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)

## WORD

Children's Sermon

The First Lesson (Isaiah 42:1-9)

Psalm 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

**“WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”**

*“Come, Beloved of The Maker”*

**\*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

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

## SERVING YOU TODAY – January 11, 2026

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)

**LUTHERAN MEN IN  
MISSION**

**Supper Meeting**  
**January 26**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
in  
**Fellowship Hall**

\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthem

***"When Jesus Came to Jordan"***

-English Folk Tune

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**

**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.**

**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 worshiping 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!

## SENDING

The Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

***“Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”***

Hymn #304

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

\*The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

***“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”***

-Wittenburg, 1524

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(\*) “Indicates congregation to stand

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**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.

## PRAYER LIST

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 Catherine Murphy  
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  
12/7 Nick Korn  
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  
11/2 The Smith Family  
11/2 The Roloff Family  
11/2 Beth Passow

## SPONSORS

Rynde Dial  
Jill Helgeson  
Diana James  
Congregation  
The Stokes Family  
Jay & Suzie Bannister  
Brenda McGowan  
Brenda McGowan  
Jane Potter  
Jane Potter  
Tom Adrian  
Paula Boller  
The Stokes Family  
Congregation  
Congregation  
Diana James  
Mike & Bobbi Metz  
Beth Fischer  
Bob Vinson  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Dave & Nancy Korn  
Cathy Rudisill  
Congregation  
Jane Potter  
Chris & Anna Caldwell  
Suzie Bannister  
Emery Sanstrum  
Mike & Leslie Cox  
Jamie Corrigan  
Congregation  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Bob Davenport  
Kim Hill  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
The Straups  
Rette Stokes  
Jim & Donna Dancik  
Jim & Donna Dancik  
Randy Passow

## LONG TERM PRAYERS

Nick Korn  
Betty Williams  
The Caruso Family  
Chris Pracht  
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  
Gretchen Fant

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Dave & Nancy Korn  
Connie Adams  
Omaira Caruso  
Jill Helgeson  
Jill Helgeson  
Phil & Jane Cahaly  
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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