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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 22, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Thomas Chesterton

*The Confession & Forgiveness

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.

Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)

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.**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent; self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Let us continue our journey through these forty days.

[we stand]



Psalm 32

(sung responsively)

Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!
²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!
³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.
⁴For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.
⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.
⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.
⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.
⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.
⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will ¹ not stay near you."
¹⁰Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.
¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

*The Gospel Acclamation

**One does not live by ' bread alone, but by every word that comes from
the ' mouth of God.**

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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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – February 22, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Sandi Dickson
Lectors.....(E) Matt Roehrs (L) Sid Stokes
Video/IT Engineers.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates
Tabulators.....Bill & Chris Dafoe
Ushers (E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Kenny Ossenfort, Robert Allen, Olin Bell,
Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown,
Kristie Evans, Chad Evans
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentRynde Dial
Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
February 22 – February 28**

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 (Sanctuary)
Worship and Music Committee Meeting after worship (Fellowship Hall)

MON.

6:00 p.m. Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal (Fellowship Hall) host – WELCA Group A
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Choir Practice After Service

SAT.

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pairs and Spares Room Reserved
12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

February 15 - Operating Fund \$4,282.55, Endowment Fund \$75.00
February 18 – Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 noon (44) 7:00 p.m. (53)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Worship Services – February 15 – 8:45 a.m. (47) 11:00 a.m. (50)

*Hymn *“The Glory of These Forty Days”* Hymn #320

*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 by the Children’s Choir) 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.**

*The Prayer of the Day
Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy You tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Temple Talk Amy Goodson
Children’s Sermon
The First Lesson (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)

Psalms 32 Bulletin Inside Cover

The Second Lesson (Romans 5:12-19)

*The Gospel Acclamation
One does not live by ' bread alone, but by every word that comes from the ' mouth of God.

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th Chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11) Bulletin Cover
After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“THE PROBLEM WITH TEMPTATION”**

***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.**

*The Peace is Shared
The Offering is Received

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Offertory Anthem *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* - Richard Shephard

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay, and close by Thee to stay.

As Thou did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self and chiefly live by Thy most holy word, by Thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through Your Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide, Jesus with us abide!

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants

March 1, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Kathleen Dial
Lectors	Virgil Hobbs	Amy Goodson
Assisting Ministers	Virgil Hobbs	Amy Goodson
March 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)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
March 4	Worship Service (Sanctuary) T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Host – WELCA-Group B Lenten Service (Sanctuary) Choir Practice after service	11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
March 5	Dining Divas (Master’s Wok, 2104 N. Main Street, And.)	6:00 p.m.
March 7	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
March 8	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.
March 9	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
March 11	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Host – Youth Lenten Service (Sanctuary) Choir Practice after service	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
March 13	Sanctuary Reserved	5:30 p.m.
March 14	Sanctuary Reserved	11:00 a.m.
March 15	Worship Service (Sanctuary) TIME CHANGE 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) TIME CHANGE	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

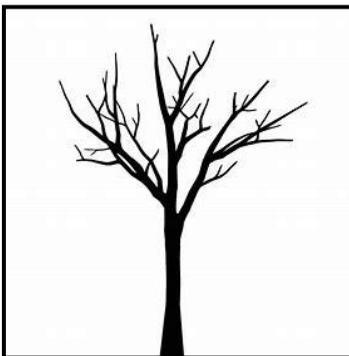
LENT

Just a reminder

The Forty Days before Easter are the Lenten season. During this time we omit the refrains that are connected to celebrating Christ's resurrection and we use the verses appropriate for Lent. They are:

- We refrain from singing Alleluias because of its connection to Easter.
- There is no Absolution (minister declaring our forgiveness, page 118) for all of Lent is a time of self-examination.
- We omit the Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God in the highest" and we instead lead straight into The Prayer of the Day.
- We sing the Lenten verse: "Let your steadfast Love" page 125.
- We use the Apostles' Creed.

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, we will return to the verses praising our Lord and His resurrection.



Why Is That Dead Tree in the Church?

You can't help but notice the "dead" tree covered in caterpillars which has appeared in the Sanctuary. You may question - why is it here or what is it about?

Things are different in both the church and nature this time of year. There are some things "sleeping" in our worship such as the use of Alleluias. Everything in our yards such as the grass and trees look dead but they too are just "sleeping". Some of God's creatures such as caterpillars make cocoons. Although we might think they are dead,

they actually have rebirth as a butterfly.

This tree is actually here to help each of us to remember that while the weather often is cool and gray and the grass is brown and the trees bare, there is the hope that Spring is coming! Bulbs are blooming and the days are getting longer. Just as we have hope for Spring, Lent gives us a time to hope for Easter and the promise that the resurrection brings. Just as the change of seasons brings surprises, keep watching the tree thru the Lenten season – there are more surprises to come!

*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.**

SENDING

The Blessing

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

*The Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn #504

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

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

- arr. Theodore A. Beck

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Phil & Jane Cahaly to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Phil's mother, Margaret Cahaly, sister, Louise Cahaly and Jane's mother, Anna Spooner and grandmother, Mamie Gainey.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”

Note:

Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical.

Wednesday, February 25 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group A to host]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Our Father Who Art In Heaven”

Wednesday, March 4 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group B to host]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Hallowed Be Thy Name”

Wednesday, March 11 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Church Youth to host]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Thy Kingdom Come”

Wednesday, March 18 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in Mission to host]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. Message: “Thy Will Be Done”

Wednesday, March 25 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational Potluck Meal]
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m. 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”

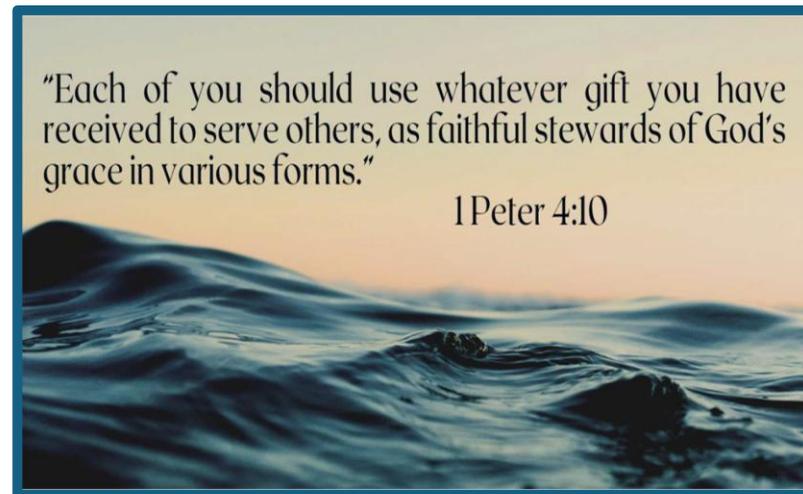
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday
[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Message: “Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us
From Evil”

Spring Foothills Conference Gathering

Saturday, March 14th, 2026

University Lutheran Church

111 Sloan St.,
Clemson, SC 29631



The women of University Lutheran Church in Clemson, SC are pleased to host the Spring Conference for the Foothills Region on Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 am. A light lunch will be served.

Our guest speaker will be from Ripple of One, an organization that empowers families and young adults to move beyond the need for public assistance and into their full God-given potential. Ripple’s vision is to transform poverty into generational success one client at a time, and to walk alongside their clients by providing them with emotional, educational, and financial support. Please plan to join us as we gather to celebrate and act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. ALL ladies are invited.

**Please RSVP by March 6th to Beth Fischer at (864)933-7446 or fischerfive@att.net
Carpooling will be available.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!

PRAYER LIST

2/15 The Family of Tommy Whitehead
 2/15 Johnny Caldwell
 2/15 Ashley Booker Addison
 2/15 Ernie Thoms
 2/8 Linda Thompson
 2/8 The Family of Margaret Irvin
 2/8 The Family of Chris O'Quinn
 2/8 Boyd and Jenny Britt
 2/8 Anne McCarthy
 2/8 Judy V. Page
 2/8 The Family of Piper Klein
 2/8 The Family of Charlie Gilliam, Jr.
 2/1 Velma Williford
 2/1 Eric Cohen
 2/1 Ken Earp
 2/1 Judy Jarrett
 1/25 The Family of Goetz Eaton
 1/18 Trish Taub
 1/18 The Family of Eric Helveston
 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

SPONSORS

Brenda McGowan
 The Caldwell Family
 Jill Helgeson
 Congregation
 Brenda McGowan
 Kati Smith
 Jill Helgeson
 Cathey Sale
 Jamie Corrigan
 Cathey Sale
 Jane Potter
 Jane Potter
 Claude Williford
 Jill Helgeson
 Congregation
 The Fischer Family
 Rette Stokes
 Kati Smith
 Kati Smith
 The Stokes Family
 Rynde Dial
 Rita Bell
 The Moody Family
 The Moody Family
 The Moody Family
 Cathy Rudisill
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 Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
 Jill Helgeson
 Rynde Dial
 Jill Helgeson
 Diana James
 Congregation
 The Stokes Family
 Jay & Suzie Bannister
 Brenda McGowan
 Jane Potter
 Jane Potter

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 Ben Blanks
 12/7 Scott Smith

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Ashley Booker Addison
 Katrina Sellars
 Jaron Thompson
 Jayson Sanstrum
 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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 Brenda McGowan
 Jill Helgeson
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Names listed for the dates of 12/7 thru 1/11 will be removed from the prayer list next week. If a name from this date is being removed that you would like to stay on, please resubmit it.