

## 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.**

**February 8, 2026**

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

*"A Song In the Morning"*

-Gilbert M. Martin

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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 112

(sung responsively)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!  
**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.  
**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>fairs with justice.  
**<sup>6</sup>For they will nev- <sup>1</sup>er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup>ing remembrance.**  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.  
**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup>on their enemies.**  
<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.  
**[<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup>ed will perish.]**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

**Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the light <sup>1</sup> of the world; whoever follows me will have the <sup>1</sup> light of life. Alleluia.** (John 8:12)

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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.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Worship Assistants**

February 15, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Brady West
Lectors	Beth Cribbe	Sandi Dickson
Assisting Ministers	Beth Cribbe	Sandi Dickson
February 15	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 17.	<b>Community Shrove Pancake Supper (Boulevard Baptist Church)</b>	<b>4:30-7:00 p.m.</b>
	Anglican Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
February 18	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b>	
	w/Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion	12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice following service	
February 19	Luther's Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
February 21	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
February 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>BOLD WOMEN SUNDAY</b>	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Ernie Thoms Appreciation (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>BOLD WOMEN SUNDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.
February 23	Lutheran Men in Mission (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
February 25	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Host – WELCA-Group A	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service (Sanctuary )	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice after service	
February 28	Pairs and Spares Room Reserved	10:00 – 6:00 p.m.
	Fellowship Hall Reserved	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Due to the last two weeks of inclement weather, there is no attendance or offering information.**

(we stand)

\*The Hymn

*“Word of God, Come Down On Earth”*

**Hymn #510**

\*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)

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**(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

Lord God, with endless mercy You receive the prayers of all who call upon You. By Your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

Children’s Sermon  
The First Lesson (Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12])  
Psalm 112  
The Second Lesson (1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16])

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\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung responsively)

**Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the light ' of the world; whoever follows me will have the ' light of life. Alleluia.** (John 8:12)

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

\*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 5:13-20)

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

Sermon **“SALT AND LIGHT”**  
\*Hymn of the Month **“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”**

**Hymn #745**

**\*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.**

**SERVING YOU TODAY – February 8, 2026**

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Landen Moody  
Lectors.....(E) Jane Potter (L) Mike Metz  
Video/IT Engineers.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/ Mike Oates  
Tabulators.....Christopher & Rachel Caldwell

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  
President .....Rynde Dial  
Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

February 8 – February 14

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:50 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Youth Super Bowl Gathering after worship (Fellowship Hall)

**MON.**

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

**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



**TODAY IS RED DRESS SUNDAY,** on this day we highlight Heart Disease Awareness and Education in Women.



### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY**

On this 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 TODAY 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.

### **“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, February 22, 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.

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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, February 11**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**WHAT: THE DISCIPLES – Andrew and James**

\*The Peace Is Shared

The Offering Is Received

Offertory Anthem

**“Bring Forth The Kingdom”**

-Marty Haugen

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

\*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.**

\*Closing Hymn

*“The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”*

**Hymn #551**

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

\*The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*“Praise The Almighty!”*

-German, 1665

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(\*) “Indicates congregation to stand”

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed on the altar by Chris and Anna Caldwell to the honor and glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren.

**ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES** are 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.

**The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class  
continues to meet in the Pairs and Spares Room at  
10:00 a.m. each week.**

## NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Our Semi-Annual meeting of the congregation will be held this morning at 9:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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 after both worship services. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church” with “Pancake Supper” on the memo line. The funds raised this year will go to Start Tomorrow Today.

**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.**

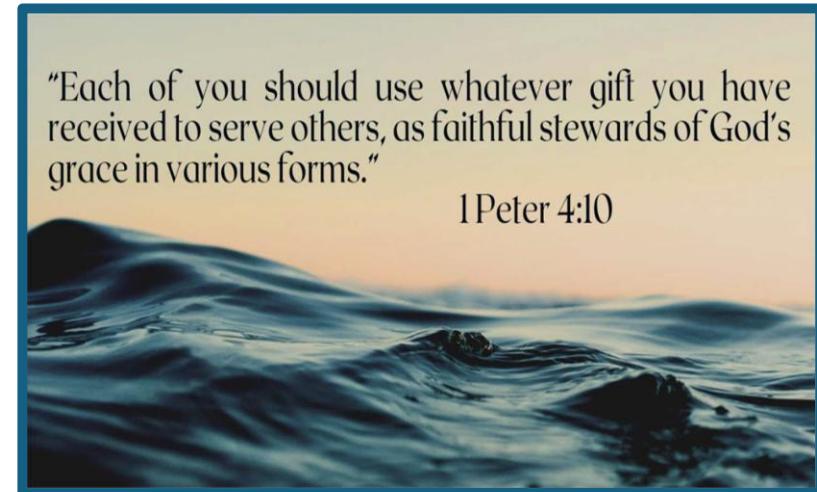
## LONG TERM PRAYERS

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  
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Susan Socha  
Danny Rouse  
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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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## **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 6<sup>th</sup> to Beth Fischer at (864)933-7446 or [fischerfive@att.net](mailto:fischerfive@att.net)**

**Carpooling will be available.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU  
THERE!**

# LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

## Sermon Series: “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”

Notes:

- 1) Our annual Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place this year again at Boulevard Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 17.
- 2) Both Ash Wednesday Services, Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical.

Wednesday, February 18 [no meal]	Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Message: “And When You Pray”
Wednesday, February 25 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group A to host] Message: “Our Father Who Art In Heaven”
Wednesday, March 4 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [WELCA Meal Group B to host] Message: “Hallowed Be Thy Name”
Wednesday, March 11 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Church Youth to host] Message: “Thy Kingdom Come”
Wednesday, March 18 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in Mission to host] Message: “Thy Will Be Done”
Wednesday, March 25 Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational Potluck Meal] 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”

### LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

*Mercy, Passion and Joy* by Joel Heck are available in the narthex. One per family please.



### PRAYER LIST

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 Katrina Sellars  
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 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 Ben Blanks  
12/7 Scott Smith

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Claude Williford  
Jill Helgeson  
Congregation  
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Rette Stokes  
Kati Smith  
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Jill Helgeson  
The Stokes Family  
Rynde Dial  
Rita Bell  
The Moody Family  
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Cathy Rudisill  
Congregation  
Beth Cribbe  
The Stokes Family  
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