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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.**

**March 22, 2026**

### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"*

-J. F. Alberti

\*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.**

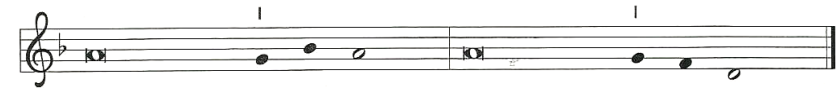
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*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 130**

(sung responsively)

Out <sup>1</sup> of the depths

I cry to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, <sup>1</sup> hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my <sup>1</sup> supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch <sup>1</sup> over sins,

O LORD, <sup>1</sup> who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you <sup>1</sup> is forgiveness,**

**in order that you <sup>1</sup> may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; <sup>1</sup> my soul waits;

in your word <sup>1</sup> is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord**

**more than those who keep watch <sup>1</sup> for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch <sup>1</sup> for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- <sup>1</sup> teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall <sup>1</sup> redeem Israel**

**from <sup>1</sup> all their sins.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation

*"Let Your Steadfast Love"*

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**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

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### **DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 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.

**SERVING YOU TODAY – March 22, 2026**

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Brady West  
Lectors.....(E) Phyllis Barnette (L) Mike Metz  
Video/IT Engineers.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates  
Tabulators.....Bobbi Metz & Rynde Dial  
Ushers:  
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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  
March 22 – March 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)

**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 – (Congregational Pot Luck)  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Choir Practice After Service

**SAT.**

10:30 a.m. First Communion Class (Office Conference Room)

\*Hymn

*“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”*

**Hymn #588**

\*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

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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.**

\*The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of Your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve You in righteousness all our days, 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 (Ezekiel 37:1-14)  
Psalm 130 Bulletin Inside Cover  
The Second Lesson (Romans 8:6-11)

\*The Gospel Acclamation *“Let Your Steadfast Love”* page 125  
**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (John 11:1-45) Abridged Version  
*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

**“GOD CAN’T KEEP A GOOD SECRET”**

**\*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

Offertory Anthems  
(8:45 a.m.)

*“Out of The Depths I Cry Unto You”*

- Robert Lau

**Out of the depths I cry unto You. Lord, hear my voice  
Out of the depths I cry unto You. Lord, hear my voice.**

**If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways,  
Out of the depths I cry unto You.  
You'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days.  
Out of the depths I cry unto You.**

**Trust then in God's unchanging love, and build on the rock that will not move.  
Out of the depths I cry unto You. Lord, hear my voice.  
Out of the depths, out of the depths, Lord, hear my voice.**

**LOOKING AHEAD  
Worship Assistants  
PALM SUNDAY  
ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP**

March 29  
10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Joshua Fischer  
Lector Richard Caruso  
Assisting Minister Richard Caruso

March 29	<b>ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP – PALM SUNDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.
	Congregational Potluck Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall	
April 2	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> w/Holy Communion	12:00 noon
	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE</b> w/Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar	7:00 p.m.
April 3	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b>	12:00 noon
	<b>GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE</b>	7:00 p.m.
April 5	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall. No choir practice after worship.	7:00 a.m.
April 6	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11:00 a.m.

**REMINDER**

**Weather permitting, next Sunday we will gather outside in front of the church for the Palm Sunday liturgy. We will process into the worship area singing the hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, carrying palm branches and “reliving” the procession of Christ into Jerusalem.**

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

March 15 - Operating Fund \$3,704.60, Endowment Fund \$225.00, Easter Lily Fund \$490.50  
March 11 - Mid-Week Wednesday Offering \$403.00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – March 15 – 8:45 a.m. (70) 11:00 a.m. (39)  
March 18 – Mid-Week Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. (38)



**CONGREGATIONAL GROUNDS  
WORKDAY  
MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
START TIME (WEATHER PERMITTING)  
9:00 a.m. until finished**

We are gathering for a spring workday to care for our church grounds and facilities. Your help will make a real difference, and there is a task for every ability and energy level.

**The following help is needed:**

- Spreading of mulch around specified landscape areas.
- Outdoor cleanup and trimming.
- General tidying wherever needed.

**Please bring tools:**

- rakes
- shovels
- wheelbarrows
- push carts

**Dining Divas**

**April 9**

**6:00 p.m.**

**(Boondocks)**

**3819 Hwy. 81, Anderson**

**Please RSVP Beth Cribbe (864)**

**617-6216**

**or email [bcribbe1@gmail.com](mailto:bcribbe1@gmail.com)**



**Wednesday Lunch Bunch**

Our first gathering of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Each quarter, we will have a

presentation on a health topic and lunch. Our first topic will be diabetes, and our speaker will be Julianna Lyle from Clemson Cooperative Extension. Come join us for this opportunity to learn more about this important topic!

(11:00 a.m.)

***"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust"*** - G.F. Handel/David Patrick  
**In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. Bow down Thine ear unto my prayer.  
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. Bow down Thine ear unto my prayer.**

**Be my guide, be Thou my guide. Lead me O Lord for Thou art my God.**

**Save me God, Save me. O Lord, for I have called have called unto Thee.  
O love the Lord, love the Lord all ye His saints. He preserveth them of true heart.**

\*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

***"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"***

**Hymn #886**

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

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

***"If God My Lord Be For Me"***

- 16<sup>th</sup> Century English Melody

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(\* Indicates congregation to stand)

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Bobby & Jessica Wagner to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the birthday of her mother, Shannon Rochester.

**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 pew holders. 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.

## **Urgent Need For Weekend SnackPack Encouragement Cards**

Childhood hunger is real. In South Carolina, 60% of school-age children qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch. The Weekend SnackPack Program, sponsored by the United Way of Anderson County, fills the gap when these children aren't in school. Teachers and guidance counselors identify children who fall into this gap and provide them with a bag of child-friendly, ready-to-eat foods on Fridays.

Each bag includes a colorful, handwritten note of encouragement from volunteers. Over 800 bags are distributed weekly, and almost 30,000 cards are needed throughout the school year. In 2025 our congregation made over 1,000 cards. So far this very we have contributed 300 cards.

You can help meet this need by making cards at home. Stop by the room off the narthex and pick up a "SnackPack Encouragement Note" bag with supplies and directions. Please place your completed notes in the designated box on the table in the room off the narthex. The Service Committee will collect the notes throughout the year and deliver them to the director of United Way's Weekend SnackPack Program.

If you have any questions, contact Jamie Corrigan at (864) 224-8070 or Leslie Cox at (301) 788-9035.

The Service Committee

## **LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE**

Sermon Series: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

Note:

**Note: Both Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical (except for the Stripping of the Altar which will take place at the Evening Service for Maundy Thursday).**

**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"

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>, we will return to the verses praising our Lord and His resurrection.**



### **Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion**

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast to follow.

### **Worship Service with Holy Communion**

11:00 a.m.

**Note:** There will not be a Children or Adult Sunday School Classes.

### **CROSS OF FLOWERS**

Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!



### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

The Service Committee will be facilitating a collection project for Clean Start the last two Sundays in March: March 22 and March 29. There is a box in the room off the Narthex to collect items on the two Sundays.

Clean Start is a non-profit organization that offers a place 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings) for homeless, poor, and marginalized men and women to come in to achieve basic hygiene. They can take showers, have their clothes washed, have access to phone and mail, and receive other resources from the caring volunteers that offer their support.

#### **Most urgent needs currently are:**

- Socks (particularly white socks)
- Underwear
- Men's tees up to 4X
- Men's boxer & briefs any size
- Women's briefs any size

(All items must be new)

#### **Other items needed are:**

- Small deodorants
- Shampoo & soap (travel or large size)
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Disposable razors
- Mouthwash
- Laundry detergent
- Blankets
- Cleaning supplies
- Face cloths
- Paper towels
- Trash bags (13 & 30 gallons)

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY WORSHIP  
NEXT SUNDAY  
ONE - COMBINED WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.**

**FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. NOTE: THE MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**PRAYER LIST**

3/15 Danny Lewis  
 3/15 Butler Spiers  
 3/15 Vicki Whitehead  
 3/15 Sherri Bryant  
 3/8 Trey & Maggie Hagerty  
 3/1 The Family of Ernie Thoms  
 3/1 Robert Plesko  
 3/1 Samantha Arnold  
 3/1 The Family of Keith Smith  
 3/1 Ann Luckadoo  
 2/22 Diane Richardson  
 2/22 Marijane Coggins  
 2/22 Brenda Hucks  
 2/22 The Family of John Robert Simpson  
 2/22 Theresa Davis  
 2/22 Adai Seemuller  
 2/22 The Family of Joseph “Joe” Scott  
 2/22 Anne Schultz  
 2/15 The Family of Tommy Whitehead  
 2/15 Johnny Caldwell  
 2/15 Ashley Booker Addison  
 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  
 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

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 Congregation  
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 The Stokes & Moody Families  
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 Brenda McGowan  
 The Caldwell Family  
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 Kati Smith  
 Jill Helgeson  
 Cathey Sale  
 Jamie Corrigan  
 Cathey Sale  
 Jane Potter  
 Jane Potter  
 Claude Williford  
 Jill Helgeson  
 Congregation  
 Rette Stokes  
 Kati Smith  
 Kati Smith  
 The Stokes Family  
 Rynde Dial  
 Rita Bell  
 The Moody Family  
 The Moody Family  
 The Moody Family

**LONG TERM PRAYERS**

Judy Jarrett  
 Ben Blanks  
 Jan House  
 Ron McDowell  
 Tom Weeks  
 Ashley Booker Addison  
 Katrina Sellars  
 Jaron Thompson  
 Jayson Sanstrum  
 Phillip Roehrs  
 Nick Korn  
 Betty Williams  
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 Elanor Dean  
 Mike Borron  
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 Carolyn Culbreath  
 Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
 Willy E. Johnson  
 Michael Morrison  
 Susan Socha  
 Danny Rouse  
 Nina & Larry Sherman  
 Gretchen Fant

**Names listed for the dates of 1/18 thru 2/8 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.**

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

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