

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.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE SERVICE

(Congregation gathers outside in front of the church. Palm branches are distributed.)

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. **Hosanna in the Highest.**

Processional Gospel [Matthew 21:1-11]

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US PRAY. We praise You O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today He entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along His way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to His death and resurrection, we enter into life with You; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LET US GO FORTH IN PEACE.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



PSALM 31

(sung responsively)

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,

a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;

I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.

I have said, "You ¹ are my God.

¹⁵My times are ¹ in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;

save me in your ¹ steadfast love."

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Today, we gather outside (weather permitting) at the front of the church to begin our worship service with the Palm Sunday liturgy. We process into the worship area singing the hymn, *All Glory Laud, and Honor*, carrying palm branches and "reliving" the procession of Christ into Jerusalem.

We turn to face the cross today as it is processed in and out of the Sanctuary. You are invited to participate in all the special worship services that take place this Holy Week.

For our message today, the congregation will be participating in the reading of *The Passion of Our Lord*, using the drama booklet. Please return the booklets to an usher after the service.

SERVING YOU TODAY – March 29, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
 Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
 Acolyte.....Joshua Fischer
 Crucifier.....Jay Bannister
 Lector/AssistingRichard Caruso
 Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell/Mike Oates
 Tabulators.....Barbara Trent & Amy Goodson
 Ushers:
 (E) Chris Caldwell – Captain, Christopher Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Kevin Lockhart,
 Leon Chute
 (L) Mike Oates – Captain, Richard Caruso, Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz, Michael Oates,
 Randy Passow
 Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
 PresidentRynde Dial
 Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs
 Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
 Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
 March 29 – April 4**

TODAY

10:00 a.m. One-Combined Worship Service (In Sanctuary) **PALM SUNDAY**
 Congregational Potluck Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)

THURS.

12:00 noon **MAUNDY THURSDAY w/Holy Communion**
 7:00 p.m. **MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE w/Holy Communion**
and the Stripping of the Altar

FRI.

12:00 noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 7:00 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE**

***Processional Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

(Refrain) All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king
 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1- You are the King of Israel and David’s Royal Son,
 now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One. **R**
- 2- The company of angels are praising You on high;
 creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. **R**
- 3- The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
 our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. **R**
- 4- To You, before Your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **R**
- 5- Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring.
 Great Author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. **R**

***The Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God, in Your endless love for the human race You sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In Your mercy enable us to share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[we sit]

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Welcome and Announcements
 The Children’s Choir

Words & Music by Beth Cribbe


Clip Clop, Clip Clop. Listen, I hear a donkey.
 Clip Clop, Clip Clop. Look who is on that donkey.
 Clip Clop, Clip Clop. It’s Je-sus on that don-key
 And He is riding in-to town.
 Palm branches waving. People are singing:
 Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna to the king of Kings.
 Clip, clop, clip, clop. **HOSANNA!**

The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

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The Holy Gospel (remain seated)

The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew 26:[1-13] 14 -- 27:66 (Pamphlet)

The Congregation will read in unison the part of the People in bold type
and marked by the symbol 

*The Hymn of the Day

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Hymn # 349

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

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).

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”

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!



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.



**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.

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 Allelulias 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.

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession (We kneel.)

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *The Minister concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."*

*The Peace is Shared

The Offering is Received

Choir Anthem **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** - G. F Handel/arr. SJMP editors
**O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown:
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!**

***The Offertory Hymn**

"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Hymn # 181

MEAL

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

***The Great Thanksgiving** (sung responsively)

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L. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface of the Day

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (sung by all)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

***The Eucharist Prayer and Words of Institution**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Holy Trinity Litter Warriors
Litter Pick Up Day
Saturday, April 11th
9:00 – 11:00 AM**

No one likes litter! We are blessed to live in a beautiful community, and we want to keep it that way. On April 11th, the Service Committee will be sponsoring a Litter Pick Up Day from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Supplies for this project (e.g. safety vests, grabbers, gloves, and bags) will be provided. We will be picking up along Fritz Drive and Beltline Connector between Brown Road and East-West Parkway. This is the same location we picked up last year.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the room off the narthex. Please join us, even if you can only come for an hour. This is a wonderful activity for families with older children. Come help the Holy Trinity Litter Warriors beautify our community. In case of rain, we will reschedule for April 18th.

Please contact Susan Askew at 864-419-1791 if you have any questions.



CRAFTY LADIES

If you are a creative person who enjoys doing crafts, this group is for you. If you are a knitter, cross stitcher, scrapbooker, painter, quilter, writer, etc. or anything else you have started and would like to make time to work on your projects, this group is for you. We are meeting once a month on a Saturday to do our crafts and socialize. You bring your projects; we will provide the space and fellowship.

**Our next Creative Day is Saturday, April 18
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Contact Beth Fischer (fischerfive@att.net) or (864-933-7446) for more information.

Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.

LOOKING AHEAD

**EASTER SUNDAY
Worship Assistants, April 5**

	7:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Joshua Fischer
Bible Bearers	Kevin Lockhart	Richard Caruso
Crucifiers	Virgil Hobbs	Joshua Fischer
Torch Bearers	Lucy Roehrs/Landen Moody	Katie Fischer/Kathleen Burroughs
Lectors	Susan Straup	Rynde Dial
Assisting Ministers	Susan Straup/ Nancy Korn	Rynde Dial/Nancy Korn

April 5 **EASTER SUNDAY** Sunrise Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall.
No choir practice after worship

EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m.

April 6 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

April 7 City of Anderson Election (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

April 8 T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) 10:00 a.m.

Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m.

Choir Practice 5:45 p.m.

April 12 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.

April 13 Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED March 22 - Operating Fund \$2,437.55, Easter Lily Fund \$19.50,
Utilities Fund \$70.00, Endowment Fund \$875.00
March 18 - Mid-Week Lenten Offering \$323.00

ATTENDANCE

Worship Service – March 22 – 8:45 a.m. (54) 11:00 a.m. (57)

Mid-Week Service - March 25 7:00 p.m. (42)

***The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

*Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

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The Communion (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.)
*Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy
Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are
to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape
juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are
available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for
communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on
the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water
of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your
baptism.*

*The Communion Blessing

Pastor Fischer

***Post Communion Hymn**

“Now, Lord You Let Your Servant”

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**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-ry people:
a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

*Prayer after Communion (The Congregation responds with **AMEN.**)

SENDING

*The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The
Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“*Through The Night of Doubt and Sorrow*”

-T. J. Williams/R.W. Hillert

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Marlys Hittner to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Pat.

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.

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

The Health Ministry Committee is starting a new group. Our first gathering of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch will be on April 22nd 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. Lunch will be provided. Come join us for this opportunity to learn more about this important topic!



Dining Divas

April 9

6:00 p.m.

(The Boondocks)

3819 Hwy. 81, Anderson

Please RSVP Beth Cribbe (864)

617-6216

or email bcribbe1@gmail.com

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Supper Meeting

April 27

6:00 p.m.

in

Fellowship Hall

Today we gather for a 5th SUNDAY ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

PRAYER LIST

3/22 Nancy Scalf
3/22 The Family of Johnny Caldwell
3/22 Sherry Partain
3/22 The Sullivan Family
3/22 James Jester
3/22 The Family of Maureen Metz
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 Ashley Booker Addison

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
The Caruso Family

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Brenda McGowan
Robert & Vicki Allen
Jill Helgeson
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Bree & Chase Plesko
Krista Spoores
Jill Helgeson
The Straup Family
Congregation
Harry Coggins
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The Stokes & Moody Families
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Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
Dave & Nancy Korn
Connie Adams
Omaira Caruso

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
Susan Socha
Danny Rouse
Nina & Larry Sherman
Gretchen Fant

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
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson



We extend our Christian sympathy to Chris Caldwell and family upon the death of his brother, Johnny, who entered the Church Triumphant on March 24th. May God's promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next Family Fun Night will be on Wednesday, April 8. 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, April 8 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WHAT: THE DISCIPLE – JOHN