

## 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.**

**March 8, 2026**

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Spirit of Grace"*

Ben Logan

\*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 95

(sung responsively)

Come, let us sing <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>1</sup> our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence <sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, <sup>1</sup> are a great God,  
and a great ruler a-<sup>1</sup>bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns <sup>1</sup> of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are <sup>1</sup> also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, <sup>1</sup> for you made it,  
and your hands have molded <sup>1</sup> the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship <sup>1</sup> and bow down,  
let us kneel before the <sup>1</sup> LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep <sup>1</sup> of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would <sup>1</sup> hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **"Harden <sup>1</sup> not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah <sup>1</sup> in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors <sup>1</sup> tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had <sup>1</sup> seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that gener- <sup>1</sup> ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not <sup>1</sup> know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore <sup>1</sup> in my anger,  
'They shall never come <sup>1</sup> to my rest.'"

\*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 8, 2026**

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
 Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
 Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Katie Fischer  
 Lectors.....(E) Robert Allen (L) Sandi Jordan  
 Video/IT Engineers.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell, Mike Oates  
 Tabulators.....Jane Potter & Gail Cannon  
 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  
 President .....Rynde Dial  
 Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs  
 Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
 Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
 March 8 – March 14**

**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.**

7:00 p.m. Church Council 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 – Youth  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Choir Practice After Service

**FRI.**

5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

**SAT.**

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Reserved

\*Hymn *“Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”* Hymn #777

\*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  
 Merciful God, the fountain of living water, You quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flow with the beauty of Your truth 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 (Exodus 17:1-7)  
 Psalm 95 Bulletin Inside Cover

The Second Lesson (Romans 5:1-11)  
 \*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 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (John 4:5-42) Bulletin Cover  
*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“THE PROBLEM WITH TEMPTATION”**

\*Hymn of the Month

*“Seed That In Earth Is Dying”*

Hymn #330

\*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

*“I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say”*

- H.Bonar/Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him, my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Worship Assistants**

March 15, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Landen Moody
Lectors	Susan Straup	
Assisting Ministers		
March 15	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 18	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) host – Lutheran Men In Mission Lenten Service (Sanctuary ) Choir Practice after service	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
March 22	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 23	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
March 25	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Congregational Potluck Lenten Service (Sanctuary ) Choir Practice after service	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
March 29	<b>ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP – PALM SUNDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED**

March - Operating Fund \$4,846.00, World Hunger Fund \$10.00, Endowment Fund \$75.00,  
Utilities Fund \$70.00

March -Mid-Week Wednesday Offering \$997.00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – March – 8:45 a.m. (58) 11:00 a.m. (47)

March – Mid-Week Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. (38)

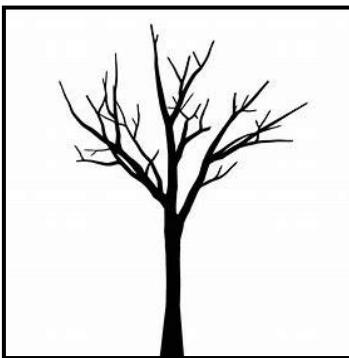
# LENT

## 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.**



## **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

*"Rock of Ages"*

Hymn #623

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

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"*

- J. Newton/W.P. Rowlands

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(\*) Indicates congregation to stand

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Bob Vinson to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory his wife, Jean and son, Matthew.

**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.



### **EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

We will be placing Easter Lilies in our windows and on the Chancel steps for the services on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$19.50. If you desire to place an order for one or more lilies, please use the form below. Fill in the information and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Note:** Payment must accompany your order.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other (To the Glory of God) \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
Because 35 lilies must be special ordered from Whitten's to have them arrive at their peak for Easter, they will be assigned on a first-ordered, first-served basis. When 35 have been assigned, no more can be purchased. Thanks for your understanding. The Worship and Music Committee

### **UPCOMING PROJECT**

The Service Committee will be facilitating a collection project for Clean Start the last two Sundays in March. Clean Start needs toiletry items and new (still in the package) men's and women's underwear and socks among a list of other items. Look in the upcoming bulletins for a more detailed list of needs. The committee will place a box in the room off the Narthex to collect items on two Sundays: March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE**

### **Sermon Series: "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"**

Note:

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

**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"

### **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

**PRAYER LIST**

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  
2/15 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

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Jayson Sanstrum  
Phillip Roehrs  
Nick Korn  
Betty Williams  
The Caruso Family  
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Robert Cahaly  
Edmond Pop  
Ed Hartshorn  
Elanor Dean  
Mike Borron  
Henri Holmes Adair Baker  
Gabrielle Godfrey  
Carolyn Culbreath  
Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
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Michael Morrison  
Susan Socha  
Danny Rouse  
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Marisa Adrian  
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**The Whole Story Adult Sunday School  
Class continues to meet in the Pairs  
and Spares Room at 10:00 a.m. each  
week.**

**LONG TERM PRAYERS**

Ron McDowell  
Tom Weeks  
Ashley Booker Addison  
Katrina Sellars

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