

## 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. and 11:00 a.m.

April 12, 2026

### GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Christ, The Life of All the Living"*

-Flor Peters

\*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.**

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.**

[we stand]



## Psalm 16

(sung responsively)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."  
**2 All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**  
**3** But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
**4 I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names up on my lips.**  
**5** O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.  
**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**  
**7** I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.  
**8 I have set the LORD al-ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**  
**9** My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**  
**11** You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Blessed are those who ' have not seen and yet have come ' to believe. Alleluia.* (John 20:29)

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**DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 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**

April 19	Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>	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) <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.
April 22	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
April 24	Church Reserved	6:00 p.m.
April 25	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Church Reserved	12:30 p.m.
April 26	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 27	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Maundy Thursday - April 2 - 12:00 p.m. (43) 7:00 p.m. (35)

Good Friday – April 3 - 12:00 p.m. (45) 7:00 p.m. (44)

Easter Sunday Worship Services – April 5 – 7:00 a.m. (93) 11:00 a.m. (92)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED April 5** - Operating Fund \$5,870.00, Easter Offering \$2,103.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00

\*Hymn

*“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*

Hymn #380

\*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)

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in You and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

The Children’s Sermon  
The First Lesson (Acts 2:14a, 22-32)  
Psalm 16  
The Second Lesson (1 Peter 1:3-9)

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\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Blessed are those who ' have not seen and yet have come ' to believe. Alleluia.* (John 20:29)

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (John 20:19-31)  
*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“EASTER’S WONDERFUL PROMISE”**

\*The Hymn of the Month **“Blessing and Honor”** **Hymn #854**

\*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;  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
And became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**SERVING YOU TODAY – April 12, 2026**

Minister .....Rev. J. Chris Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director..... Jill Helgeson  
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Lectors.....(E) Jane Potter (L) Sandi Jordan  
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Church Secretary..... Pat Ross  
President.....Rynde Dial  
Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary... Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

**April 12 – April 18**

**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)

**TUE.**

7:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting (Office Conference Room)

**WED.**

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**THURS.**

6:00 p.m. Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**SAT.**

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)



### **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](mailto:fischerfive@att.net)) or (864-933-7446) for more information.

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

### **LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

**Supper Meeting  
April 27  
6:00 p.m.  
in  
Fellowship Hall**

### **Wednesday Lunch Bunch**

The Health Ministry Committee is starting a new group. 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. Lunch will be provided. Come join us for this opportunity to learn more about this important topic!



**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.**

**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 Peace Is Shared  
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthems  
(8:45 a.m.) *"With High Delight Let Us Unite"* - arr. Maurice F. Bell

**With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.  
You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free forever, He is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.**

**True God, He first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy now vanquished see; His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be like victory o'er death and grave,"  
Says He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.**

**Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.  
His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love give us above, from misery and death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.**

(11:00 a.m.)

*"Easter Joy"*

arr. by Richard L. Phelps

**Joy dawned on Easter Day, the sun shone with bright ray,  
When to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord,  
Your voices raise with one accord to praise your risen Lord,  
To praise, to praise, to praise your risen Lord.**

**His flesh with radiance glowed, His hands and face He showed,  
Those scars their silent witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.  
Your voices raise with one accord to praise your risen Lord.  
To praise, to praise, to praise, to praise, to praise your risen Lord.**

**O King of gentleness, do Thou our hearts possess,  
And we to Thee will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.  
Your voices raise with one accord to praise your risen Lord,  
To praise, to praise, to praise your risen Lord.**

\*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 Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."*

The Lord's Prayer

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 Recessional Hymn

*"Thine Is The Glory"*

**Hymn # 376**

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

\*The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*"The Risen Christ"*

-N. Weaver/Walter Greatorex.

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(\*) Indicates congregation to stand

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Robert & Sophie O'Connor to the honor and glory of God and for the remembrance of all their loved ones who have gone to their eternal home.



**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.

**PRAYER LIST**

4/5 Ruth Cromer, Robin and Julie  
 4/5 Shirley Pelter  
 3/29 Rodney McIntosh  
 3/29 Lee Moody  
 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

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**LONG TERM PRAYERS**

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