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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.*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The Easter Greeting

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

"That Early Day With Joy Was Bright"

- European Tune

Clay Hinton, trumpeter

WE OFFER PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*The Processional Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn #365

*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.



PSALM 118

(sung responsively)

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb', has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 5:7, 8)

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.**

**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.**

SERVING YOU TODAY – April 5, 2026

Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson

	7:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Joshua Fischer
Bible Bearers	Kevin Lockhardt	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
Video/IT Engineer.....	Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell	
Tabulators.....	Robert & Vicki Allen	
Ushers:		
(E)	Chris Caldwell, Sid Stokes, John Lybrand	
(L)	Mike Cox, Mike Metz, Bobbi Metz	
Church Secretary.....	Pat Ross	
President	Rynde Dial	
Vice-President.....	Mary Ann Hobbs	
Treasurer.....	Diane Richardson	
Council Secretary.....	Lauren Sayers	

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK April 5 – April 11

TODAY

7:00 a.m. **EASTER SUNDAY** Sunrise Worship Service (In Sanctuary)
Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. **EASTER SUNDAY** Worship Service (In Sanctuary)

MON.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUES

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Anderson City Elections

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
5:30 p.m. Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)

THUR.

6:00 p.m. Dining Divas (The Boondocks, 3819 Hwy. 81, Anderson)

SAT.

9:00 a.m. Congregational Litter Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants, April 12

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Ken Earp	Katie Fischer
Lectors	Jane Potter	Sandi Jordan
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.
April 15	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
April 16	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
April 18	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 19	Worship Service (Sanctuary) YOUTH SUNDAY	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) YOUTH SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.
April 22	Wednesday Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a.m.
April 24	Church Reserved	6:00 p.m.
April 25	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Church Reserved	12:30 p.m.

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 Minister concludes the prayers with these words: “Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem **“Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!”** - arr. James Kirby

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim, for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav’nly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high,
Alleluia! To the Savior who has gained the victory. Amen.

*The Offertory Hymn **“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”** **Hymn #181**

MEAL

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively) page 129

- 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.

ATTENDANCE

One-Combined Worship Sunday – **March 29** – 10:00 a.m. (127)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

March 29 - Operating Fund \$2,055.83, Endowment Fund \$175.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$165.00, Facilities Improvement Fund \$10.00

Mid-Week Lenten Service Offering – **March 25** - \$307.00

*Preface of the Day page 130

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) page 130

**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 the 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.

*In Memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Holmes and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Straup, given by Bob and Susan Straup.

*In Memory of her grandparents, given by Diane Richardson.

*In Memory of their parents, given by Dave & Nancy Korn.

*In Memory of the Humyn Family, given by Bill & Chris Dafoe.

*In Memory of the Dafoe Family, given by Bill & Chris Dafoe.

*In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Denzil Ready and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lybrand, given by John & Vicki Lybrand.

EASTER LILIES IN HONOR OF

*In Honor of their children and grandchildren, given by Dave & Nancy Korn.

*In Honor of their mothers, Hervie Thomas & June Fischer, given by Pastor & Beth Fischer.

*In Honor of her grandchildren, Wilson and Parker Askew, given by Susan Askew.

*In Honor of their children and grandchildren, given by Robert & Vicki Allen.

*In Honor of Shelley Carroll, given by Claude Calloway.

*In Honor of Carolyn Culbreath, given by Sid & Rette Stokes.

*In Honor of their children and grandchildren, given by Chris & Anna Caldwell.

TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD

To the Honor and Glory of God, given by Robert & Sophie M. O'Connor.

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OF

*In Memory of Dick Martley, given by Betty Martley.

*In Memory of Eldred Clardy and Larry Boller, given by Paula Boller.

*In Memory of family members, given by Dave and Sue Rasche.

*In Memory of Al & Doris Stokes and Steve Culbreath, given by Sid & Rette Stokes.

*In Memory of Matthew Vinson, given by Bob Vinson.

*In Memory of Jean Vinson, given by Bob Vinson.

*In Memory of Bryan Hill, given by Kim Hill.

*In Memory of all war veterans who have perished, given by Robert & Sophie M. O'Connor.

*In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr., given by Mike and Bobbi Metz.

*In Memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. Luther Ballentine, given by Mike and Bobbi Metz.

*In Memory of Bill & Frances Christmas, and Bill & Betty Caldwell, given by Chris & Anna Caldwell.

*In Memory of Jackie McConnell, given by Grace Bohannon.

*In Memory of Eric Helveston & Margaret Irvin, given by Kati Smith.

*In Memory of Dianne Calloway, given by Claude Calloway.

*In Memory of Dan Corrigan, given by Jamie Corrigan.

*In Memory of Bob Potter, given by Jane Potter.

*In Memory of Florence Marie Chute, given by Leon Chute.

*In Memory of their parents, given by Robert & Vicki Allen.

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.**

***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.**

***The Communion Hymn**

"Lamb of God"

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The Communion (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.) All baptized believers are invited to commune with us today. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. Holy Communion today will be by the method of intinction, where the host is placed into the hands of the recipient and then dipped into the chalice. The first chalice (silver) contains wine and the second chalice (ceramic) contains grape juice. To have the elements brought to you in the pew for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle.

***The Communion Blessing**

Pastor Fischer

***The Post Communion Hymn**

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

Hymn # 204

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

***The Prayer after Communion**

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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.**

*The Recessional Hymn

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Hymn #389

*The Blessing of the Congregational Breakfast (7:00 a.m.)

*The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude:

"Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"

-German Tune

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jane Potter to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

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.



Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall

Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

Note: There will not be Adult or Children's Sunday School classes.

OUR THANKS

We are grateful today for Clay Hinton for sharing his gift of musical talent during the worship services as our trumpeter.

JUST A REMINDER

We always turn to face the cross as it is processed in and out of the Sanctuary as well as during the Gospel Processional (as the Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation). This will occur in the service today (as well as other occasions such as funerals).

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Welcome as we rejoice on this glorious day, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. After weeks of omitting the use of "Alleluia," today we shout it from the mountain tops. We are thankful that you have chosen to worship with us and invite you to celebrate Holy Communion with us.



CROSS OF FLOWERS

Again, this year the cross is outside in front of the church. Your Easter flowers may be placed into the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!



BUTTERFLY TREE

Throughout the 40 days of Lent, our sanctuary hosted a "dead" tree, covered with caterpillars.

On Good Friday the caterpillars went into their cocoons, but today and throughout the season of Easter, they have been gloriously transformed into butterflies, symbolic of the Resurrection of our Lord!

**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.

A sign-up sheet is 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.



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!



PRAYER LIST

- 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

SPONSORS

- Bob & Susan Straup
- Moody & Stokes Families
- Congregation
- Congregation
- Suzie Bannister
- Suzie Bannister
- Paula Boller
- Mike & Bobbi Metz
- Christina Fischer
- Mike & Bobbi Metz
- Brenda McGowan
- Robert & Vicki Allen
- Jill Helgeson
- Congregation
- Bree & Chase Plesko
- Krista Spoores
- Jill Helgeson
- The Straup Family
- Congregation
- Harry Coggins
- Congregation
- Mike & Bobbi Metz
- Mike & Bobbi Metz
- Lucy Roehrs
- The Stokes & Moody Families
- Kim Hill
- Brenda McGowan
- Jill Helgeson

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
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

SPONSORS

The Fischer Family
Bob Vinson
Steven House
Beth Cribbe
Congregation
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson
Kati Smith
Emery Sanstrum
Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
Dave & Nancy Korn
Connie Adams
Omaira Caruso
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



Incredible!

United Way of Anderson County had an urgent need for Encouragement Cards for their SnackPack Program and Holy Trinity responded in a big way. In a one-month period you made **over 1,200** Encouragement Cards for elementary school students in Anderson County. (This is more than we made during the entire previous year.) The cards were colorful and uplifting and we are sure they are making these children smile. We have been told by teachers that students save these cards and trade them with their friends. One mother of a SnackPack recipient told us she decorates her refrigerator with these cards so that her children see them each day and know that others are encouraging them.

The Service Committee Plans to continue this project **throughout the year** sending encouragement to our young children. Please take a packet from the room off of the Narthex today. Directions and supplies are enclosed. You cannot make too many cards! (30,000 cards were used in the previous year.) Your support with this project is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Corrigan at 864-224-8070 or Leslie Cox at 301-788-9035.

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.