

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 (With One Voice Hymnal, setting 4)

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

August 16, 2026

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* - Setting by Donald Johns

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

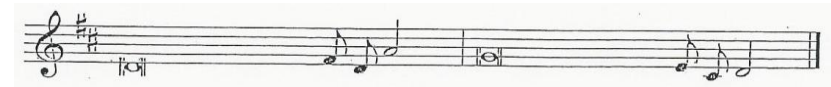
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (we kneel)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For
the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives
us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father of the (+)
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



PSALM 67

(sung responsively)

May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
**²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
**³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.**
**⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**
**⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.**
**⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
**⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.**

*Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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**DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – August 16, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Landen Moody
Lectors.....(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Bobbi Metz
Assisting Ministers.....(E) Virgil Hobbs (L) Beth Fischer
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Mike & Leslie Cox
Ushers (E) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Kenny Ossenfort, Robert Allen, Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans,
Chad Evans
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
PresidentRynde Dial
Vice-President.....Mary Ann Hobbs
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
August 16 – August 22

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)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:30 p.m. Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

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



The “Whole Story” Bible study class that meets in the Pairs and Spares room on Sunday mornings at 10 AM is taking a summer hiatus! The class will resume on Sunday, September 13 at 10 AM and pick up our walk through the Bible with I Kings. All adults are invited to join us on this journey and a special thanks to those who have contributed so much to this group study.

(we stand)
*Hymn *“Bind Us Together”* Hymn #748

WE OFFER PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*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) pages 12-13
In peace, 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, the well-being 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.**

*Canticle of Praise (sung by all) page 15
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day
God of all peoples, Your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon You. Teach us as disciples of Your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that Your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading (Isaiah 56:1, 6-8)

Psalm 67 (sung responsively)

Second Reading (Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32)

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel (Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28)

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

“THE NUDGE OF GOD”

*Hymn of the Month

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Hymn #712

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants
August 23, 2026

Acolytes Lectors	8:45 a.m. Ken Earp Bob Straup	11:00 a.m. Brady West Mike Metz
August 23	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
August 26	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
August 30	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room) ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE (Pot Luck to follow in Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
September 2	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 3	Dining Divas	6:00 p.m.
September 6	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
September 9	Worship Service (Sanctuary) T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room) Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
September 13	Choir Practice Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Children’s Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
September 14	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
September 16	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room) Choir Practice	7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – August 9 - 8:45 a.m. (63) – 11:00 a.m. (48)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED August 9 – Operating Fund \$4,542.55, Endowment Fund \$75.00

Ashley Booker Addison
Katrina Sellars
Jaron Thompson
Phillip Roehrs
Betty Williams
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
Jill Helgeson
Kati Smith
Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
Connie Adams
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

**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.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He 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
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.

(we stand)
*The Peace is Shared
The Offering is Received
Anthem **“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”** - Fred P. Green/W. Walker

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure , O Christ for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in Your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BEGIN AGAIN



Chancel Choir will resume their rehearsals after a short summer break September 2nd. Everyone is welcomed back and anyone new who would like to offer their singing talent in service to God by joining us is invited to come on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir).

If you have any questions please check with Jill Helgeson, the Music Director/Organist or any choir member.

MEAL

*Offertory

“Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*The Prayer and Response

L. Let us pray. Merciful God,

C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving (spoken responsively)

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

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)

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

PRAYER LIST

8/9 Don Simon
8/9 Susan Straup
8/9 The Family of Mike Matney
8/9 Dan Hunnicutt
8/2 The Family of Jim Gilliland
7/26 Sadie Spoores
7/26 Anna Courie
7/26 Nick Temple-Smith
7/26 Diann Chrisman
7/19 Sid Stokes
7/19 The Family of Bill Rummage
7/19 The Family of Ann Blair
7/19 Mary
7/19 Whitney Capps
7/19 James Jester
7/19 Francis Jester
7/12 Lynn Ziemba
7/12 Tina Cantrell
7/12 The Family of Ralph E.Wulfjen, Jr. “BUBBA”
7/12 The Family of Judy Jarrett
7/5 Brenda McGowan
6/28 The Cavedo Family
6/28 Christopher Gates
6/28 Amy Goodson
6/28 The Family of Janice Davenport
6/28 Lynn Ziemba
6/28 The Family of Brenda Welborn

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Lamar Cromer
Trey & Maggie Hagerty
Nick Korn
Marysue Rivers
Sherri Bryant
Pat Kennedy
Ben & Mary Ann Blanks
Jan House
Ron McDowell
Tom Weeks

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Frozen Casseroles for Calvary Home for Children

For 16 years, Holy Trinity has provided frozen casseroles for Calvary Home for Children (CHC). With school starting back, now is the perfect time to continue the tradition. Stocking CHC's freezer with casseroles allows more time for the house parents to focus on the needs of the children during those busy first days and weeks of school rather than on "what's for dinner?"

So how can you help? Prepare and freeze **or** buy a frozen casserole dinner (size 9' x 13"). If you choose to make a homemade casserole, be sure to use a disposable container and label by type, such as chicken and broccoli or lasagna, etc. Also attach the directions for baking or reheating and the recipe or a list of ingredients to help address any allergy concerns.

Today is the last day to deliver your casserole directly to the freezer in the Fellowship Hall. The freezer is in the coatroom in the hallway just outside the Fellowship Hall. Just use your key or the keypad to access the building. Casseroles will be delivered to Calvary Home for Children on Tuesday, August 18th.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Askew (864-419-1791).

The Service Committee



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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*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.**

*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us,
have mercy. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have
mercy on us, have mercy. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us
peace.**

The Communion (Continuous Method- Please follow 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

*The Post Communion Hymn (sung by all) page 40
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice, rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.
Send us O God, with your promises, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

SENDING

*The Blessing
Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn **Hymn #738**
“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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

*The Dismissal
Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude - Concentus, Novi 1540
“My Soul Now Praise Your Maker”

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Claude Calloway to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of his grandchildren.

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 now available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

MAGNIFYING TABLETS

For those who might benefit using a larger print on Sunday mornings, we now have available rechargeable 5X Magnifying Tablets to assist in reading. These are large bright full-page magnifiers with LED dimmable lights. Please see an usher to borrow one of these on Sunday mornings. There are also 3X magnifying rulers in the back pocket of each ELW (red hymnal). These may be used as needed during worship. Please return them to the back pocket of the hymnal at the end of the service.



Congratulations to Virgil and Mary Ann Hobbs on the birth of a grandson, George McAbee Hinton, born August 12 to Abi and Asheton Hinton. He weighed 7 lbs. and 13 oz. and was 21 and 1/2 inches long.

5th SUNDAY WORSHIP
AUGUST 30TH
ONE - COMBINED WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES)

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

CELEBRATING CLAUDE WILLIFORD

During the luncheon, our congregation will honor **Claude Williford** for his 56 years of service as our sexton. He and some of his family will be in attendance. The Mutual Ministry Committee will be presenting him with a monetary gift from the congregation in appreciation for all he has done for us. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate on August 16 or August 23 and designate it for “Claude Williford.”

Thank you for your help in making this a special day for a faithful servant and for our congregation.