

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 23, 2026

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude *“Open My Eyes”* -arr. Paul Taylor
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 10
In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

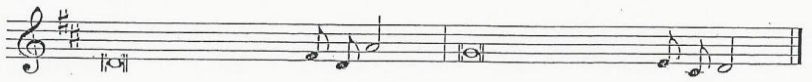
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(we stand)



PSALM 138
(sung responsively)

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.
**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹ bove all things.**
³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.
**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**
⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.
**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.
**⁸You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.**

*Gospel
Acclamation (sung by all) page 17
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.

Worship Assistants
August 30, 2026
ONE-COMBINED SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Acolyte Amy Goodson
Lector Sid Stokes

August 30	ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE (Pot Luck Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	2:00 p.m.
September 2	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 3	Dining Divas (The Boondocks, 3819 Hwy. 81)	6:00 p.m.
September 6	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.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
September 9	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
September 13	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.
September 14	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
September 16	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
September 17	Luther's Ladies Social Outing (Olive Garden)	6:00 p.m.
September 19	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Worship Services – August 16 - 8:45 a.m. (60) – 11:00 a.m. (55)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED August 16 – Operating Fund \$2,953.00, Utilities Fund \$70.00, Cancer Association Donation \$200.00

Hymn #790

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, for 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.**

*Hymn of Praise (sung by all) page 14
(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, 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)**

*Prayer of the Day

O God, with all Your faithful followers of every age, we praise You, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of Your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading (Isaiah 51:1-6)

Psalm 138 (sung responsively)

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-8)

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

page 17

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 16th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

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

Sermon

“THE QUESTION THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE”

*Hymn of the Month

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Hymn #712

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Apostles’ Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY – August 23, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer

Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson

Acolytes.....(E).....(L) Brady West

Lectors.....(E) Bob Straup (L) Mike Metz

Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/ Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell

Tabulators.....Jane Potter & Gail Cannon

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 23 – August 29

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)

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.

THE WOMEN OF ST. MATTHIAS INVITE YOU TO...

the
*Foothills
Fall Conference*



September 26 | St. Matthias Lutheran Church | 9:30AM - 2PM
2026 | 501 Powdersville Rd |
Easley, SC 29642

This ONE DAY conference is for our Foothills region WELCA ladies to meet and greet each other! Church membership is not required! Come and be BOLD! We will celebrate our faith, our fellowship and share in mission ACTION!

Guest Speakers from Starlight Hope Village in Tamassee, S.C.

Snacks and Lunch will be provided.
All Ladies of Holy Trinity Church are invited.
We will be carpooling from the church.
RSVP to Beth Fischer
fischerfive@att.net
cell: 1-864-933-7446

*The Peace is Shared
The Offering is Received

Anthem "We Sing To You , O God" - Gracia Grindal/John Ireland

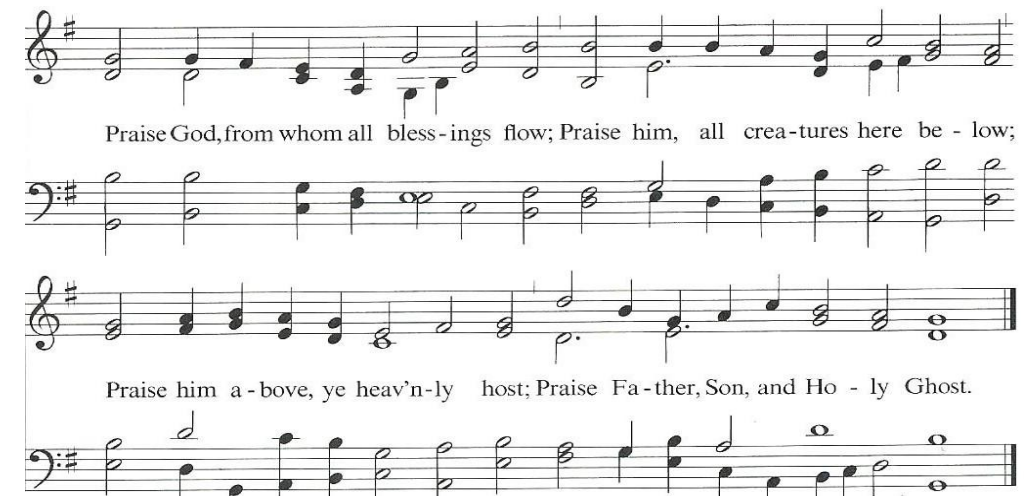
We sing to You, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
Let our rejoicing sing Your name in all the earth.
To You, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
You shielded with Your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within Your arms and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to it's young;
You rise up on Your wings and bear us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in Your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within Your wings,
The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, Your way is just, You are the God in whom we trust.

*Offertory "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*The Prayers of Intercession
(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.**

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

*Recessional Hymn *“We All Are One In Mission”* Hymn #755

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

*Dismissal
Postlude *“Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense”* - Johann Cruger

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Steven and Amy Goodson to the honor and glory of God and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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.

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. **Today is the last day** to contribute by placing your donation in the offering plate and designating it for “Claude Williford.”

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

Pat Kennedy
Ben & Mary Ann Blanks
Jan House
Ron McDowell
Tom Weeks
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

Jeff Kennedy
Bob Vinson
Steven House
Beth Cribbe
Congregation
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

Dinner is Served!
(By Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)

On Tuesday, August 18th, thirty-four casseroles were delivered to the Calvary Home for Children. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to provide nourishing food for foster families and bring smiles to the staff who received them.

During this busy back-to-school season, your kindness offered more than food – you gave foster parents the gift of extra time with their children.
Thank you, thank you, thank you,

The Service Committee

PRAYER LIST

8/16 Ken Earp
8/16 Ruth Cromer
8/16 Rev. Stephen Roehrs
8/16 Michael Askew
8/16 Jim Dancik
8/9 Don Simon
8/9 Susan Straup
8/9 The Family of Mike Matney
8/2 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

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Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
Pat Ross
Rette Stokes
Congregation
Congregation
Carter Boucher & Diana James
Mike & Bobbi Metz
Paula Boller
Paula Boller
Michael Ziemba
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