

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)

ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

August 30, 2026

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Prayer For Peace"*

-arr. Paul Taylor
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*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

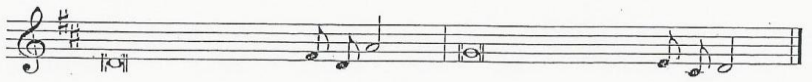
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

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 26

(sung responsively)

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.
²**Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.
³For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- ¹ ly with you.
⁴**I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.
⁵I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.
⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,
⁷singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.
⁸**LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.

*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.

LOOKING AHEAD
Worship Assistants
September 6, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Kathleen Burroughs
Lectors	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer
Assisting Ministers	Susan Straup	Joshua Fischer
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.
September 20	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.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – August 23 - 8:45 a.m. (58) – 11:00 a.m. (53)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED August 23 – Operating Fund \$2,120.00, Columbarium Fund \$7,000.00, Endowment Fund \$50.00

*Hymn

“Blessed Be The God Of Israel”

Hymn #725

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)

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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)

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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, 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, we thank You for Your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow Your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children’s Choir
*Love is a very special thing,
A smile, a tear, a soft summer rain.
It has no beginning, it has no end,
But I like it best when it's shared with a friend.*

"Love Is"

by Dottie Rambo

Children's Sermon
First Reading (Jeremiah 15:15-21)
Psalm 26 (sung responsively)
Second Reading (Romans 12:9-21)

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

*Gospel (Matthew 16:21-28)
After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Sermon **“CHOOSING THE WAY OF THE CROSS”**

*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.**

SERVING YOU TODAY – August 30, 2026

Minister..... Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolyte.....Amy Goodson
Lector.....Sid Stokes
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/ Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....Claude Calloway & Dave Rasche
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 30 – September 6

TODAY
10:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.
WED.
10:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
THURS.
6:30 p.m.

ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP (Sanctuary)
Potluck Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Support Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
Choir Practice

Dining Divas (The Boondocks, 3819 Hwy 81., Anderson)



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

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.

*Blessing of the Quilts
*The Peace is Shared
The Offering is Received

Anthem "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" - Richard Gillard/Betty Pulkingham
Will You let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

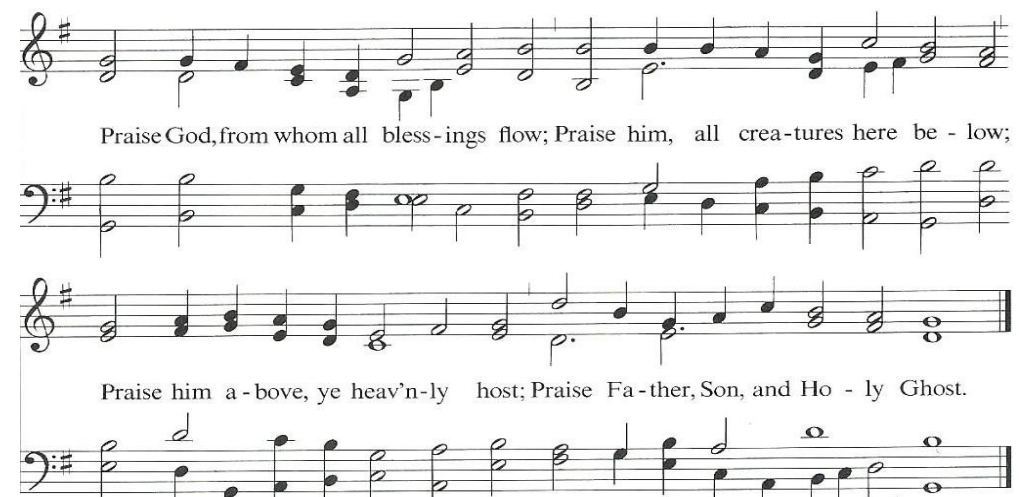
We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will You let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

*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 ***“Thine The Amen, Thine The Praise”*** Hymn #801

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

*Blessing of the Meal
*Dismissal
Postlude ***“O God of Every Nation”*** - 19th Century Welsh Tune

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Mike & Bobbi Metz to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr. and The Rev. and Mrs. J. Luther Ballentine.

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.

TODAY IS OUR 5th SUNDAY 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.

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

CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

The following was recently posted on Facebook by Calvary Homes:

A huge thank you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! They brought piles of frozen meals for our foster families earlier this week. We're thankful that they're willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

One of our foster moms just came by the office and said "My kids gobbled up the lasagnas last night for dinner. I was so thankful for a night off from cooking. These tangible tokens of support mean the world to our foster parents!"



QUILT DEDICATION

The beautiful quilts you see draped over each pew are now ready to be sent overseas. The quilters at Holy Trinity have been very busy and their 29 quilts will be blessed during the service today and then mailed to Lutheran World Relief to those in need. They thank everyone for their generous gifts of fabric for this worthy project.

You may make a donation to help cover the cost of the shipping by writing a check to Holy Trinity and putting "shipping quilts" in the memo and placing it in the offering plate.

Quilters: Susan Askew, Kim Hill, Nancy Korn, Sophie O'Connor, Beth Passow and Jane Potter.



PRAYER LIST

8/16 Whitney Capps
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 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

Sherry Partain
Travis & Family
Lamar Cromer
Trey & Maggie Hagerty
Nick Korn
Marysue Rivers
Sherri Bryant

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Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Richard & Jody Yardumian
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
Pat Ross
Rette Stokes
Congregation
Congregation
Carter Boucher & Diana James
Paula Boller
Paula Boller
Michael Ziemba
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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
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Paul Wagner
The Stokes Family
Brenda McGowan
The Stokes Family
Marisa Adrian
The Stokes Family
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Jill Helgeson

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.