

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.

September 13, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Grandparents

Prelude

“Jesus, Thou My Life Art Ever”

- Friedrich W. Zachau

*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 103

(sung responsively)

[Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,**
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—
³who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life ¹ from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;
⁵who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.
⁶**O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication**
and justice for all who ¹ are oppressed.
⁷You made known your ¹ ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- ¹ dren of Israel.]
⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- ¹ sion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love;
⁹you will not al- ¹ ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- ¹ ger forever.
¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according ¹ to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to ¹ our iniquities.
¹¹For as the heavens are high a- ¹ bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for ¹ those who fear you.
¹²**As far as the east is ¹ from the west,**
so far have you removed our transgres- ¹ sions from us.
¹³As a father has compassion ¹ for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear ¹ you, O LORD.

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)
Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus ' Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account ' of
His name. **Alleluia.**

**DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS
FOR A.I.M. 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.

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>			
Worship Assistants			
September 20, 2026			
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody	
Lectors	Matt Roehrs	Amy Goodson	
Assisting Minsters	Suzie Bannister	Amy Goodson	
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.	
September 23	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.	
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.	
September 26	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.	
September 27	Worship Service (Sanctuary) WELCA 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) WELCA SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	
September 28	Lutheran Men In Mission Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.	
October 4	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.	
	Blessing of the Animals (Fellowship Parking Lot)	5:00 p.m.	

ATTENDANCE

Worship Services – September 6 – 8:45 a.m. (43) 11:00 a.m. (36)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED September 6 – Operating Fund \$6,712.99, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund \$100.00, Quilt Fund \$10.00

*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)

(Refrain)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

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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
O Lord God, merciful judge, You are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore You, that we may delight in doing Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, October 10th, from 4-7 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host its 13th Annual DeutschesFest, a German festival to celebrate our Lutheran heritage. We will again be inviting Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to join us. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall and dine on German foods like bratwurst, grilled chicken and German side dishes. Beer, wine and softer beverages will be served. We will have German music, dancing and Gemütlichkeit, which does not have a direct English translation but describes an atmosphere which is comfortable and enjoyable.

Tickets again will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (12 and younger) and will be available from a Church Council member or through the church office beginning today. Tickets need to be purchased in advance to help us with the planning of the food. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 4th. **All funds raised will go to Meals on Wheels of Anderson.**

Council Members selling tickets are: Rynde Dial, Mary Ann Hobbs, Chris Caldwell, Lauren Sayers, Kevin Lockhart, Phyllis Barnette, Leon Chute, Chad Evans, Matt Roehrs, Sandi Jordan, Jane Cahaly, and Christina Fischer.

If you'd be interested in making a German dish, if we provide you with a recipe, please contact Virgil Hobbs. Mark your calendars now as we look forward to a wonderful afternoon/evening of fellowship for our congregation.



The next Wednesday Lunch Bunch will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 11:00 a. m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Stephanie Yelder, the Dementia Care Specialist from the South Carolina Department on Aging. Come join us for this informative session on dementia and the resources available. Lunch will be provided.

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

- Rosamond Herklots/Sacred Harp 1844

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing lights Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
How trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to You!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.**

*The Offertory Hymn

"Praise God From Who 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

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

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.**

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

*The Recessional Hymn *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Hymn # 836

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

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

Postlude *“O God of Mercy, God of Light”* Joseph Barnby

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Lawson and Leigh Freeman to the honor and glory of God, and in honor of the families and emergency workers of 9/11.



On the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners. Two were flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, one struck the Pentagon, and one — United Flight 93 — crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers fought back. Nearly 3,000 people were killed, including more than 400 first responders.

The attacks also shaped a generation of military service: millions of Americans have served in the years since, and the anniversary carries special weight in military communities. In 2026, the nation marks a quarter century since that morning.

GIDEON SUNDAY
We welcome today Percy Dingle who will be bringing us a message from the Gideons. You can support the work of the Gideons by making a financial contribution. Checks may be made out to “The Gideons.” Following the worship service, Mr. Dingle will be in the Narthex to receive contributions.



The “Whole Story” Sunday School class will resume meeting in the Pairs and Spares Room today at 10:00 a.m.

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.
Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.

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.

The new *Christ in Our Home* devotionals are now available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for a copy. One per family please.

ADVISORY BALLOT

Church Constitution and Bylaws:

“The Nominating Committee shall present to the congregation, at the Annual Meeting, the names of two persons for each Congregation Council term to be filled, both expired and unexpired terms without distinction. Those receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a full term. All nominees shall be involved in all phases of the work and ministry of the congregation. The Nominating Committee shall not present the name of any member of the committee nor shall it select as a nominee more than one member of an immediate family or someone who has a member of his/her immediate family already serving on the Congregation Council.

The Nominating Committee, using an advisory ballot, shall give members of the congregation the opportunity to suggest persons for consideration as nominees. Each voting member may submit the name of one person for each vacancy to be filled.”

THEREFORE, an ADVISORY BALLOT is provided below for your use in submitting names of individuals you would like the Nominating Committee to consider as nominees.

The following are ineligible for nomination either because they are currently members of the Nominating Committee, the Church Council, spouses of current Council members or they have served on Council within the past two years: Richard Caruso, Beth Cribbe, Vicki Lybrand, Rev. Stephen Roehrs, Jane Cahaly, Chris Caldwell, Rynde Dial, Lauren Sayers, Phyllis Barnette, Leon Chute, Chad and Kristie Evans, Sandi Jordan, Christina and Joshua Fischer, Matt & Kate Roehrs, Mary Ann and Virgil Hobbs, and Kevin Lockhart.

COUNCIL ADVISORY BALLOT - 2027

The following are suggested for consideration as nominees for Congregation.

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Please deposit your Advisory Ballot in the box in the Sacristy, Narthex or mail to the church office by September 27th.

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

the

Foothills

Fall Conference



September 26
2026

St. Matthias Lutheran Church
501 Powdersville Rd
Easley, SC 29642

9:30AM - 2PM

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

PRAYER LIST
9/6 Sharon Christmas
9/6 Warren Vickers
9/6 Chris Dafoe
8/30 Carter Boucher
8/30 The Family of Marjorie Elwell
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

LONG TERM PRAYERS

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

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Phil & Jane Cahaly

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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

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

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION
September 28
Supper Meeting in
Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.

WELCA SOCIAL
Luther's Ladies

OLIVE GARDEN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
6:00 p.m.
Please RSVP
Beth Fischer (call or text 864-933-7446
or email fischerfive@att.net

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, September 19th
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Beth Fischer (fischerfive@att.net) or (864-933-7446) for more information.
Come when you can and stay as long as would you like.