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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.*

WELCA SUNDAY

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

September 27, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Strengthen for Service, Lord”

-setting by Edwin Childs

*The Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor Fischer

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 25

(sung responsively)

To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.
²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹over me.**
³Let none who look to you be ¹put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹who are treacherous.
⁴**Show me your ¹ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹me your paths.**
⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.
⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.**
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.
⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.**
⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, 'says the Lord: I know them and they ' follow me. Alleluia.*

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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		
October 4, 2026		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Kathleen Burroughs
Lectors	Beth Cribbe	John Trent
Assisting Ministers	Beth Cribbe	John Trent
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.
October 7	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Blessing of the Animals (Fellowship Hall Parking Lot)	5:00 p.m.
	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
October 10	Deutsches Fest (Fellowship Parking Lot)	4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
October 11	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.
October 12	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
October 14	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
October 15	Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
October 17	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
October 18	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 – September 20 – 8:45 a.m. (53) 11:00 a.m. (42)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED September 20 – Operating Fund \$3,622.00, Lutheran Men In Misson Fund \$100.00, Endowment Fund \$50.00, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund \$500.00

*Hymn

“O God, My Faithful God”

Hymn #806

*The Greeting

Anna Caldwell/Amy Goodson

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)

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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 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

Leslie Cox/Beth Fischer

God, of love, giver of life, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

The Children’s Sermon	Anna Caldwell	
The First Lesson (Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32)	Phyllis Barnett/Bobbi Metz	Back Cover
Psalms 25		Inside Cover
The Second Lesson (Philippians 2:1-13)	Phyllis Barnett/Bobbi Metz	Back Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, 'says the Lord: I know them and they ' follow me. Alleluia.*

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 21:23-32) Jane Cahaly
After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Jane Cahaly

*The Hymn of the Month “*O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*” **Hymn #716**

*Apostles’ Creed Jane Potter/Amy Goodson
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 – September 27, 2026

Minister.....	Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....	Jill Helgeson
Pianist.....	Brenda McGowan
Acolytes.....	(E) TBD (L) Sandi Jordan
Lectors.....	(E) Phyllis Barnette (L) Bobbi Metz
Video/IT Engineer....	Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators.....	Robert & Vicki Allen
Ushers.....	(E) Leslie Cox & Susan Askew (L) Diane Richardson & Nancy Scalf
Church Secretary.....	Pat Ross
President	Beth Cribbe
Vice-President.....	Rynde Dial
Treasurer.....	Diane Richardson
Council Secretary.....	Lauren Sayers

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
September 27 – October 3**

<u>TODAY</u>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) WELCA SUNDAY
	Early Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m.	The Whole Story Adult Sunday School Class (Pairs and Spares)
10:00 a.m.	Martin Luther Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) WELCA SUNDAY
<u>MON.</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<u>WED.</u>	
10:00 a.m.	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<u>THUR.</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Dining Divas (The Public Well Café & Pizza, 5733 Dobbins Bridge Road)



The “Whole Story” Sunday School class that meets in the Pairs and Spares room on Sunday mornings at 10 AM has resumed classes.

What Gifts Do You Have?



Romans 13:6 *“We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”*

A person who is good at speaking or telling stories is said to “have the gift of gab.” A great athlete or a talented artist is often referred to as “gifted.” We all have gifts, but not all of us are star athletes, famous painters, composers or virtuosos.

One of the quiet joys of church life is discovering the many gifts God has woven into our congregation. Some of the gifts are easy to see, like teaching, music, leadership and hospitality. Other gifts are quieter, but just as essential: the person who notices when someone is hurting, the one who organizes behind the scenes, the one who shows up early to prepare and set everything in place, or the one who offers a prayer at just the right moment.

Every gift, whether offered publicly or privately, becomes part of the living fabric of God’s ministry. When we bring our abilities, our time, and our willingness before the Lord, He uses them to strengthen the body of Christ in ways we may never fully see. Our church grows not only through programs and plans, but also through the faithful offerings of everyday people who choose to serve with love.

As we move into the coming weeks, may you feel God’s gentle invitation to share the gifts He has placed within you. May we offer them with joy, trusting that even the smallest act of service becomes part of God’s larger work among us. Your presence, your prayers, and your willingness will truly bless our church family and beyond.

*The Peace Is Shared

Jane Potter/Amy Goodson

The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem ***“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”*** - Johann Heerman
O Christ, our light, O Radiance true, shine forth on those estranged from You.
And bring them to Your home again, where their delight shall never end.

Fill with the radiance of Your grace the wand'ers lost in error's maze.
Set free all those whose hearts and minds some deep delusion haunts and binds.

Lord, let Your mercy's gentle ray shine down on others strayed away.
To those in conscience wounded sore show heaven's waiting, open door.

Make theirs with ours a single voice uplifted, ever to rejoice
With wond'ring gratitude and praise to You, O Lord, for boundless grace.

*The Offertory Hymn ***“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”***

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 music features a mix of single notes, chords, and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the second system.

The Prayers of Intercession

Beth Cribbe/Sandi Dickson

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 Lord’s Prayer (we remain kneeling) Beth Cribbe/Sandi Dickson

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 Pastor Fischer
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn ***“The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve”*** **Hymn #551**
(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

*The Dismissal Jane Cahaly

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord. Response: **Thanks be to God!**
Postlude ***“Lord, You Give The Great Commission”*** -Cyril V. Taylor

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by WELCA to the honor and glory of God and in honor and memory of the Women of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

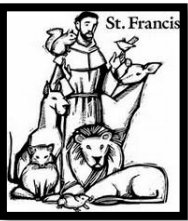
ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sound Room. Please see an usher to inquire about their use.

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.

WELCA SUNDAY
Today is WELCA Sunday when the women of our congregation lead the worship service. We are honored to have our own Jane Cahaly bring us God’s message.

Dining Divas
Thursday, October 1, at 6:00 PM
The Public Well Café and Pizza
5733 Dobbins Bridge Road
Please RSVP
Beth Cribbe (call or text 864-617-6216
or email bcribbe1@gmail.com)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
You are invited to join us on Sunday evening, October 4th for a Service of the Blessing of Animals. We will gather in the back parking lot at 5:00 p.m. behind Fellowship Hall. Bring your pets – dogs, cats, birds, snakes, turtles, fish, gerbils, lizards or anything else you consider to be a family pet.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
We continue our monthly gatherings in Fellowship Hall for a time of **Food, Fun & Fellowship** around a Biblical theme. Adults and Kids of all ages are invited to join us! There will be crafts, games, and song. The meal will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 14 – Simon the Zealot
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



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.

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.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Today is the **final** day to give your Advisory Ballot. The boxes are located in the Sacristy and Narthex.



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.



Chancel Choir has resumed 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.

PRAYER LIST

9/20 Becky Murr
9/20 The Family of Sherri Bryant
9/20 Cathy Rudisill
9/20 Sid Richardson
9/20 The Family of Jan House
9/20 Ellen Walters
9/13 The Family of Greg Johnson
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
Pat Kennedy
Ben & Mary Ann Blanks
Ron McDowell
Tom Weeks
Ashley Booker Addison
Katrina Sellars
Jaron Thompson

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Jill Helgeson
Kati Smith

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

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
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Brenda McGowan
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We keep in our thoughts and prayers, to Steven House and family, upon the death of his wife, Jan, who entered the Church Triumphant on September 20th. May God’s promises of grace and eternal life give the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

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, October 17
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.

Devotionals are here

The new *Christ In Our Home* devotionals for October, November and December are in the Narthex. Please limit one per household.