

**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.**  
**October 11, 2026**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Ariosso”* - Bach

\*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 23**  
(sung responsively)

The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.  
<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

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\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)  
**Alleluia. This is the Lord for whom ' we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in ' God's  
salvation. Alleluia.**

**DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 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  
October 18, 2026

|                     |                                                              |                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                     | 8:45 a.m.                                                    | 11:00 a.m.     |
| Acolytes            | Lucy Roehrs                                                  | Landen Moody   |
| Lectors             | Virgil Hobbs                                                 | Richard Caruso |
| Assisting Ministers | Virgil Hobbs                                                 | Richard Caruso |
| 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.     |
| October 21          | T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)                              | 10:00 a.m.     |
|                     | Choir Practice                                               | 6:30 p.m.      |
| October 24          | Quilters (Quilting Room)                                     | 10:00 a.m.     |
| October 25          | Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>        | 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) <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>        | 11:00 a.m.     |
| October 26          | Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)     | 6:00 p.m.      |
|                     | Pastor attending SC Convocation at Lutheridge                |                |
| October 28          | T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)                              | 10:00 a.m.     |
|                     | Choir Practice                                               | 6:30 p.m.      |
| November 1          | Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY</b>        | 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) <b>ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY</b>        | 11:00 a.m.     |

**ATTENDANCE**

Worship Services – October 4 – 8:45 a.m. (51) 11:00 a.m. (36)

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED October 4** – Operating Fund \$6,644.00, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Endowment Fund \$125.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$105.00

\*Hymn *“Morning Has Broken”* Hymn #556

\*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) page 121  
(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  
Lord of the feast, You have prepared a table before all peoples and poured our Your life with abundance. Call us again to Your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

|                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Stewardship Temple Talk               | Bob Straup            |
| The Children’s Sermon                 |                       |
| The First Lesson (Isaiah 25:1-9)      | Bulletin Cover        |
| Psalms 23                             | Bulletin Inside Cover |
| The Second Lesson (Philippians 4:1-9) | Bulletin Cover        |

\*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)  
**Alleluia. This is the Lord for whom ' we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in ' God's salvation. Alleluia.**

***The gospel is announced:*** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, 22nd chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14) Bulletin Cover  
***After the reading:*** The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon “AN INVITATION TO A WEDDING”

\*The Hymn of the Month “*If God My Lord Be For Me*” **HYMN #788**

**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, 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 – October 11, 2026**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minister.....          | Rev. J. Chris Fischer                                                                                                                                              |
| Pianist.....           | Brenda McGowan                                                                                                                                                     |
| Acolytes.....          | (E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Katie Fischer                                                                                                                               |
| Lectors.....           | (E) Robert Allen (L) Sid Stokes                                                                                                                                    |
| Video/IT Engineer..... | Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell                                                                                                    |
| Tabulators.....        | Chris & Anna Caldwell                                                                                                                                              |
| Ushers:                | (E) Susan Straup - Captain, Skip Knight, Beth Cribbe, Claude Calloway<br>Suzie Bannister<br>(L) Sid Stokes - Captain, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins, Robert O’Connor |
| Church Secretary.....  | Pat Ross                                                                                                                                                           |
| President .....        | Rynde Dial                                                                                                                                                         |
| Vice-President.....    | Mary Ann Hobbs                                                                                                                                                     |
| Treasurer.....         | Diane Richardson                                                                                                                                                   |
| Council Secretary..... | Lauren Sayers                                                                                                                                                      |

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**  
**October 11 – October 17**

**TODAY**

|            |                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45 a.m.  | Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>Early Choir Practice (After Worship) |
| 10:00 a.m. | 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)        |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                         |

**MON.**

|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 p.m. | Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
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**WED.**

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)   |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Family Fun Night (Fellowship Hall) |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Choir Practice                     |

**THURS.**

|           |                                                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00 p.m. | Luther’s Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
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**SAT.**

|                      |                                 |
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| 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. | Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall) |
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**WELCA MEETINGS**

**Luther’s Ladies**

**Leader:** Beth Fischer  
**Date:** October 15  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Fellowship Hall

**LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

**Supper Meeting**  
**October 26**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**In Fellowship Hall**

# Martin Luther (1483-1546)



We remember Martin Luther, born in 1483, nine years before Columbus discovered America. He studied law at the age of 21; became a priest at 23 and a doctor of theology at 28; wrote and nailed the 95 thesis at age 33 and 34; was ex-communicated and became a fugitive at 38; translated the Bible into German at 40; and died from a stroke at the age of 63, an internationally admired leader. His teachings stressed justification by faith, universal priesthood of believers; and supremacy of scripture which form the cornerstone of Protestantism. [Please wear red on this Sunday.]

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His 95 *Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society. [Please wear red on October 25, Reformation Sunday.]

\*The Peace Is Shared  
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem

*"Jesus, Shepherd, Be Thou Near Me"*  
-soloist Amy Goodson

Jesus, Shepherd, be Thou near me  
As I walk along life’s way.  
Jesus, Shepherd be Thou near me  
Jesus, Shepherd be Thou near me  
As I walk along life’s way.  
When the evil foe comes nigh me.  
Though temptations stay beside me,  
Shield me with Thy love always.  
When the evil foe comes nigh me,  
Though temptations stay beside me,  
Stay beside me, stay beside me  
Shield me with Thy love, Thy love, always.

\*The Offertory Hymn                      *“Praise God From Who All Blessings Flow”*

Musical notation for the Offertory Hymn "Praise God From Who All Blessings Flow". It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal melody (treble and bass clefs) and the last two are for the organ accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy 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.”*

L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

## SENDING

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

## *“O Jesus I Have Promised”*

## Hymn # 810

## The Dismissal

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

## “Allegro con moto”

Bach

(\*) Indicates congregation to stand

## CRAFTY LADIES

**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](mailto:fischerfive@att.net)) or (864-933-7446) for more information.

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

## MAGNIFYING TABLETS

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

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.

# 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.

**PRAYER LIST**  
10/4 Beth Passow  
10/4 The Family of Tim Taylor  
10/4 Don Simon  
10/4 Miriam Moody  
10/4 The Family of Whitney Capps  
9/27 The Family of Josh Webber  
9/27 The Family of Selena Darnell  
9/27 Dr. Meredith Blackwell  
9/27 The Family of Betty Mann  
9/27 Brenda Hucks  
9/27 Trey Bowman  
9/20 The Family of Sherri Bryant  
9/20 Sid Richardson  
9/20 The Family of Jan House  
9/13 The Family of Greg Johnson  
9/6 Warren Vircks  
9/6 Chris Dafoe  
8/30 Carter Boucher  
8/30 The Family of Marjorie Elwell  
8/16 Ken Earp  
8/16 Ruth Cromer  
8/16 Rev. Stephen Roehrs  
8/16 Michael Askew  
8/16 Jim Dancik  
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

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Diana James  
Amy Goodson  
Pat Earp  
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The Stokes Family  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Brenda McGowan  
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**Trick -or-Treat- So- Others- May- Eat** We know that many in our community are struggling with increased in cost of living and subsequent food insecurity. Holy Trinity has worked to help our neighbors facing these issues with our many outreach ministries. One of these ministries has been the Trick or Treat so Others May Eat food drive for AIM. For years, this has been led by the Youth of Holy Trinity. This year, the Youth and the Service Committee will join forces to make this a "whole congregation" campaign. We will be expanding our collections to include several new neighborhoods. To make this a success, we will need drivers, walkers to put out and pick up the bags and donations, as well as folks to help provide lunches on the campaign days. The dates will be October 18th and 25th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help on one or both days. As always, we will do a congregational collection as well. If you have any questions or are able to help, please contact Amy Goodson.



**October is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

On Sunday, **October 18<sup>TH</sup>** everyone is asked to wear **PINK** in honor of all survivors and in memory of loved ones who have been victims of breast cancer.