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.
November 8, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Recognition of our Military Veterans
Prelude ***"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"*** - setting by Donald Johns *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 70

(sung responsively)

Be pleased, O God, to de- ' liver me;
O LORD, make ' haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame ' and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and ' be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat ' over me
turn back because ' of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be ' glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great ' is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- ' ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, ' do not tarry.

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)
Alleluia. Keep awake ' and be ready, for you do not know what day your ' Lord is coming. Alleluia.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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.

ATTENDANCE

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants
November 15, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Lucy Roehrs	Landen Moody
Lectors	Beth Cribbe	Bobbi Metz
Assisting Ministers	Beth Cribbe	Harry Coggins

November 15	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.
November 18	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
November 19	Fellowship Hall Reserved	11:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
	Luther's Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
November 22	Worship Service (Sanctuary) **CHRIST THE KING 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) **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**	11:00 a.m.
November 23	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
November 25	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
November 26	**THANKSGIVING DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**	
November 29	**ONE-COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**	10:00 a.m.
	(Pot Luck Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall)	

Worship Services – November 1 – 8:45 a.m. (50) 11:00 a.m. (50)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED November 1 – Operating Fund $7,685.00, World Hunger Fund $50.00, Endowment Fund $50.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund $271.00, Pastor's Discretionary Fund $1,500.00

*Hymn ***"O Happy Day When We Shall Stand"*** **Hymn #441**

*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
O God of justice and love, You illumine our way through life with the words of Your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson (Amos 5:18-24) Bulletin Cover

Psalm 70 Bulletin Inside Cover

The Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) Bulletin Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)

Alleluia. Keep awake ' and be ready, for you do not know what day your ' Lord is coming. Alleluia.

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, 25th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13) Bulletin Cover

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

Sermon **"THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH"**

*The Hymn of the Month ***"O Savior, Precious Savior"*** **HYMN #820**

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 – November 8, 2026

Minister…… Rev. J. Chris Fischer
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Katie Fischer
Lectors……..…..(E) Robert Allen (L) Sandi Jordan
Video/IT Engineer……..…..Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators…….....……..……Dave & Nancy Korn
Ushers: (E) Mike Cox-Captain, Leslie Cox, Robert Allen, Tom Adrian
(L) Mike Oates-Captain, Sandi Jordan, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans
Church Secretary…….……..…….…….. ….……..……Pat Ross
President …….……..…….…….....Rynde Dial
Vice-President……..……..……..……..……...Mary Ann Hobbs
Treasurer……..……..……..……..……...Diane Richardson
Council Secretary……..……..…….……..……..…Lauren Sayers

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
November 8 – November 14

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Early Choir Practice (After Worship)
9:50 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MON.

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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.

11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

5th SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 29

ONE - COMBINED WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES)
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK MEAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
NOTE: THE MEAT and BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

REMEMBER, VETERAN'S DAY IS NOVEMBER 11TH

"A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life."

We will be recognizing all our military veterans with us at each worship service today.

WELCA MEETING
Luther's Ladies
Leader: Beth Fischer
Date: November 19
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION
Supper Meeting
November 23
6:00 p.m.
In
Fellowship Hall

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. This will be our last event for the year.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11 – Judas
TIME: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

ANGEL TREE

Holy Trinity is again sponsoring an Angel Tree for our community. Families have been chosen by AIM and given to us for Christmas giving. In addition to selecting names from the Angel Tree in-person like we usually do, you also will have the option of making a donation and someone from WELCA will do the shopping for you. Simply make out a check to Holy Trinity with "Angel Tree" in the memo or contact Nancy Scalf or Beth Fischer.

*The Peace Is Shared
The Offering is Received

The Offertory Anthem
8:45 a.m. ***"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*** - African American Spiritual
Jay Bannister, Soloist

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work's almost done.

Refrain:
Children, don't grow weary, children, don't grow weary,
Children, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us, for this work's almost done. Refrain

Lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work's almost done. Refrain

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work's almost done. Refrain

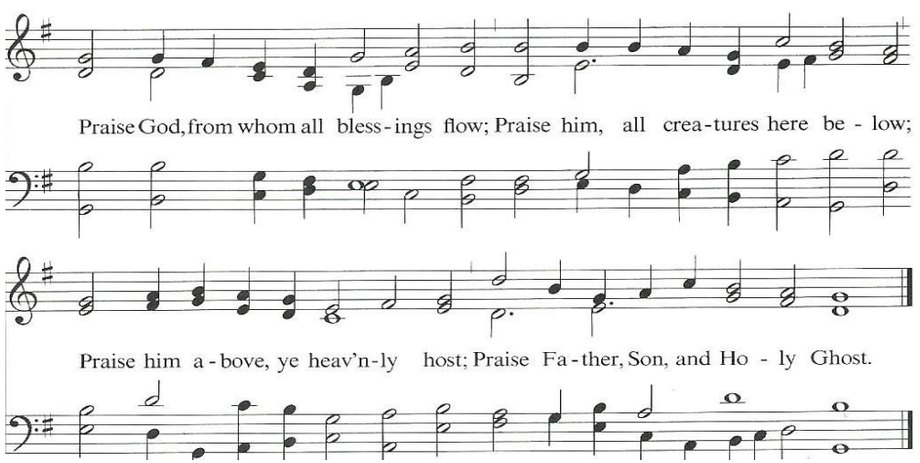
11:00 a.m. ***"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"*** - Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia.

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia!
Sing alleluia!

*The Offertory Hymn ***"Praise God From Who All Blessings Flow"***



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

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.**

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

At our Congregational Meeting this morning, (9:50 a.m.) we will be:
1) Electing four new Council Members for a 3-year term and
2) Approving the 2027 Church Budget.

A Continental Breakfast will be provided.

Please Note: as per our Church Constitution, absentee ballots are not permissible.

Opportunities to Serve the Lord in 2027

It is not too late to turn in your Time and Talent sheets. Just fill them out and place them in the offering plate or give them to Pat or Pastor or mail them to the church office. We are especially looking for a few more volunteers in the following areas:

- Acolytes (children, youth, adults - very much needed)
- Worship Assistants
- Altar Guild
  - Preparing for Communion before worship
  - Cleaning up Communion after worship
  - Washing Communion linens
  - Distributing altar flowers to the shut-ins
  - Polishing altar brass and refilling candles
  - Choir

Please note:

- Training will be provided for each position.
- If you have any questions about any of these, please contact Nancy Korn or Pastor Fischer.
- Even if you have already turned in a Time and Talent form, you can still volunteer for these areas.

Today, at our semi-annual Congregational Meeting, we will be electing four of the eight following nominees to serve a three-year term on Church Council.

Connor Caldwell, Member since 1996. **Occupation:** Sullivan-King Mortuary. **Family Church Members:** father & mother, Chris & Anna Caldwell, brother & sister-in-law Christopher & Rachel Caldwell, **Church Activities:** Playground Committee, worship videographer, Martin Luther Sunday School Class, Personnel Committee, Architectural Committee.

Sandi Dickson, Member since 2012. **Occupation:** Retired Nurse Practitioner at Patrick Harris Hospital and AnMed Health, **Church Activities:** Luther's Ladies Circle, Assisting Minister, Lector, Acolyte.

Amy Goodson, Member since 1989. **Occupation**: Retired RN @ AnMed Health; **Family Church Member**: husband – Steven, **Church Activities:** Youth Enabler, Parish Nurse, Worship and Music Committee member, Chancel Choir, Altar Guild, Lector, Assisting Minister, Offering Tabulator, Martin Luther Sunday School Class, Dining Divas, Communion Bread baker. Luther's Ladies, Snack Pack Volunteer, Safety Team Committee, Family Fun Night Coordinator.

Kim Kuhn Hill, Member since 2011. **Occupation:** Manager of Clinical Documentation Integrity & Coding Specialist Teams for Spartanburg Regional Health System, **Church Activities**: Luther's Ladies Circle, Quilting Group, Needlepoint Group, Altar Guild.

Bobbi Metz, Member since 2019. **Occupation:** CEO MBM Consulting LLC. **Family Church Member:** husband - Mike, **Church Activities:** Offering Tabulator, Luther's Ladies Circle, Snack Pack Volunteer, Saturday Servants, Martin Luther Sunday School Class, Usher, Lector, Support Committee.

Pamela Michalski, Member since 2021. **Occupation:** Retired Music Teacher, **Church Activities:** Lector, Snack Pack Volunteer, Saturday Servants, Dining Divas, Family Fun Night, Luther's Ladies Circle, Fellowship Committee.

Mike Oates, Member since 2011. **Occupation**: Lineman with Duke Energy; **Family Church Members:** son and daughter-in-law, Michael, Amber and Owen Oates, **Church Activities:** Lutheran Men In Mission, Saturday Servants, Safety Team Chair, Usher Coordinator, Property Committee Co-Chairperson.

Bob Straup, Member since 1977. **Occupation:** Retired dentist; **Family Church Members:** wife - Susan, sons - Michael and Richard, **Church Activities**: Lector, Lutheran Men In Mission, Chancel Choir, Mutual Ministry Committee Co-Chairperson, Saturday Servants.

*The Recessional Hymn ***"Blessed Assurance"*** **Hymn # 638**

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

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

Postlude ***"Come, We that Love The Lord"*** Robert Lowry

(*) Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Pastor & Beth Fischer to the honor and glory of God, and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

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.

PRAYER LIST	SPONSORS
11/1 Ann West	Brenda McGowan
11/1 Pat Cheek	Chris & Anna Caldwell
10/24 Todd Heuskin	Mary Heuskin
10/24 The Family of Miriam Moody	Congregation
10/18 Gael Johnson	Diana James
10/11 Sid Richardson	Diane Richardson
10/11 The Family of Don Simon	Congregation
10/11 Lauren Dyer	Susan Straup
10/11 Christee Williams	Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
10/4 Beth Passow	Randy Passow
10/4 The Family of Tim Taylor	Jill Helgeson
10/4 The Family of Whitney Capps	Mike & Bobbi Metz
9/27 The Family of Josh Webber	Jill Helgeson
9/27 The Family of Selena Darnell	Jill Helgeson
9/27 Dr. Meredith Blackwell	Rette Stokes
9/27 The Family of Betty Mann	Mike & Leslie Cox
9/27 Brenda Hucks	Congregation
9/27 Trey Bowman	Bob Vinson
9/20 The Family of Sherri Bryant	Robert & Vicki Allen
9/20 Sid Richardson	Diane Richardson
9/20 The Family of Jan House	Congregation
9/13 The Family of Greg Johnson	Diana James & Carter Boucher
9/6 Warren Vircks	Jane Potter
9/6 Chris Dafoe	Bill Dafoe
8/30 Carter Boucher	Diana James
8/30 The Family of Marjorie Elwell	Amy Goodson
8/16 Ken Earp	Pat Earp
8/16 Ruth Cromer	Jill Helgeson
8/16 Rev. Stephen Roehrs	Anita Roehrs
8/16 Michael Askew	Susan Askew
8/16 Jim Dancik	Donna Dancik
8/9 Susan Straup	Bob Straup
8/9 The Family of Mike Matney	Rynde Dial
8/2 Dan Hunnicutt	Johnnie Hunnicutt
8/2 The Family of Jim Gilliland	Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
7/26 Sadie Spoores	Richard & Jody Yardumian
7/26 Anna Courie	Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
7/26 Nick Temple-Smith	Ben & Bonnie Emanuel
7/26 Diann Chrisman	Pat Ross

LONG TERM PRAYERS	SPONSORS
Scott Heuskin	Tood Heuskin
Penny Moudrianokis	Diana James
Tim Medlin	Jane Potter
Sherry Partain	Suzie Bannister
Travis & Family	Suzie Bannister
Lamar Cromer	Jill Helgeson
Trey & Maggie Hagerty	Jill Helgeson
Nick Korn	Dave & Nancy Korn
Marysue Rivers	Phyllis Barnette
Pat Kennedy	Jeff Kennedy
Ben & Mary Ann Blanks	Bob Vinson
Ron McDowell	Beth Cribbe
Tom Weeks	Congregation
Ashley Booker Addison	Jill Helgeson
Katrina Sellars	Jill Helgeson
Jaron Thompson	Kati Smith
Phillip Roehrs	Rev. Stephen & Anita Roehrs
Betty Williams	Connie Adams
Ben Taylor	Jill Helgeson
Robert Cahaly	Phil & Jane Cahaly
Edmond Pop	The Fischer Family
Ed Hartshorn	Pat Ross
Elanor Dean	The Stokes Family
Mike Borron	Paul Wagner
Henri Holmes Adair Baker	The Stokes Family
Gabrielle Godfrey	Brenda McGowan
Carolyn Culbreath	The Stokes Family
Buddy & Lesley Taylor	Marisa Adrian
Willy E. Johnson	The Stokes Family
Susan Socha	Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Danny Rouse	Brenda McGowan
Nina & Larry Sherman	Jill Helgeson
Gretchen Fant	Jill Helgeson