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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. & 11:00 a.m.
November 15, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements (8:45 a.m. Kevin Lockhart & 11:00 a.m. Rynde Dial)
Prelude ***"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"*** -setting by Richard W. Gieseke
*The Confession & 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 help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **(+)** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(we stand)
*Hymn ***"We Praise You, O God"*** **Hymn #870**
*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) page 120

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.**

*The Hymn of Praise ***"This Is The Feast"*** page 122
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Prayer of the Day
Righteous God, our merciful master, You own the earth and all its peoples, and You give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve You with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of Your coming, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

WORD

Temple Talk (8:45 a.m. Chris Caldwell & 11:00 a.m. Rynde Dial)
The Children's Sermon
The First Lesson (Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18) Back Cover
Psalm 90 Inside Cover
The Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) Back Cover

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) ***Alleluia. Abide in me as I a ' bide in you; those who abide in me ' bear much fruit. Alleluia.***

The gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30) Back Cover

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

Sermon Pastor Dan

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

***The Nicene Creed**
We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 Leader concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, ***"Hear our Prayer."***
The Minister concludes the prayers with these words: "Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." ***Amen.***

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received

The Choir Anthem
(8:45 a.m.) ***"Come, Let Us Eat"*** - Billema Kwillia
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

(11:00 a.m.) ***"In God's Own House"*** - Robert J. Powell

In God's own house pronounce His praise, His grace He there reveals;
To heav'n your joy and wonder raise, for there His glory dwells,
For there His glory dwells.

Let all your sacred passions move, while you recount His deeds;
But the great work of saving love your highest praise exceeds.

All that have motion, life and breath, proclaim your Maker blest;
Yet when my voice expires in death, my soul shall praise Him best.

In God's own house pronounce His praise, His grace He there reveals;
To heav'n your joy and wonder raise, for there His glory dwells,
For there His glory dwells.

The Offertory Hymn** ***"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful" **Hymn #181**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with Your presence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with **AMEN.**)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively) page 129

L. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.
L. Lift up your hearts**.**
C. We lift them to the Lord.
L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface of the Day page 130

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) … we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (sung by all) page 130

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

* The Words of Institution page 130

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

*The Communion Hymn (sung by all) page 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Communion

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

*The Communion Blessing Pastor Dan

*The Post Communion Hymn (sung by all) **Hymn #204**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with **AMEN.**) page 136

SENDING

*The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and **(+)** give you peace. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn ***"O Christ, Our Hope"*** **Hymn #604**

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

The Dismissal

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

Postlude ***"Lord of All Good"*** -Sydney Watson

(*) "Indicates congregation to stand

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar by Claude Calloway to the honor and glory of God and in honor of the birthday of his daughter, Shelley.

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.

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.

POINSETTIAS for the Christmas Eve services will be provided this year for $10.50. Donors will be listed in the worship bulletin for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to place an order for one or more, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church office. The **deadline** is Sunday, December 20th. Payment must accompany your order. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve. (Please do not remove the three white poinsettias in the manger.)

Enclosed is_____for _____poinsettias.

IN MEMORY OF_____

IN HONOR OF_____

OTHER (To the Glory of God)_____

Given by_____

WE WELCOME TODAY!!!

We welcome back with us Pastor Dan Kirkpatrick to lead our worship service this morning. He is originally from central Georgia but has made his home in Greenville since 2002. For over 35 years, Pastor Dan has served in several specialized ministries as a hospice chaplain, as a hospital chaplain, and currently as the Director of Grief Resources and Education at Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes/Gray Mortuary. Pastor Dan is endorsed for specialized ministry by the ELCA and is a Board Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Pastor Dan's wife, Sherryan, is a kindergarten (K-5) teacher in Greenville County. They have an adult son who lives in Tennessee.

PRAYER LIST	SPONSORS
11/8 The Family of Janice Westbrook	Jill Helgeson
11/8 The Family of Robin Taylor Shedd	Jill Helgeson
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 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	Todd Heuskin
Penny Moudrianokis	Diana James
Tim Medlin	Jane Potter
Sherry Partain	Suzie Banniser
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

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 2 Luther's Ladies – host Meal Group A - Beth Fischer
December 9 Luther's Ladies – host Meal Group B - Beth Cribbe
December 16 The Lutheran Men In Mission – host
There will be a free will offering received.

Advent Worship Services to follow at 7:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars:

Christmas Pageant – December 13
Annual Christmas Pageant during the 11:00 a.m. Service
Choir Gathering – December 19
Helgeson Home – 6:30 p.m.
Chili and Caroling – December 20
Congregational Christmas Caroling and Chili 5:00 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. All gifts should NOT be wrapped.
The deadline to drop off all items is December 6. Simply make out a check to Holy Trinity with "Angel Tree" in the memo or contact Nancy Scalf or Beth Fischer.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 13th, during the Late Service. All ages are needed to participate in this year's program. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this delightful Christmas tradition! We will again be using an original script created by Brenda McGowan.

Practices will be determined later.
A full dress-rehearsal will take place on Saturday morning, December 12th. Our final rehearsal will be Sunday, December 13th following the Early Service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Worship Assistants
November 22, 2026

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Ken Earp	Brady West
Lectors	Phyllis Barnette	Mike Metz

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)	
December 2	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spare Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal (Fellowship Hall) – host Meal Group A- Beth Fischer	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	7:40 p.m.
December 3	Dining Divas (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
December 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.
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	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE
Worship Services – November 8 – 8:45 a.m. (52) 11:00 a.m. (44)

OFFERINGS RECEIVED – November 8 – Operating Fund $4,411.00, Endowment Fund $500.00, Utilities Fund $70.00, Quilt Project Fund $25.00, Angel Tree Donations $100.00, Use of Facility Fund $200.00

SERVING YOU TODAY – November 15, 2026

Minister……..…….……..……..…..... Pastor Dan Kirkpatrick
Organist/Music Director.....Jill Helgeson
Acolytes.....(E) Claude Calloway (L) Landen Moody
Lectors……..……..…….……....(E) Beth Cribbe (L) Bobbi Metz
Assisting Ministers……..……..……..……...(E) Beth Cribbe (L) Harry Coggins
Video/IT Engineer…..…..Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell Kevin Lockhart/Connor Caldwell
Tabulators…….…….……..…..……..…Jane Potter & Gail Cannon
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 15 – November 21

TODAY

8:45 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	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)

WED.

10:00 a.m.	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

THUR.

6:00 p.m.	Luther's Ladies Circle Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Psalm 90

(sung responsively)

Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
[2]**Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.
[3]You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
[4]**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night;
[5]you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
[6]**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
[7]For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
[8]**Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
[[9]When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10]**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
[11]Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]
[12]**So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) ***Alleluia.*** Abide in me as I a ' bide in you; those who abide in me ' bear much fruit. ***Alleluia.***

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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.