

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! We hope you'll join us again next week at 9:30am for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship.



If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to electronically submit your **church connection card**. Let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

Restrooms: Located downstairs under the Sanctuary, the back hallway behind the Sanctuary or in the lobby connector with the Fellowship Hall.

Families with Children: If you wish, a staffed nursery for children aged 0-4 is located in the lower level of the building below the sanctuary. Children also have the option of worshipping in the sanctuary, or attending Children's Church, which begins after the Children's Chat.

Food & Drinks: To help keep our worship space clean and reverent, no food is permitted in the sanctuary. Water bottles or enclosed cups are welcome. Thank for your cooperation.

Question: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask an usher.

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✝ Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

P: Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

✝ Confession and Forgiveness*

LBW Pg 56

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most Merciful God:

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C: Amen.

✝ Opening Hymn

“Holy Spirit”

(Francesca Battistelli)

Verse 1: There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

*Chorus: Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord*

Verse 2: There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Chorus
x4: Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
Chorus

† The Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Chat

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.
³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."
⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!
⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life.
⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"
⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.
⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered

them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"
¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.
¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'
¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.
¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

PSALM 130:1–8

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

C: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

L: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

L: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

C: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

L: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

C: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1–11

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death.
³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh,
⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
- 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
- 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
- 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.
- 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life[d] because of righteousness.
- 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[e] his Spirit who lives in you.

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 11th Chapter of John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

John 11: 21-27, 38-44, & 49-53

- 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
- 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
- 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
- 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;
- 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."
- 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.
- 39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."
- 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"
- 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
- 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."
- 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come

out!"

- 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."
- 49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all!
- 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."
- 51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,
- 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.
- 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"I Can Only Imagine"

† Sermon Hymn "I Can Only Imagine"

Verse 1: I can only imagine, What it will be like
 When I walk by Your side
 I can only imagine, What my eyes will see
 When Your face is before me
 I can only imagine

*Chorus: Surrounded by Your glory, What will my heart feel
 Will I dance for You Jesus. Or in awe of You be still
 Will I stand in Your presence, Or to my knees will I fall
 Will I sing hallelujah. Will I be able to speak at all
 I can only imagine (yeah), I can only imagine*

Verse 2: I can only imagine, When that day comes
 And I find myself standing in the Son
 I can only imagine, When all I will do
 Is forever forever worship You
 I can only imagine, I can only imagine

Tag: I can only imagine yeah
 I can only imagine
 I can only imagine
 I can only imagine

Ending: I can only imagine when all I will do
 Is forever forever worship You
 I can only imagine

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† Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

† Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace of Christ.

† Offering Anthem

Special Music

† Presentation of the Offering

† Offertory Response “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW Hymn 565

† Prayers of the People

(respond: “Hear our prayer”)

† The Lord's Prayer

† Benediction

† Sending Hymn “Because He Lives”

Verse 1: God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

*Chorus: Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

Verse 2: How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives

Verse 3: And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

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† The Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† Postlude

Messages to the Congregation

Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Martha Deal, Nancy Kneeburg (Aunt of B. Bollinger), Diane & David McKnight, Lorraine Nicely, Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, Noah Finger, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, Terry McCreary (Brother of Modena Weaver), and the family of Jerry Wright.

Shut-In & Care Facility Members: Ron Beaver, Tommy Beaver, Jan Dixon, Doris Pless, Judy Taylor, & Billie Bollinger.

To mail items to Billie: P.O. Box 968

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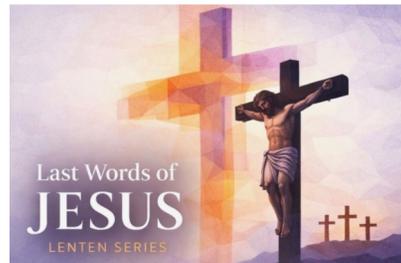
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Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 3/22	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am No Choir Practice
Mon, 3/23	Girl Scouts - 6:00-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 3/24	
Wed, 3/25	Lenten dinner & Service: 6pm & 6:45pm
Thurs, 3/26	Young at Heart (Stag & Doe): 11:30am
Fri, 3/27	
Sat, 3/28	

Last Midweek Lenten Schedule (3/25)

Dinner: 6:00–6:45 PM
 Silent Prayer & Meditation (Sanctuary):
 6:45–7 PM
 Lenten Worship Service: 7PM



Young At  Heart
 with Pastor Candice



‘From Palm Sunday to the Cross: The Journey and the Celebration’
 Performance at Concordia Lutheran: 3/29 6:00pm Featuring voices from
 Trinity and other local churches!

The Mission Team’s **KITCHEN KIT COLLECTION** for the NALC Crisis Center is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items.

The following items are still needed as of 3/15/26: can openers, spatulas, measuring cups & spoons, another helpful kitchen item of your choice, storage containers (2 cup w/ lid), & garbage bags. Please consider contributing to the kits to help us reach our goal of 25 kits.

If you prefer to shop online, Items can be purchased through our “TLC KITCHEN KITS for Crisis Relief” Amazon Link :https://www.amazon.com/registries/guest-view/13UGO9NVQ69K0?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_G189NPC3X74V3MA8RGK0

As a result of our book study “Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, and How to Reverse it” by Robert D. Lupton, we discussed **how to best support our community** in the coming year with our differing gifts, health, and availability. There will be many opportunities to serve our communities in the coming year:

If you have **TIME** to serve, consider signing up to volunteer at Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place. Watch for opportunities to mentor at Corriher Lipe Middle School. Participate in community days. Help with set up and clean up at church meals. Attend church events. Let Cindy Martin know if you’d like to participate in local, regional, national, and/or international mission endeavors.

If you have specific **TALENTS**, speak up and let someone know. Maybe we can find a way to use your talents for God’s Glory. If you like to cook, consider signing up to provide a meal for MSMP Getting Ahead classes.

If you like to shop and **DONATE ITEMS**, consider contributing to the Crisis Relief drives. We welcome items from local stores and from our Amazon Wishlist. We are currently collecting items for Kitchen Kits. Maybe add a few items to the School Supply Shelf in the Missions Room. Pick up a few items for our friends in nursing homes, shut-ins, and college students. The women’s group will be sending care kits throughout the year. Save your devotionals for our Crisis Relief kits. Pick up some pre-packaged snacks for the Prison Ministry.

If you prefer to make **MONETARY DONATIONS**, continue contributions to the church budget. Consider sponsoring a youth for events. Subscribe to Marketplace Meal Kits, your donation helps the program and the meal will help you feed your family! Mark an offering for Prison Ministry, Missions, Youth, Scholarships, or any other special designation. If you prefer to support the community in **PRAYER**, the possibilities are endless. There is so much need, and we cannot even begin to meet those needs without God’s help.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Health Team

March is National Nutrition Month. Please review the various tips throughout the month to help improve your nutrition!

Don't Stress

You don't need to be a master chef in order to whip up something tasty and nutritious.

You can create healthy and tasty meals without a recipe.

For example:

- Baked fish with sautéed veggies and rice
- Black bean and vegetable burrito
- Scrambled eggs with cheese, salsa and whole grain toast

If you don't have an ingredient, try substituting with something similar:

- Making black bean burgers but running short on black beans? Try them with pinto beans instead.
- Having pasta but forgot the sauce? Toss together canned tomatoes, a drizzle of olive oil and season with herbs to provide that extra flavor.
- If you're missing sour cream, plain Greek yogurt can be used in its place in chili, on potatoes and in baked goods.
- Cauliflower can replace broccoli in casseroles and soups.

Mix and Match

These easy combinations pair well and contain many items you may already have on hand:

- Whole grain pasta with garbanzo beans and canned tomatoes, seasoned with basil and served with a medley of microwaved frozen vegetables on the side.
- Quinoa with black beans, corn, and bell pepper, dressed with olive oil and lime juice.
- Salad with lettuce, hard boiled eggs, tuna, tomatoes and olives and dressed with a little olive oil and vinegar.
- Soup using grilled or baked chicken, low-sodium broth, veggies and brown rice.

For a referral to a registered dietitian nutritionist and for additional food and nutrition information, visit eatright.org.



Palm Sunday
March 29: 10:30am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday
April 2: 7:00pm Worship Service with Communion (Upper Room)

Good Friday
April 3: 7:00pm Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday
April 5: 9:30am Easter Breakfast, 10:30am Worship Service with Communion

Help us celebrate His resurrection!



The Congregation is invited to bring in artificial flowers to create the Easter Cross.

TRINITY & CONCORDIA YOUTH BOWLING EVENT



SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 1-3 PM

Foxfire Lanes

225 Security St, Kannapolis, NC 28083

Giving Report for March 15, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	84	\$3,199.80	\$ 4,751.94
Sunday School			
Building Fund		\$185	
Other Funds		\$243.2	
Tithely			

Those Serving Today (3/22)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Claire Stirewalt & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Emily Carden	K-5 Sunday School
Ava Blume	Children's Church
Heather Ramseur & Lindsey Parker	Nursery
Adrian Parker	Breakfast Assistant

Those Serving Next Week (3/29)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Mason Rodgers & C.J. McKnight	Acolytes
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Jessica Sloop	Children's Church
Barbara Atwell & Pam Gray	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistant

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