



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 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

† 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

“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” LBW Hymn 499

P: Let us pray.

† The Prayer of the Day

P: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

- ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:1-8, 9-13

L: Praise awaits[b] you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

C: You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

L: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave[c] our transgressions.

C: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

L: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

C: who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

L: who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

C: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

L: You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.[a]

C: You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

L: You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

C: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

L: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

- ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.
¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[a] And by him we cry, "Abba,[b] Father."
¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† Scripture Response

Special Music

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 13th Chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

- ¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.
² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.
³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.
⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.
⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.
⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.
⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.
⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."
¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

- 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.
- 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.
- 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.
- 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.
- 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Sower Still Sows”

† **Sermon Hymn** “All Creatures of our God and King” LBW Hymn 527

† **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 (Harp - Alexandra Ong)

† **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** “For the Beauty of the Earth” LBW Hymn 561

† **The Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

Messages to the Congregation

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Diane (7/3) and David McKnight's (7/28) birthdays and their 56th anniversary (7/13). Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Nancy Kneeburg (Aunt of B. Bollinger), Diane & David McKnight, Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, Noah Finger, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, Bob Dixon, Jimmie Weaver, & Pam Gray.

***Shut-In & Care Facility Members:** Ron Beaver, Tommy Beaver, Doris Pless, Judy Taylor, Billie Bollinger, & Jimmie Weaver.

Bulletin/Announcements: In order to make sure any important news is displayed in the coming Sunday's bulletin, please message the office no later than Wednesday evening. Thank you!

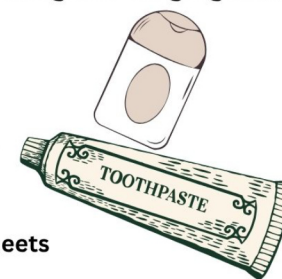
The **South Rowan Public School BIBLE Teaching Association** raises funds to reimburse Rowan Salisbury Schools for the salaries & fringe benefits for 3 full-time BIBLE History Teachers.

- The first fundraising event will be the "Run/Walk For The WORD" 5-K race and half-mile Fun Run in Landis on Saturday morning, September 12, 2026.
- The second fundraising event, the "Fall BIBLE Golf Tournament", will be held at Irish Creek Golf Course in Kannapolis on Monday, November 2, 2026.
- The third fundraising event, the "L.D. Gray Memorial Spring BIBLE Banquet or Drive-thru Dinner", will be offered at First Reformed Church in Landis on Thursday, May 6, 2027.

Monthly Supply Drive: Nazareth Children's Home

Our church community has a wonderful opportunity to bless the children at Nazareth Children's Home through a monthly supply drive. Each month we will focus our giving on one needed supply. This month we are asking the congregation to bless the children with:

- July: Deodorant
- August: Toothpaste
- September: Shampoo & Conditioner
- October: Dove Soap Bars
- November: Feminine Hygiene Items
- December: Towels and/or Twin XL Sheets



You're Invited!

THE MISSION TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
A TOUR OF NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME.

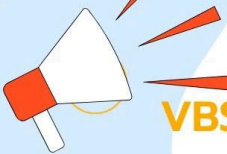


WEDNESDAY JULY 15 AT 2 PM

725 CRESCENT ROAD, ROCKWELL

AS A CONGREGATION, WE ARE BLESSED TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME. THIS TOUR IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT OF THEIR WORK, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THEY SERVE, AND DISCOVER HOW OUR PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WHETHER YOU HAVE SUPPORTED NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME FOR MANY YEARS OR WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MEANINGFUL MINISTRY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US!





HELP WANTED!

VBS is almost here, and we need your help!

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE TRANSFORM OUR CHURCH INTO SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN FOR AN EXCITING WEEK OF VBS. WE HAVE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH SETUP:

FRIDAY, JULY 17, AT 10:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 18, AT 2:00 P.M.

There will be a variety of tasks for all ages & abilities—from decorating & setting up rooms to organizing supplies and putting the finishing touches on our themed spaces. If you're able to join us for one or both of these setup times, we'd be so grateful to have you. No special skills are needed—just a willing heart!

Blessings,
The VBS Team

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sun, 7/12	Council Meeting - 8:00am
	Sunday School - 9:30am
	Worship Service - 10:30am
	Women's Circle & Block Party Meeting - 2:00pm
	Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 7/13	Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 7/14	
Wed, 7/15	
Thurs, 7/16	
Fri, 7/17	VBS Prep - 10:00am
Sat, 7/18	VBS Prep - 2:00pm

Meeting Reminder

July 12 at 2pm



ALL are invited at the beginning of the meeting to discuss 'Block Party' preparation!

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help shape the next generation of faith. No prior teaching experience is required—just a willing heart. Materials are fully provided by Sola Publishing for K-5 **Sunday School** and **Children's Church**. Background Check required.

Contact the Office to join!





Join us July 19–22 for an exciting VBS adventure!

- Kids will take on the Snowball Mountain Challenge, learning how God's powerful love gives us strength!
- Kids will enjoy music, games, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, prizes, and more.
- Please consider donating school supplies for our August community block party!

📍 **Trinity Lutheran Church**

📅 **July 19–22**

🕒 **5:30–8:00 PM**

👤 **Open to ages 2–18 *3 year & younger with an adult**

Everyone is welcome – invite friends & neighbors to come climb the mountain with us!

TLCLandis.org/VBS26

Milk Jugs & Monetary Donations

We are collecting empty gallon milk jugs for VBS to make an igloo. Please leave in the lobby or by the office. We also appreciate any money donations towards helping making VBS successful! Thank you!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For community outreach, we are asking for school donations to give out at the August 15th Block party! Feel free to bring to Sunday Worship Service or VBS!





Giving Report for July 5, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	21	\$2,409	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	74		
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$2,650	
Tithely		\$100	

Those Serving Today (7/12)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Jana Thomas	Music
Barbara Atwell	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Jessica Sloop	K-5 Sunday School
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Heather Ramseur & John McKnight	Nursery

Those Serving Next Week (7/19)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Barbara Atwell	Lector
Maggie Deal and Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Molly Cherry & Vera Parker	Banner Bearers
Guy Deal	Crucifer
Jake Ramage & Brooks Rodgers	Torch Bearers
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
Judy Matthews & Barbara Atwell	Nursery

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