

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 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 worshiping 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.

Please Connect With Us!

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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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LBW Hymn 526

P: Let us pray.
† **The Prayer of the Day**
P: Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. 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 Amos 5:18-24

18 The Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long
for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to
have a snake bite him.
20 Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—pitch-dark,
without a ray of brightness?
21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a
stench to me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will
not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will
have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of
your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing
stream!

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70: 1-5

L: Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me.
C: May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
L: May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
C: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"
L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those
who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind,
who have no hope.
14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that
God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede
those who have fallen asleep.
16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud
command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of
God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so
we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

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✝ **Scripture Response** "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

✝ **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 25th Chapter of Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

✝ **Holy Gospel** Matthew 25:1-13

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became
drowsy and fell asleep.
6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him!'
7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The
foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps
are going out.'
9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you.
Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom
arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the
wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door
for us!'
12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the
hour.

✝ **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Ready or Not"

✝ **Sermon Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" WOV Hymn 776

✝ **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.

✝ **Offertory Dialogue**
P: May we offer with joy and thanksgiving what we have first been given,
C: For everything we have belongs to God.

Offering Anthem "Goin' Up To The Mountain" Choir

✝ **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** "Now Thank We All Our God" LBW Hymn 534

✝ **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.

Altar Flowers

Please help us enhance our worship space by signing up for flowers each Sunday! There is a physical list by the mail boxes or you can email the office. List as (T) for taking home or (L) leave for next Sunday! Thank you!



Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Nancy Kneeburg (Aunt of B.Bollinger), Diane & David McKnight, Elizabeth Nahouse, Noah Finger, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, Bob Dixon, Logan Moose, Oscho Deal, & Mary Ann McKnight.

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

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!

Honoring all

THANK YOU VETERANS!



JACK SORROW [NAVY]
JON FINGER SR [ARMY]
JON FINGER JR [ARMY]
ANYONE NOT LISTED

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION
NOAH FINGER [ARMY]
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JACOB HARRISON [ARMY]
JONATHON MARTIN [US NAVY]

Trinity Lutheran Church

TLC: 2027 BENEVOLENCE OPTIONS

Main Street Marketplace & Meeting Place

Equips individuals to strengthen their physical, emotional, mental, social, and financial health. Offers a food pharmacy and "Getting Ahead" classes.

CHURCH OF GOD CHILDREN'S HOME
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Offers a residential program for children with educational and emotional support. Also runs a foster program.

Regional Crisis Center
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serves as the hub for NALC Disaster relief that provides compassion & emergency supplies to affected communities.

Family Crisis Council of Rowan

Supports victoms of domestic violence by providing temporary shelter, access to educational programs, & legal support services.

Rowan Helping Ministries

Shelter & feed the unhoused, provide mental & physical health assistance while providing life training.

Nazareth Children's Home

Services include Family Foster Care, Adoptions, Transitional Living Services for Young adults, and mental health therapy.

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sun, 11/8	Council Meeting - 8:00am Sunday School - 9:30am **Children - Christmas Play Practice** Worship Service - 10:30am *Congregational Meeting* Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 11/9	Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 11/10	Bible Study - 10:30am
Wed, 11/11	Office Closed in Remembrance of Veteran's Day Nazareth Bag Packing & Dinner - 6:00pm
Thurs, 11/12	
Fri. 11/13	
Sat. 11/14	Karen McKnight (FH): 10:00am - 4:00pm

Come And Join Us For The

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11/8/2026

Council Members whose terms will be ending are Barbara Atwell, Kristie Finger, Wesley McKnight, and John McKnight. We thank them for their service.

Christmas Blessings Gift Certificates

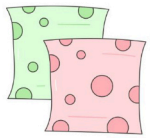
Two ways to help Trinity raise funds for Nazareth Blessing Bag gifts.

1. **Purchase a 'Christmas Blessings' gift certificate as a gift for a loved one or neighbor! This tells someone you donated for children in need in their honor. Money given for the certificate will be used to purchase gifts for Nazareth's Christmas Blessings Bags.**
2. **Want to donate for toys for the blessings bags without "purchasing" a certificate as a gift? Not a problem! You can donate directly for the cause!**

How? You can donate through Tithely (memo - "Blessing Bags" or "Gift Certificates") or submit a cash or check donation with a note on your offering envelope!

Nazareth's Monthly Donations

Nov: Feminine Hygiene Products



Dec: Towels & Twin XL sheets



NAZARETH
Child & Family Connection

Women's Circle Outreach

Nazareth Children's Home Blessing Bag Items:

- **Nazareth**: Children will pack string bags for Nazareth children. Items to include are: hairbrush for boys & girls, fidget toys or stress relievers, $5 or $10 gift cards for local fast food restaurants (ex. McD, Chick-fil-a, Bojangles), gift cards for transportation, pretty pens/colored pencils, art supplies, coloring books, stickers, small journals, fun socks, ChapStick, small stuffed animals, travel size board games/card games, puzzles, magazines, juvenile chapter books, & snacks (ex. granola bars, little debbie snacks). NO LIQUIDS please!
  - 1) suggested Novelty items for the Blessing Bags https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1BG88A3H9Q65Q?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_C52ZYWQX3B9KV1Y3JRFT
  - 2) Books for the Blessing Bags https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1V4S42L0SBAL?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_Y1Q1N8RC6N0DZHSEA38E



Nazareth Christmas Packing Event

Join us November 11 at 6p for dinner and Christmas cheer!



NAZARETH
Child & Family Connection







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!



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Giving Report for November 1, 2026

	Attendance	Received	Need Each Week
Worship Service	96	$1,912	$4,751.94
Sunday School	36		
Building Fund		$50	
Other Funds		$649.91	
Tithely		$100	

Those Serving Today (11/8)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Eric McKnight	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
**Christmas Play Practice*	**K-5 Sunday School*
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
John McKnight & **TBD**	**Nursery**
TBD	**SS Breakfast**

Those Serving Next Week (11/15)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Eric McKnight	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Owen Smith & Guy Deal	Banner Bearers
Caleb Stirewalt	Crucifer
Jake Ramage & Natalie Sloop	Torch Bearers
**Christmas Play Practice*	**K-5 Sunday School*
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Judy Matthews & Heather Ramseur	Nursery
TBD	**SS Breakfast**

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