



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

108 West Rice Street
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Church Office: 704-857-2441
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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 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.

Please Connect With Us!



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You may contact the church office at 704-857-2441 or contact Pastor Candice by email: PastorCandiceCarter@gmail.com



Do you need assistance
in hearing the service?

Listening aid devices are
now available for those
with difficulty hearing.

Please let an usher know.

✝ 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

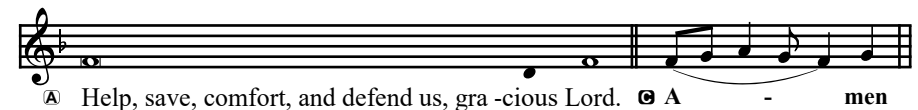
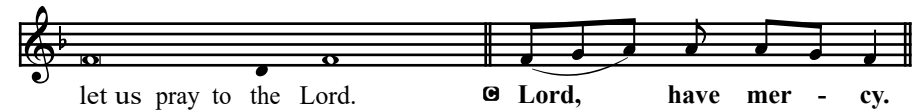
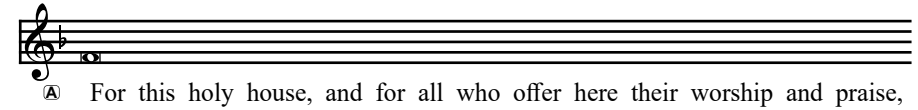
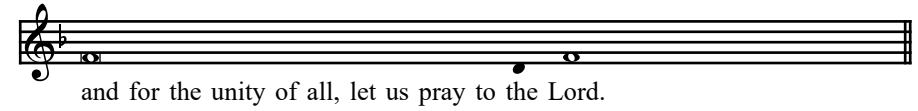
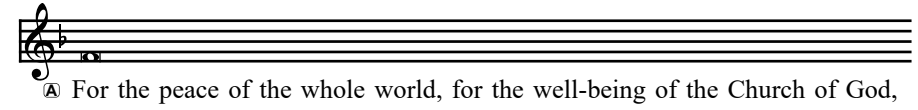
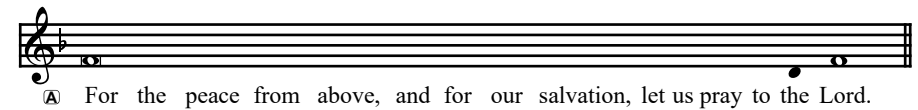
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✝ Processional "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing" LBW Hymn 499

✝ The Greeting and Kyrie

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



† Hymn of Praise

“What Feast of Love”

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How see the manna given!



P: Let us pray.

† The Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

Genesis 50:15-21

- ¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"
- ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:
- ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.
- ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.
- ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"
- ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.
- ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:1-12

L: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

L: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

C: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

L: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

C: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

- ¹ Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.
- ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.
- ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.
- ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- ⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.
- ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.
- ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone.
- ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
- ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.
- ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.
- ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"[b]
- ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.
- L:** The Word of the Lord.
- C:** Thanks be to God.



† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

† Holy Gospel

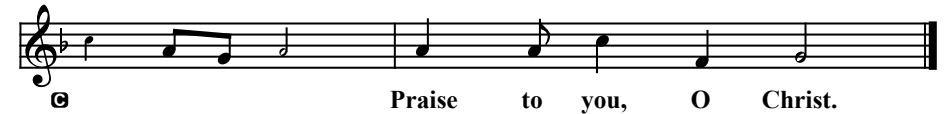
Matthew 18:21-35

- 21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
- 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.[a]
- 23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
- 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[b] was brought to him.
- 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
- 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’
- 27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
- 28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.
- 29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’
- 30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.
- 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
- 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’
- 33

- 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
- 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

“Forgiven to Forgive”

† Hymn of the Day “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” WOV Hymn 731

† 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

† Prayers of the People

(respond: “Hear our prayer”)

† 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 “O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice” Choir (Haydn)

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

† Prayer

† Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

† It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

† Words of Institution

† The Lord's Prayer

† **Distribution**

“Lamb of God”

LBW Hymn 72

Messages to the Congregation

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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, & the families of Jimmie Weaver and Tommy Beaver.

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

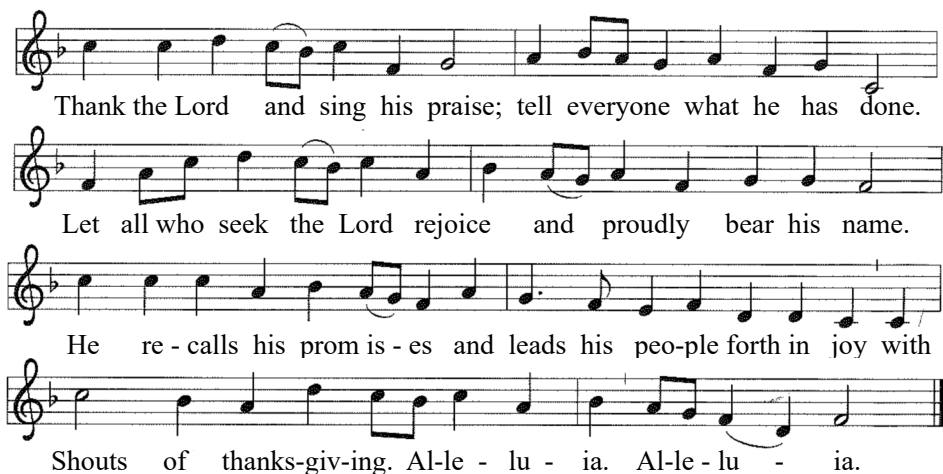
***Holy Communion** is shared monthly with members who are unable to attend worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home or in a care facility, please contact the church office.

Church Mailboxes: Please make sure to regularly check your assigned boxes. Thank you!

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!

† **Post Communion Cantic**

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Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

Shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

† **Benediction**

(Amen sung by congregation)

† **Recessional Hymn** “Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven” LBW Hymn 549

† **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**



Love is Brewing

JOIN US FOR A JACK AND JILL SHOWER
HONORING
ANDREA TENA & AUSTIN BELL

A perfect blend before the Bells

📅 Saturday, September 19, 2026
🕒 Drop-in Shower: 3:00 - 5:00pm
📍 Location: 318 North Beaver Street
Landis, NC 28088

The happy couple is registered at
<https://www.zola.com/registry/tenabellwedding>

Given by: The Beaver Street Crew

BREANNA RAMSEUR
and
JAGGER KIRK

INVITE YOU TO THEIR WEDDING

October 10, 2026
at 2:30pm

First Methodist Church
110 W Church Street
China Grove, NC 28023

For more details, please scan to navigate to wedding website!

Kindly RSVP to Heather Ramseur (704) 785 0316 by September 27th.

Volunteer & Donation Upcoming Events: September

Ways to Service

- Sign up to work the concession stand for a ball game at CLMS.
- Provide a meal for MSMP Getting Ahead Class

Donations

- Shampoo & Conditioner for Nazareth
- New shoes for the MSMP Christmas Store.
- Non perishable food items for the Blessing Box

Nazareth's Monthly Donations

Sept: Shampoo &
Conditioner



Oct: Dove Soap Bars



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!



Homecoming

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TRINITY LUTHERAN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

CELEBRATING
117 years
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

SERVICE BEGINS AT
10:30 AM

Join us for a special time of
worship, fellowship, and
celebrating our church family!

POTLUCK LUNCH
Immediately following
the service

108 WEST RICE ST.,
LANDIS, NC

We look forward to seeing you!

Come worship with us, share a meal,
and celebrate together.

Young At Heart
with Pastor Candice

Wednesday, 9/30:
11:30am @ Sogo's
(Kannapolis)

*Give Thanks
with a
Grateful Heart*



Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sun, 9/13	Council Meeting - 8:00am
	Sunday School - 9:30 am
	Worship Service - 10:30 am *Communion*
	Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 9/14	Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 9/15	Bible Study: 10:30am
Wed, 9/16	
Thurs, 9/17	
Fri. 9/18	
Sat. 9/19	Susan Blume (FH): 12p - 6:00pm Andrea T. & Austin B. Shower (N. Beaver St): 3-5:00pm

Special Refresher Training

New Date: Sept 20 @ 9:15 -10:00am

**Acolytes, Crucifers, Banner & Torch
Bearers, Worship Assistants**



**Meeting
Reminder:
Sept 20: 2pm.**

Giving Report for Sept 6, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	69	\$5,268.07	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	24		
Building Fund		\$175	
Other Funds		\$1,022.71	
Tithely		\$300	

Those Serving Today (9/13)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Jana Thomas	Music
Tara Smith	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Molly Cherry & Vera Parker	Banner Bearers
Guy Deal	Crucifer
Addison Sloop & Brooks Rodgers	Torch Bearers
Jessica Sloop	K-5 Sunday School
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
John McKnight & Lindsay Parker	Nursery
Pam Gray	SS Breakfast

Those Serving Next Week (9/20)

The People of God	Ministers
<i>Pastor Candice Carter</i>	<i>Pastor *off</i>
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Tara Smith	Lector
Claire Stirewalt & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Judy Matthews & Barbara Atwell	Nursery
TBD	SS Breakfast

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