



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

Welcome Visitors!

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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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Michael Hiskey

† Confession and Forgiveness*

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(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

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia Alleluia, For our Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia Alleluia, For our Load God Almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy, Holy; Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

You are Holy, Holy; Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

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Michael W. Smith

Repeat

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† The Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Chat

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

- 1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.
- 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.
- 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them
- 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”
- 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
- 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
- 8 Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.
- 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.
- 2 To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.
- 51 “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!
- 52 Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One.

- And now you have betrayed and murdered him—
- 53 you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”
 - 54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.
 - 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
 - 56 “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”
 - 57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him,
 - 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.
 - 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
 - 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

PSALM 146:1–10

- L: Praise the Lord.[a] Praise the Lord, my soul.
- C: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
- L: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
- C: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**
- L: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- C: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.**
- L: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,
- C: the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.**
- L: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
- C: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2–10

- 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,
3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—
5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”[b]
7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”[c]
8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”[d] They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.
9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

† Scripture Response “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th Chapter.

† Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

- 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me.
2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

- 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”
5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”
8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”
9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.
11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.
12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

† **Sermon Hymn** “How Great Thou Art / How Great is Our God”

Oh Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
The Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God
Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art
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How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art

† **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.

† **The Lord's Prayer**

† **Distribution**

Offering Anthem

Special Music

Anna Blume

† **Post Communion Prayer**

† **Presentation of the Offering**

† **Benediction**

(Amen sung by congregation)

† **Offertory Response** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
LBW Hymn 565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

† **Closing Hymn** "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus: I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away

(Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away CCLI Song # 26399
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away Albert E. Brumley Sr.

(Chorus)

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† **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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.

† **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Words of Institution**

† **Postlude**

Michael Hiskey

Messages to the Congregation

The flowers on the altar 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, Martha Deal, Nancy Kneeburg (Aunt of B. Bollinger), Diane & David McKnight, Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, Noah Finger, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, and Bob Dixon.

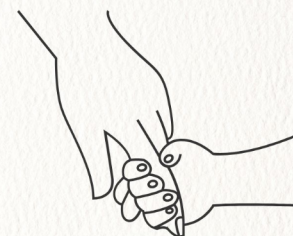
***Shut-In & Care Facility Members:** Ron Beaver, Tommy Beaver, Doris Pless, Judy Taylor, & Billie Bollinger.

**Pastor Candice continues regular monthly visits with our homebound and nursing home members. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please notify the church office so we can respond quickly.*

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!

MSMP (Meal Kits & Fundraiser): Our Meal Kit Referral Program—an easy way to share something you love while helping grow something meaningful in our community. Current subscribers can share their personal referral link with friends and family: You'll get a \$5 credit once they make a purchase & during the month of April, they'll receive 20% off their first order.

Mother's Day
Choir Practice



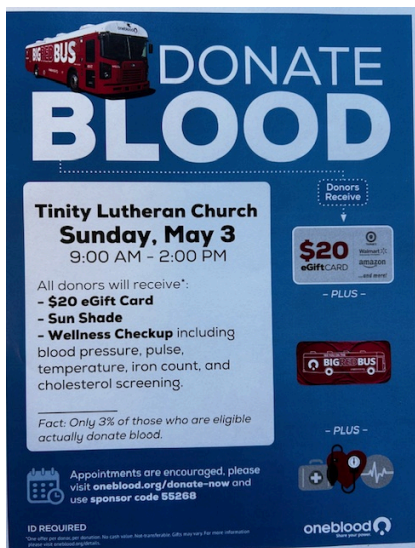
Children's Choir are asked to meet during Sunday School on 5/3 & 5/10 for Mother's Day practice.

Join us as we celebrate a special day in the life of our church! Confirmation & Senior Sunday is coming up on May 17th at 10:30 AM. We'll be recognizing our confirmands as they affirm their faith and honoring our seniors as they take their next steps. It's a beautiful moment of growth and God's faithfulness—come celebrate with us!

A promotional banner for Confirmation & Senior Sunday. At the top left is the Trinity Lutheran Church logo, which consists of a stylized cross with three colored circles (yellow, red, blue) and the text "Trinity Lutheran Church". To the right of the logo is a black graduation cap with a gold tassel. The main text "Confirmation & Senior Sunday" is written in a large, dark green serif font. At the bottom, there is a dark green rounded rectangle containing a calendar icon and the text "May 17th at 10:30 AM". The background features green leaves and a light green gradient.

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 5/3	Council - 8:00am Blood Drive - 9am - 2:00pm Sunday School - 9:30am *Children's Choir Meet for Mother's Day Prep Worship Service - 10:30am Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 5/4	SRHS Testing: 12-4:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 5/5	SRHS Testing: 8am - 12:00pm
Wed, 5/6	SRHS Testing: 8am - 12:00pm Family night: 6:00pm
Thurs, 5/7	SRHS Testing: 8am - 12:00pm
Friday, 5/8	SRHS Testing: 8am - 12:00pm
Sat, 5/9	



WELCOME SRHS

Testing Schedule:

May 4: 12p-4p
May 5-8: 8a-12p
May 11: 8a-4p
May 12 & 15: 8a-12p

Giving Report for April 26, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	94	\$1,808	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	39	\$20	
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$70	
Tithely		\$125	

1/2026 - 4/2026 Operating Fund Report: Operating Income: \$57,811.38;
Operating Expenses= \$64,110.19

Those Serving Today (5/3)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Jessica Sloop	Lector
Mason Rodgers & C.J. McKnight	Acolytes
Quinn Parker	Crucifer
Jessica Sloop	K-5 Sunday School
Elizabeth Rodgers	Children's Church
Travis Rodgers & TBD	Nursery
Pam Gray	Breakfast Assistants

Those Serving Next Week (5/10)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Jessica Sloop	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Susan Blume	K-5 Sunday School
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
Pam Gray & John McKnight	Nursery
Adrian Parker	Breakfast Assistants

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