

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 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

"Be Thou My Vision"
(Irish Folk Tune)

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

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LBW Hymn 96

† The Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1–21

- ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”
- ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,
- ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”
- ⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.
- ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
- ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
- ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
- ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”
- ¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”
- ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”
- ¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”
- ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
- ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[a] and hers; he will crush[b] your head, and you will strike his heel.’”
- ¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”
- ¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.
- ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.
- ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to

the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

²⁰ Adam[c] named his wife Eve,[d] because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

PSALM 32: 1-7

L: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

L: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.[b]

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

L: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12–19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through

the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

† **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 4th Chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 4:1–11

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[a] by the devil.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[b]”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’[c]”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’[d]”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’[e]”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“When the Devil Quotes Scripture”

† **Sermon Hymn**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” LBW Hymn 229

† **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**

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”
(Mueller)

Choir

† **Presentation of the Offering**

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

LBW Hymn 564

† **Prayers of the People**

(respond: “Hear our prayer”)

† **The Lord’s Prayer**

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Hymn**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus ”

LBW Hymn 107

† **The Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

“I want Jesus to Walk with Me”
(African-American Spiritual)

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 2/22	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Youth Meeting at Concordia - 4:00pm Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Monday, 2/23	Girl Scouts - 6:00-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tuesday 2/24	
Wednesday 2/25	Lenten dinner & Service: 6pm & 6:45pm
Thursday, 2/26	Young at Heart (Porky's): 11:30am Deadline to RSVP for 2/28 Security Training
Friday, 2/27	
Saturday, 2/28	Church Safety & Security Training: 9am-12:00pm



Messages to the Congregation

Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Martha Deal, Nancy Kneeburg (B. Bollinger's Aunt), Diane & David McKnight, Julie Moose, Lorraine Nicely, Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, Noah Finger, Danny Hodge, and Lorine Snow.

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

Mission Team Additions: For the month of February, the Mission Team would like to remind you of the ongoing needs of the Prison Ministry. If you are able, please consider covering at least part of the cost of the snacks for one week for the Yokefellow Ministry Sessions. Yokefellow Sessions Snacks Cost \$65 per week for 50 people. Snacks needed include Snack Cakes, individual bags of chips, and 2 liter drinks.

Ways to Donate:

- 1) Give Food Lion gift cards to Eric or Adrian to cover the cost
 - 2) mark a portion of your offering for the Prison Ministry
 - 3) donate prepackaged individual snacks or 2-liter drinks to send with Eric or Adrian. Donations can be left in the bin by the bench in the side entry.
- As always, thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with folks who are serving time.

The Mission Team: Sunday School Book Study

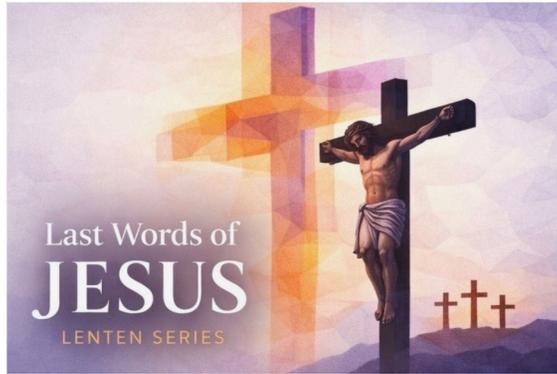
Join the Mission Team during the Sunday School Hours on February 8, 15, 22 and March 1 for a book study on "Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those they Help, and How to Reverse it" by Robert D. Lupton. We'll be looking at scripture along with the ideas from the book to discuss how to best support our community in the coming year.



Susan Blume, Pastor Candice, and Amy Bell are planning to attend a night out with ASPIRE. All ladies of Trinity are invited to reconnect with the keynote speaker from the previous Women's Conference, Mary Shannon. Participants would meet at the Stag N Doe at 4:00pm on Saturday, March 7, then carpool to Mooresville to the event.

Where: Fair View United Methodist Church
1430 Mecklenburg Hwy Mooresville 28115

Cost: General admission \$30, VIP \$40 (includes snack bag and front row seating). Group pricing for general admission (10 or more people) \$25. Please purchase tickets ahead of event at: aspire tickets. If interested, RSVP to Amy Bell (980-622-1614) by 3/1.



Dates: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Our Midweek Schedule:

Dinner: 6:00–6:45 PM

Silent Prayer & Meditation (Sanctuary):

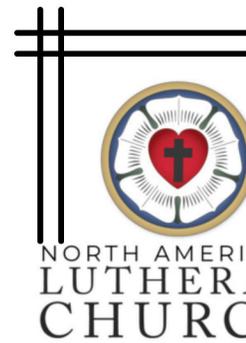
6:45–7:00 PM

Lenten Worship Service: 7:00 PM

Young At  Heart
with Pastor Candice



**Thursday, 2/26:
11:30am @
Porky's**



Security Training

Speaker: Mary Bates,
Director of the NALC
Disaster Response

February 28: 9am - 12pm

RSVP by Feb 26

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Giving Report for February 15, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	90	\$2,397	\$ 4,751.94
Sunday School			
Building Fund		\$550	
Other Funds		\$570	

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Jon Finger	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
TBD	K-5 Sunday School
Sherilee Deal	Children's Church
Barbara Atwell & Sophia Finger	Nursery
Adrian Parker	Breakfast Assistant

Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Quinn Parker	Crucifer
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Susan Blume	Children's Church
Payton Hiskey & Paige Sloop	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistant

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