



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 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

“Surely the Presence/Sanctuary” (All Sing)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels wings I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (Repeat)

I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

† Confession and Forgiveness*

LBW Pg 56

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the layperson begins)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

† Opening Hymn

“Rock of Ages”

LBW Hymn 327

L: Let us pray.

† The Prayer of the Day

L: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

Isaiah 55:6-9

- ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.
⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-9

- L: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
C: When the wicked advance against me to devour[a] me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
L: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
C: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
L: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
C: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
L: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.
C: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.
L: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

- ¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,[a] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.
¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace

guard[b] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

- ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.
¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.[a]
²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!
²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.
²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,
²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.
²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,[b] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel
²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.
²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- † **Scripture Response** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV 783
Seek ye first the kingdom of god and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

† Response before the Gospel

L: The Holy Gospel according to the 20th Chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

- 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
- 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.
- 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'
- 5 So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.
- 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'
- 7 "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'
- 8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'
- 9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.
- 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.
- 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.
- 12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'
- 13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'
- 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.
- 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'
- 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

† Response following the Gospel

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Mission Team

† Homily Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners in
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

† 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

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share the peace of Christ.

Offertory Dialogue

L: May we offer with joy and thanksgiving what we have first been given,

C: For everything we have belongs to God.

† Offering Anthem

“Study War No More”

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

“Blessed Assurance”

WOV Hymn 699

† The Dismissal

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† Postlude

“Majesty”

(All Sing)

Majesty. Worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, left up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus who died, now glorify, King of all kings.

Messages to the Congregation

The 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, Logan Moose, Oscho Deal, & Mary Ann McKnight.

***Shut-In & Care Facility Members:** Ron Beaver, Tommy 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!

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!





NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: AGENDA NOTIFICATION

CHAPTER 11: OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

11.2 The officers identified in this Chapter 11 shall be elected by the Church Council by majority vote and shall serve for a term(s) as specified in the bylaws. Their terms shall begin immediately following their election.

BYLAWS

11.2.2 Newly elected council members shall be installed the first Sunday of December.

11.2.3 Newly elected council members shall be invited to attend the December council meeting. During this meeting the incoming council will vote on officers for the upcoming year. This will allow for a handoff of responsibilities to occur between outgoing council officers and incumbents between the December and January meetings.

COUNCIL NOTIFIED OF PROPOSED CHANGES 9.9.26
& APPROVED 9.13.26

FLOOD BUCKET COLLECTIONS FOR NALC DISASTER RELIEF



Drop off items in foyer at Trinity
Sept 1- 30: Mon. & Thurs.: 9a-2p
Tues. & Wed: 10a-12p
Sunday Service

1/2 gallon of bleach
5 gallon buckets with lids
2 large trash bags (contractor)-met goal
1 roll paper towels, 2 rags-met goal
Comet or scouring cleaner
PineSol or liquid cleaner
1 scrub brush
Large: 1 pair of Playtex gloves & cotton gloves

Contact Cindy Martin at
cindylaine@bellsouth.net or 704-213-0674
for more info

Nazareth's Monthly Donations

Sept: Shampoo & Conditioner



Oct: Dove Soap Bars



NAZARETH
Child & Family Connection

Volunteer & Donation Upcoming Events: September

Ways to Serve

- 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

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sun, 9/20	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Women's Circle - 2:00pm Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 9/21	Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 9/22	Bible Study - 10:30am
Wed, 9/23	
Thurs, 9/24	
Fri. 9/26	
Sat. 9/26	



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

Young At  Heart
with Pastor Candice

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



MEET OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR!

NAME *Grace Langley*

ABOUT ME

I just graduated from UNCC in May where I studied religious studies. I now live with my Husband, Max and our dog Fergie in Mooresville. In my free time I enjoy playing pickleball and going to the movies. I grew up in church and really enjoyed my own time with my youth group. After I graduated high school I spent time interning with different churches to help plan for kids and student programming. I'm very excited to continue that journey here!"

ROLE *Youth Director*

HOBBIES *Pickleball, Movies*

EDUCATION *UNCC*

INTEREST *Religious Studies*



Homecoming

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!

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Immediately following
the service

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WEDDING

October 10, 2026
at 2:30pm

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



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

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Giving Report for Sept 13, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	77	\$1,618	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	34	\$20	
Building Fund		\$75	
Other Funds		\$110	
Tithely			

Those Serving Today (9/20)

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

Those Serving Next Week (9/27)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Tara Smith	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
John McKnight	K-5 Sunday School
Elizabeth Rodgers	Children's Church
Heather Ramseur & TBD	Nursery
TBD	SS Breakfast

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