



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 4, 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

† 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

“Come Now is the Time to Worship”

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

Verse: One day every tongue will confess you are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose you now

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Verse

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come, come, come, come

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† The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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 5:1-7

- 1 “Come, all I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
- 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.
- 3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard.
- 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done
for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?
- 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take
away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.
- 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers
and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on
it.”
- 7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the
people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for
justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of
distress.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-19

L: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may
be saved.

**C: You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations
and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars
with its branches.**

L: Its branches reached as far as the Sea,[a] its shoots as far as the
River.[b]

**C: Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by
pick its grapes?**

L: Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.

**C: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,**

L: the root your right hand has planted, the son[c] you have raised up
for yourself.

**C: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your
people perish.**

L: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you
have raised up for yourself.

**C: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will
call on your name.**

L: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that
we may be saved.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

- 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else
thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have
more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of
Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the
law, faultless.
- 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of
Christ.
- 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing
worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost
all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
- 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that
comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—
the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.
- 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection
and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at
my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus
took hold of me.
- 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold
of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining
toward what is ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called
me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Scripture Response** “I Love You Lord”

I Love You Lord and I lift my voice
To worship You, Oh my soul rejoice
Take joy my King in what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

† **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 21:33-46

- ³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.
- ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.
- ³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.
- ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.
- ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.
- ³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’
- ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
- ⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”
- ⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”
- ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’[a]?”
- ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.
- ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”[b]
- ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.
- ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Rejected Cornerstone”

† **Sermon Hymn**

“Above All”

Verse:

Above all powers, Above all things
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms, Above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There’s no way to measure what You’re worth

Chorus: Crucified. Laid behind the stone

You lived to die. Rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall, And thought of me
Above all

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Repeat Verse

Chorus x2

† **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

Special Music

† **Presentation of the Offering**

† **Offertory Response** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above Ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† **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.

† **Words of Institution**

† **The Lord’s Prayer**

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† **Distribution**

† **Post Communion Prayer**

† **Benediction**

† **Closing Hymn** “Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now am found

Was blind but now I see

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come

‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me

His Word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

† **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

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, 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

**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.*

Please sign up to help with Sunday Breakfast on the paper sheet by the mailboxes or the electronic option in the weekly announcements. 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!

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

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**3rd Annual Vernon Walters
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thursday, October 22nd
11 am - Lunch/Registration 12:30 pm - Shotgun Start

To Register:

- ✓ Email apatton@nazcfc.org
- ✓ Call 980-890-6181
- ✓ Online via our website

Registration: \$500 per team

More Information
www.nazcfc.org

Warrior Golf Club
1300 Lake Wright Rd, China Grove

Volunteer & Donation Upcoming Events: October

Ways to Serve

- Sign up to work the concession stand for a ball game at CLMS.
- Provide a meal for MSMP Getting Ahead Class
- Oct 27- Attend Trunk or Treat at Nazareth. They provide the candy. We just decorate our trunks and hand it out.

Donations

- Dove Soap Bars for Nazareth
- New shoes for the MSMP Christmas Store.
- Non perishable food items for the Blessing Box
- Monetary Donations for the Prison Ministry
- Small Items for Nazareth Christmas "stocking" Bags for teenagers

**NAZARETH CHILD & FAMILY
CONNECTION**

**NOTIFY ASHLEY C. W/ # OF KIDS OR TRUNKS
PARTICIPATING FROM TRINITY FOR THE
TRUNK OR TREAT**

**TUESDAY OCT. 27TH
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

CARS PARKED BY 5:00PM, CANDY PROVIDED!

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Women's Circle Outreach

In lieu of Operation Christmas Child, the Women's Circle will support Nazareth Children's Home & Main Street Market Place.

- **Nazareth:** Children will pack string bags for Nazareth children. Items to include are: Dove soap, 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!
- **Main Street Market Place's Christmas Sale:** We will collect shoes for MSMP in November.



Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 10/4	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 10/5	Zumba: 6:30pm
Tues, 10/6	Bible Study: 10:30am
Wed, 10/7	Town of Landis (Bingo & Lunch) - 11:30am Blessing of the Animals - 6:00pm
Thurs, 10/8	
Fri., 10/9	
Sat, 10/10	



Giving Report for September 27, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	117	\$6,996	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	31		
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$520	
Tithely		\$125	

Operating fund:

Total In 1/2026 - 9/31/26 (Tithely, Thrivent, Reg. Offerings): \$142,507.72
Expenses: \$152,368.27

Those Serving Today (10/4)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Adrian Parker	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Quinn Parker	Crucifer
Emily Carden	K-5 Sunday School
Sherilee Deal	Children's Church
Pam Gray & TBD	Nursery
TBD	SS Breakfast

Those Serving Next Week (10/11)

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

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