

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter*  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
March 15, 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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✝ Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

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## Welcome and Announcements

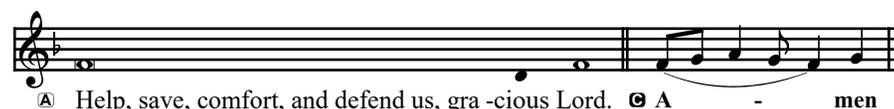
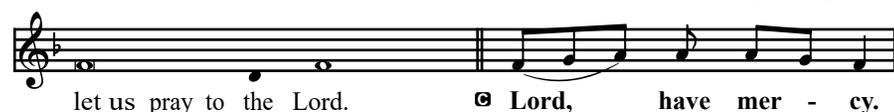
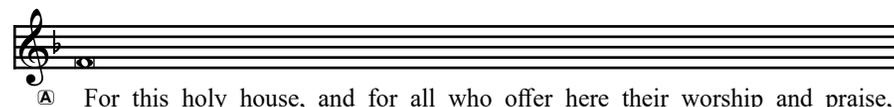
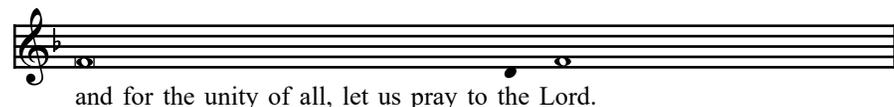
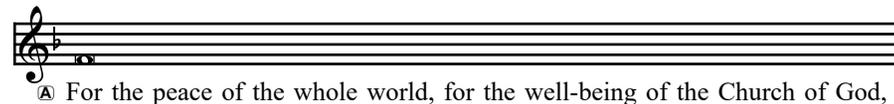
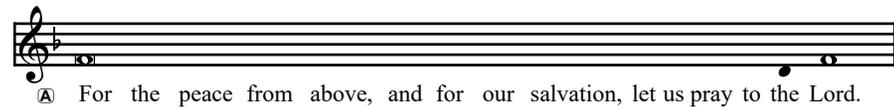
**Prelude** "Blessed Be the Name" (Hudson)

† **Confession and Forgiveness** LBW Page 56

† **Processional** "There is a Balm in Gilead" WOV Hymn 737

† **The Greeting and Kyrie** LBW Page 57

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** (sentence for Lent) LBW Pg 63



† **The Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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** Isaiah 42:14–21

<sup>14</sup> “For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame.  
<sup>18</sup> “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!  
<sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord?  
<sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.”  
<sup>21</sup> It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

**PSALM 142:1–7**

L: I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.  
**C: I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.**  
 L: When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way. In the path where I walk people have hidden a snare for me.  
**C: Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.**

L: I cry to you, Lord; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

**C: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

L: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:8–14

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light  
<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)  
<sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord.  
<sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.  
<sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.  
<sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.  
<sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

† **Scripture Response** LBW Page 62



† **Response before the Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



† **Holy Gospel**

John 9:1–7, 35-38

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.  
<sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”  
<sup>3</sup> “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.  
 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”  
 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes.  
 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.  
 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”  
 36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”  
 37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”  
 38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.  
 39 Jesus said,[a] “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”  
 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”  
 41 Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

† **Response following the Gospel**

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.



† **Hymn of the Day** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LBW Hymn 265

**Sermon** “Seeing What Matters”

† **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.

**Offering Anthem**

† **Offertory Response** “Before You, Lord, We Bow” LBW Hymn 401 vs. 1, 4

† **Prayer**

† **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

☩ 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”  
Via Dolorosa (Sewell)  
Lenten Prayer (Warriner)

LBW Hymn 72

† **Post Communion Canticle**

LBW Page 73

† **Benediction**

(Amen sung by congregation)

† **Recessional Hymn**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LBW Hymn 104

† **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Goss)

**Messages to the Congregation**

**Prayer Concerns:** Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Martha Deal, Nancy Kneeburg (Aunt of B.Bollinger), Diane & David McKnight,, Lorraine Nicely, Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, Noah Finger, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, Terry McCreary (Brother of Modena Weaver), and the family of Jerry Wright.

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

\*Billie's new address: 935 Page St Rm#3. Mt Pleasant, NC 28124

**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.

**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!

**Thank you:** We would like to thank everyone who showered us on March 7 at our baby shower. We are so grateful for all of the contributions and support we have gotten. - Payton & Eli Hiskey



Thanks to all of you who are helping with our food cabinets! Those who go by and put things in during the week and those of you who bring items to church and put in one of the baskets. Everything is appreciated and usually goes quickly! Some of our patrons take part of what's available, and some take everything that is in the cabinets. But the end result is that we are providing things for folks who need it. Thank you for that!

*Council President - Barbara Atwell*



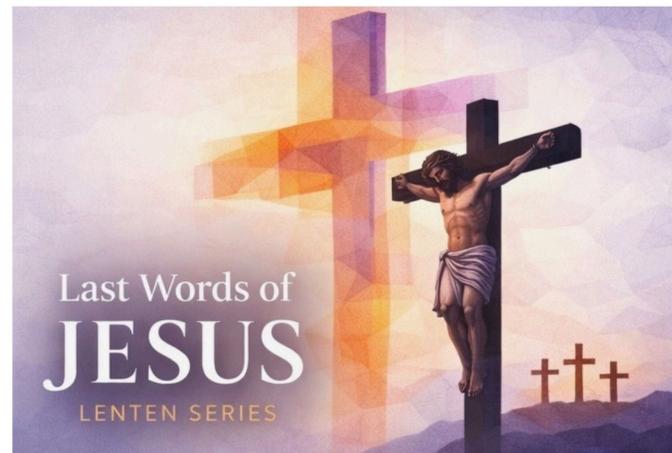
### **Our Midweek Lenten Schedule:**

Dates: 3/18, 3/25

Dinner: 6:00–6:45 PM

Silent Prayer & Meditation (Sanctuary): 6:45–7 PM

Lenten Worship Service: 7PM



### **Palm Sunday Choir Event:**

March 29 @ 6:00pm

'From Palm Sunday to the Cross: The Journey and the Celebration'  
Concordia Lutheran Church

Featuring Voices From: Centenary Methodist, Concordia Lutheran, Fieldstone Presbyterian, McKendree Chapel United Methodist, Prospect Presbyterian, & Trinity Lutheran.

Guest Musicians: Monty Bennett, Kelly Nelson, and Richard Woods.

Director: Eddie Karriker

**The Mission Team** will be collecting items for **KITCHEN KITS** to send to the NALC Crisis Center in March. Please consider contributing to the kits by donating items from this list.

Our goal is to complete at least 25 kits.

If you prefer to shop online, Items can be purchased through our “TLC KITCHEN KITS for Crisis Relief” Amazon Link

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/13UGO9NVQ69K0?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_G189NPC3X74V3MA8RGK0](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/13UGO9NVQ69K0?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_G189NPC3X74V3MA8RGK0)

#### **Kitchen Kits**

*(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)*

- o can opener
- o cookbook
- o dish cloths
- o dish towel
- o hot pad
- o spatula (turner)
- o measuring cups
- o measuring spoons
- o another helpful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- o storage container (2-cup w/lid)
- o garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)

**Health Team:** March is National Nutrition Month. Please review the various tips throughout the month in the announcements to help improve your nutrition!

Research has shown that regular physical activity can lead to better health, including a reduced risk for many chronic diseases, such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.

**Aerobic activities**, such as brisk walking or bicycling, are important for cardiovascular health, because they work out your heart.

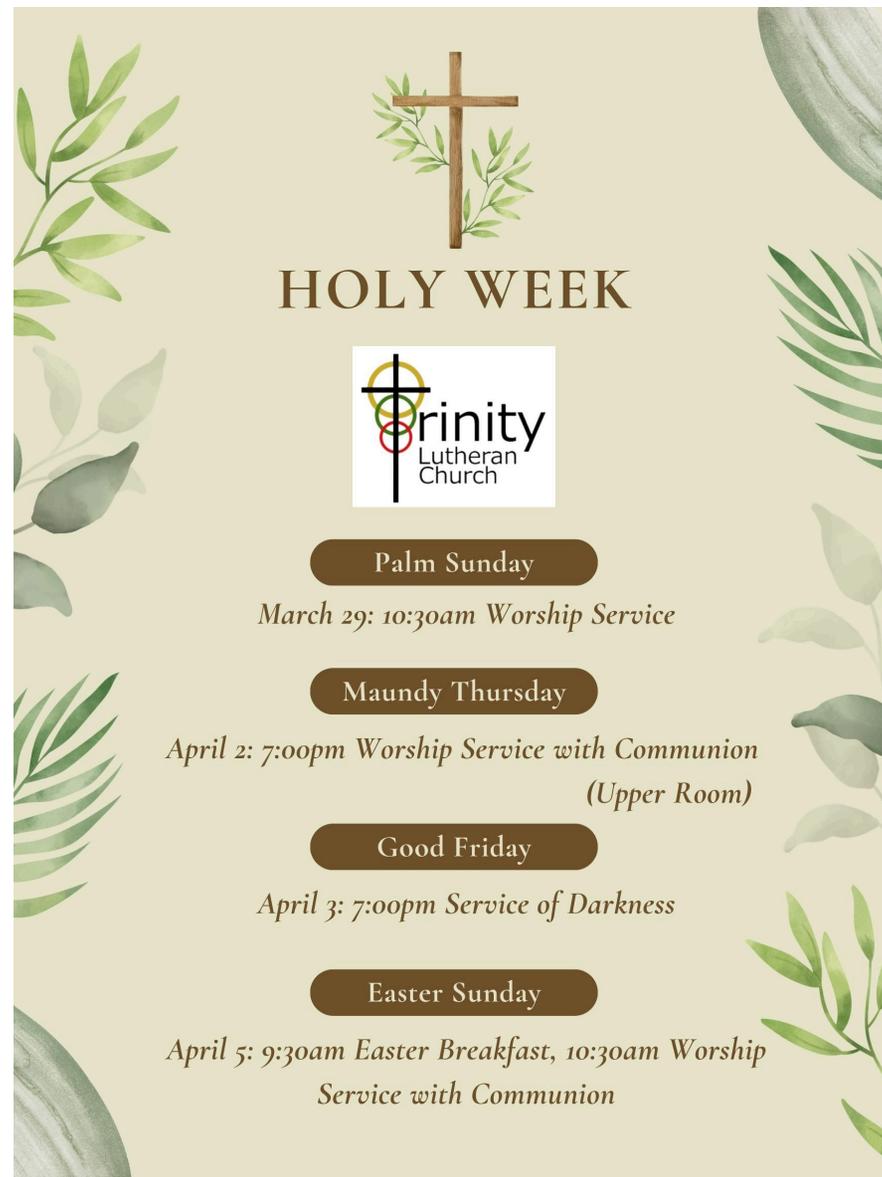
**Muscle-strengthening activities** include some type of resistance, such as weights, elastic bands or your own body weight. Activities that help you increase the strength of different muscles is recommended two times or more per week.

Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening activities may also offer **bone-strengthening benefits**. Activities that involve stretching can help to increase flexibility, or the range of motion for joints.

In order to stay active, find activities that you enjoy. Try these tips to get started:

- Plan ways to gradually increase your physical activity. This could involve setting reminders to move more throughout the day or by scheduling times to be active during the week.
- Think about the best time for physical activity. Some people prefer to be active in the morning, whereas others dedicate time mid-day or after school or work.
- Decide how you want to be active. Walking is convenient for many people. However, others may choose to participate in organized sports or specific exercise programs.

For more information, check out the **Move Your Way** website at [health.gov/moveyourway](http://health.gov/moveyourway).



The poster features a light green background with decorative leaf patterns on the sides. At the top center is a wooden cross with green leaves. Below the cross, the text "HOLY WEEK" is written in a large, dark brown, serif font. Underneath is the Trinity Lutheran Church logo, which consists of a stylized cross with three circles in yellow, red, and blue, and the text "Trinity Lutheran Church" to its right. The poster lists four events in brown rounded rectangular boxes: "Palm Sunday" (March 29: 10:30am Worship Service), "Maundy Thursday" (April 2: 7:00pm Worship Service with Communion (Upper Room)), "Good Friday" (April 3: 7:00pm Service of Darkness), and "Easter Sunday" (April 5: 9:30am Easter Breakfast, 10:30am Worship Service with Communion).

**Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week**

Sunday, 3/15	Sunday School - 9:30 am *Book Study Worship Service - 10:30 am Youth Confirmation Meeting - 2-3:00pm Women's Circle - 2:00pm Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 3/16	
Tues, 3/17	
Wed, 3/18	Lenten dinner & Service: 6pm & 6:45pm
Thurs, 3/19	
Fri, 3/20	
Sat, 3/21	

**Women's Circle:** March 15 at 2pm.



**Confirmation Meeting**  
with Pastor Candice

Who: All Confirmation Students

 Sunday, March 15

 2:00~3:00 PM

 Martin Luther Room



Please plan to attend as we review upcoming plans and important confirmation information.

**Giving Report for March 8, 2026**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	89	\$1,866	\$4,751.94
Sunday School			
Building Fund		\$75	
Other Funds		\$640	
Tithely		\$360	

**Those Serving Today**

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Lou Finger	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal	Acolytes
Caleb Stirewalt & Grayson Carter	Banner Bearers
Miles Carden	Crucifer
Brooks Rodgers & Jake Ramage	Torch Bearers
John McKnight	K-5 Sunday School
Elizabeth Rodgers	Children's Church
Judy Matthews & Dennis Spry	Nursery
Pam Gray	Breakfast Assistants

**Those Serving Next Week**

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Claire Stirewalt & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Emily Carden	K-5 Sunday School
Ava Blume	Children's Church
Heather Ramseur & Lindsey Parker	Nursery
Adrian Parker	Breakfast Assistants

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