



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 27, 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

"Glorious Celebration"

Handbells

† 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

"The Church's One Foundation" LBW Hymn 369

P: Let us pray.

† The Prayer of the Day

P: O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

- ¹ The word of the Lord came to me:
² “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: “‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”
³ “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.
⁴ For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.
²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?
²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die.
²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life.
²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die.
²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?
³⁰ “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.
³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel?
³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

- L: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
C: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
L: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
C: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
L: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
C: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
L: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
L: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

C: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-4, 5-13, 14-18

- ¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,
² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶ Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,
¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”[a] Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky
¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.
¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.
¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Scripture Response** “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” LBW Hymn 368
I love your kingdom, Lord, The place of your abode; vs.1
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With his own precious blood.

† **Response before the Gospel**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 21:23-27, 28-32

- 23 Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”
- 24 Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
- 25 John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’
- 26 But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”
- 27 So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.
- 28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’
- 29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.
- 30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.
- 31 “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.
- 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Home”

† **Sermon Hymn** “Jesus, Still Lead On” LBW Hymn 341

† **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**

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** “Jesus Loves you” (VBS Song)

† **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** “Evening and Morning” LBW Hymn 465

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

† **Postlude** “Reflections on Endless Song” Handbells

Messages to the Congregation

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Health Ministry team in honor of Homecoming. Homecoming shows the importance of community and celebrating our faith journey.

Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Nancy Kneebug (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

American Legion (412 N Central Ave Landis) Hot dog sale - Oct 3: 10am - 2pm.

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!

Nazareth's Monthly Donations

Sept: Shampoo & Conditioner

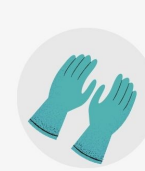
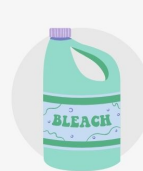


Oct: Dove Soap Bars



NAZARETH
Child & Family Connection

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

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, 9/27	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am *Homecoming Homecoming Lunch - 11:30am & Meet Your Youth Director Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 9/28	Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 9/29	Bible Study - 10:30am
Wed, 9/30	Young at Heart (Sogo in Kannapolis) - 11:30am Parent/Youth Meeting - 6:30pm
Thurs, 10/1	
Fri. 10/2	
Sat. 8/15	

Young At ♥ *Heart*
with Pastor Candice



Parent/Youth Meeting
to be held on
Sept 30: 6:30pm



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



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.



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!



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Giving Report for September 20, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	103	\$2,899	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	40		
Building Fund		\$20	
Other Funds		\$30,989.22*	*\$30,219.22 from
Tithely		\$200	Frank Fund for 2026

Those Serving Today (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

Those Serving Next Week (10/4)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
TBD	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

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