



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 8, 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

"Morning Has Broken"

(Lucas)

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 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

WOV Hymn 654

✝ The Prayer of the Day

P: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Baptism of Eloise Taylor Sloop

(Children invited to come up to witness)

Eloise Taylor Sloop is the daughter of Jacob & Meredith Sloop, sister to Callum Sloop. Born October 21, 2025. Grandparents Craig & Sandra Sloop; Courtney & Anthony Schultz.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:3-9a

- ³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.
- ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.
- ⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?
- ⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
- ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness[a] will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
- ⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

PSALM 112: 1-9

- L: Praise the Lord.[b] Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.
- C: Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- L: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- C: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**
- L: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- C: Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**
- L: They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

L: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn[c] will be lifted high in honor.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1–12, 13–16

- ¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.[a]
- ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.
- ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,
- ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.
- ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.
- ⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.
- ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- ⁹ However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”[b]— the things God has prepared for those who love him—
- ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.
- ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
- ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.
- ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.[a]
- ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.
- ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,
- ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”[b] But we have the mind of Christ.

† **Scripture Response**

We'll praise His name forever
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Christ the Lord.

† **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 5th Chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Stay Salty”

† **Sermon Hymn**

“Here I Am Lord”

WOV Hymn 752

† **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**

Elizabeth Rodgers

† **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** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” WOVS Hymn 649

† **The Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

(Stephenson)

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 2/8	Council Meeting - 8:00am
	Sunday School - 9:30 am
	Worship Service - 10:30 am (Holy Baptism)
	Souper Bowl - 11:30am
	No Choir Practice
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6:00-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Here is the Sign-Up link for **MSMP's Getting Ahead class**. A new session is starting January 20th, will run through May 19th! You are welcome to provide a meal, or donate \$ towards a meal (average class size is 12 people). We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA8AE2DABFDC43-61283292-getting>

Women's Online Bible Study (WNALC): Beginning 2/2: 12pm (CST)

This online Bible study invites women from across the church to gather around God's Word for meaningful conversation, encouragement, and growth in faith. Join us as we connect in Scripture together—wherever you are—and walk this journey side by side. Please email: Womenofthenalc@gmail.com to register. Provide your name, email address and phone number. We will contact you with further details.

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.

SOUPER BOWL 2026



FEBRUARY 8: 11:30AM

Messages to the Congregation

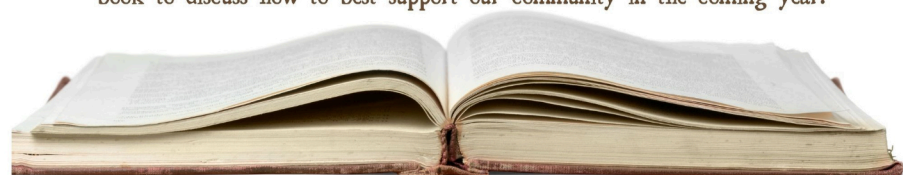
The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God as a thank you from Willie Wilhelm & sister Laverne, for taking care of their cousin Billie Bollinger during this time of need.

Prayer Concerns: Sandy Preston (Sister of Judy Padgett), Macy Baggs, Martha Deal, Billie Bollinger & Aunt Nancy Kneeburg, Diane & David McKnight, Linda Reavis, 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.

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.

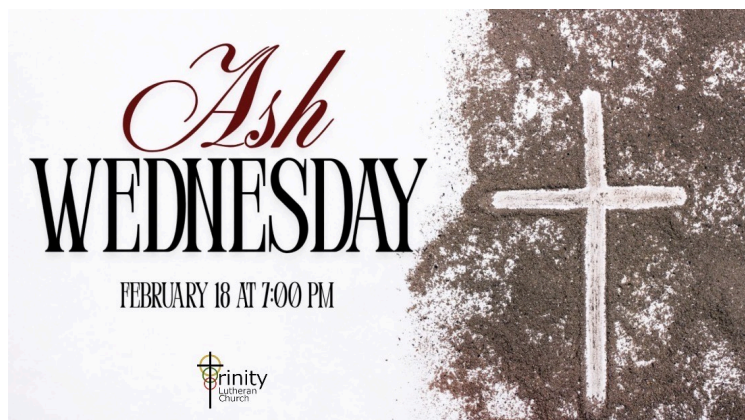




Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE DINNER &
MUSIC BINGO

Feb 17 • 6-7pm



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 Date

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	*2/1 & 2/8 n/a	\$2,320	\$ 4,751.94
Sunday School			
Building Fund			
Other Funds			

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Jon Finger	Lector
CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal	Acolytes
John McKnight	K-5 Sunday School
Ava Blume	Children's Church
Lindsey Parker & John McKnight	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistants

Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Lou Finger	Music
Jon Finger	Lector
Claire Stirewalt & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Guy Deal	Crucifer
Molly Cherry & Vera Parker	Banner Bearers
Brook Rodgers & Jake Ramage	Torch Bearers
Emily Carden	K-5 Sunday School
Sherilee Deal	Children's Church
Travis Rodgers & Sophia Finger	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistants

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