



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 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

Michael Hiskey

† 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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame,
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

† The Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. 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

Genesis 12:1–9

- 1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.[a]
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”[b]
- 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.
- 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.
- 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.
- 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring[c] I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.
- 8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.
- 9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

PSALM 121: 1-8

- L: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?
C: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
L: He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;
C: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
L: The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
C: the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
L: The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;
C: the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

- 1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?
- 2 If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God.
- 3 What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”[a]
- 4 Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.
- 5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.
- 6 David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:
- 7 “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- 8 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”[b]
- 13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.
- 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless,
- 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.
- 16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.
- 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

† Scripture Response

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd Chapter.

† Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

- ¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.
- ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”
- ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.[a]”
- ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”
- ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.
- ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[b] gives birth to spirit.
- ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You[c] must be born again.’
- ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”[d]
- ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.
- ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?
- ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.
- ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?
- ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.[e]
- ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,[f]
- ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”[g]
- ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

† Response following the Gospel**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.**Sermon**

“Born Again... or Born From Above?”

† Sermon Hymn “How Great Medley”

Oh Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works thy hands hath made
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed
 Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee
 How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art
 Then sings my soul My Savior God to thee
 How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art
 How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great is our God
 The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
 Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice
 He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
 And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice
 How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great is our God
 Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
 The Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
 The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
 The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb
 How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great is our God
 Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
 My heart will sing how great is our God
 Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
 My heart will sing how great is our God
 How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great is our God
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
 How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art
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† 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”)

Presentation of New Members

(David Rodgers, Bobbi Jackson, Tara Smith, Logan Morgan, Nathan Johnson)

† **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

Special Music

Presentation of the Anthem

† **Offertory Response** “Create In Me”

Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

† **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**

† **Distribution**

† **Post Communion Prayer**

† **Benediction**

(Amen sung by congregation)

† **Closing Hymn** “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

(Chorus)

† **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude**

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, and Lorine Snow

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

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!

Carolina Mission Region Youth Spring Retreat 2026: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be part of this meaningful weekend together.

Theme: "Faith in Action."

We will need 1 adult chaperone to attend with us.

Registration deadline is March 4th, If you want to attend, please let Pastor Candice know by this Sunday March 1.

All information is listed below:

 April 17-19, 2026

 Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

 \$120 per student (Trinity will cover half of this for our students)

The weekend schedule is listed at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_y1XNeXUli3oKzxJq35YOScTJYiAhYGyixw92RkSUfDvapw/viewform

Our Midweek Schedule: Last Words of Jesus

Dinner: 6:00-6:45 PM

Silent Prayer & Meditation in the Sanctuary: 6:45-7:00 PM

Lenten Worship Service: 7:00 PM

Dates: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Come early for food and fellowship, spend a few quiet moments preparing your heart and then join us for worship as we journey through this holy season together.

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.





HOLY WEEK



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

Easter Sunday
April 5: 9:30am Easter Breakfast, 10:30am Worship
Service with Communion

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 3/1	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am No Choir Practice
Mon, 3/2	Girl scouts- 6-7:00 pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tues, 3/3	
Wed, 3/4	Lent Dinner - 6-6:45pm Lent Service - 7:00 pm
Thurs, 3/5	
Friday, 3/6	
Sat, 3/7	Paige Sloop (FH) -All Day *Baby Shower 2pm-4pm

Giving Report for February 22, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	116 (Ash Wed 64, 2/25=40)	\$2,240.58	\$4,751.94
Sunday School		\$50	
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$20	
Tithely		\$20	

1/2026 - 2/25/26 Operating Fund Report

Operating Offering/Tithely=\$32,585; Operating Expenses= \$24,131.77

Those Serving Today (3/1)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
<i>Alexandra Ong</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
Michael Hiskey	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Quinn Parker	Crucifer
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Susan Blume	Children's Church
Payton Hiskey & Paige Sloop	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistants

Those Serving Next Week (3/8)

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
<i>Alexandra Ong</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
Karen McKnight	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Susan Blume	K-5 Sunday School
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Pam Gray & John McKnight	Nursery
TBD	Breakfast Assistants



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EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Once again it is the time of year to begin planning for Easter. We will fill our sanctuary with tulips to honor someone very special or to remember a loved one that is no longer with us. If interested, please fill out the order form with cash/check, or Tithely (memo-Tulips) and place in the offering plate. It can also be dropped by the church office.

Orders must be placed by **March 8**.

GIVEN BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

QUANTITY: _____ *(Tulips \$10 each)*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____