



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter*  
**Palm Sunday**  
March 29, 2026

# Welcome Visitors!

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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.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

**P:** Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

*(Congregation raises Palm branches)*

### † The Invocation

**P:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### † 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** “We Are Marching in the Light of God” WOV Hymn  
 Verse 1: We are **marching** in the light of God 650  
 Verse 2: We are **dancing** in the light of God  
 Verse 3: We are **singing** in the light of God  
 Verse 4: Original South African lyrics - **Siyahamba**  
**ekukhanyen'kwen'khos**

† **The Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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 50:4–9a

- 4 The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.  
 5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.  
 6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.  
 7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.  
 8 He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!  
 9 It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

**PSALM 118:19–26**

- L: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
**C: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**  
 L: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.  
**C: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**  
 L: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**C: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be**

**glad.**

L: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.[a]**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:5–11

- 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.

† **Response before the Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to the 26th Chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

† **GOSPEL**

Matthew 26:1–27

- 1 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,  
 2 “As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”  
 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,  
 4 and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.  
 5 “But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”  
 6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper,  
 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.  
 8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked.  
 9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”  
 10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

11 The poor you will always have with you,[a] but you will not always have me.

12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests

15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

17 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

18 He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

20 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

21 And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

23 Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

24 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

† **Response following the Gospel**

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

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

“The King We Didn’t Expect”

† **Sermon Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW Hymn 165

† **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**

“Sure Foundation”  
(Mark Hayes)

Adult Choir

† **Presentation of the Offering**

† **Offertory Response** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW Hymn 565

† **Prayer**

† **Great Thanksgiving**



**P:** We praise and thank you, O God, for the greatest acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day, he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

† **Word's of Institution**

† **The Lord's Prayer**

† **Distribution** "Lamb of God" LBW Hymn 72

† **Post Communion Cantic** LBW Page 73

† **Benediction** (Amen - sung by Congregation)

† **Sending Hymn** "All Glory Laud and Honor" LBW Hymn 108

† **The 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, Lorine Snow, Nancy Nahouse, Terry McCreary (Brother of Modena Weaver), and the family of Jerry Wright.

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

To mail items to Billie: P.O. Box 968  
Mt Pleasant House  
Mt Pleasant, NC 28124

**\*\*Please remember to turn on the alarm system if you are the last person leaving the campus. We want to ensure that the church is properly monitored at all times.\*\***

Help us celebrate His resurrection!



The Congregation is invited to bring in artificial flowers to create the Easter Cross.

## TRINITY & CONCORDIA YOUTH BOWLING EVENT



SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 1-3 PM

Foxfire Lanes

225 Security St, Kannapolis, NC 28083

## Mission Team

UPDATE as of 3/22/2026: The Mission Team's KITCHEN KIT COLLECTION for the NALC Crisis Center is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items.

The following items are still needed as of 3/22/26:

6 Devotionals                      10 Can Openers  
10 Measuring Cup Sets            10 Measuring Spoon Sets

*(FYI: The Dollar Tree has a combo measuring cup/measuring spoons combined set for \$1.25!)*

20 Regular Size Trash Bags      25 Black Garbage Bags  
25- 2 gallon ziplock bags (slide zipper preferred):

Please consider contributing to the kits by donating items to help us reach our goal of 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)

## Health Team

March is National Nutrition Month. Please review the various tips throughout the month to help improve your nutrition!

### Make the Right Choices for You

Nutrition needs vary from person to person. Choose the foods that fit your health needs, eating style and preferences.

These tips may be helpful when trying to make the best choices for you and your family:

- Consider the calorie information when deciding between different dishes and what to order.
- Remember that side dishes add calories too; consider steamed vegetables or fruit as an option, when available.
- Save half your meal for later or ask for a dessert to be split for a more appropriate portion size when servings are large or high in calories.
- Rethink your drink. Calories from beverages can add up quickly, especially if there are free refills. Choose healthier options like water or low-fat or fat-free milk or drinks that are calorie-free, such as unsweetened coffee or tea.
- Ask for sauces and dressing on the side to help control how much actually goes on your food.

### Find Your Healthy Eating Routine

Everyone has their own, individual nutrition needs. Find your healthy eating routine by using recommendations from a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN).

Choose foods and beverages with less saturated fat, sodium and added sugars. Focus on variety, amount and nutrition when choosing what to eat and drink. And, start with small changes to build your healthy eating routine now and into the future.

If you have special nutrition needs, consult a registered dietitian nutritionist for personalized nutrition advice. An RDN can help you find a healthy eating routine that meets your needs.

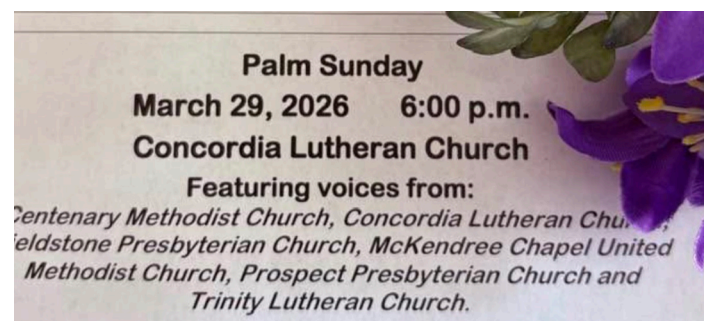
Find more healthy eating tips at:

[eatright.org](http://eatright.org)

To find a registered dietitian nutritionist in your area and get additional food and nutrition information, visit [eatright.org](http://eatright.org)

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

Sun, 3/29	Sunday School - 9:30am *Kid's Choir - 9:45am - 10:15am Worship Service - 10:30am Bells Choir - 11:30am - 12:30pm Youth Bowling - 1-3:00pm Adult Choir - 2-3:30pm Concordia Music - 6:00pm
Mon, 3/30	Adult Choir - 6:00pm Girl Scouts - 6:00-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 3/31	
Wed, 4/1	Town of Landis (Lunch & Bingo): 12:00pm
Thurs, 4/2	Maundy Thursday (Upper Room): 7:00pm
Fri, 4/3	Good Friday Service: 7:00pm
Sat, 4/4	



## Giving Report for March 22, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	100	\$2,529	\$ 4,751.94
Sunday School			
Building Fund		\$105	
Other Funds		\$60	
Tithely		\$220	

### Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Nick Cherry	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Jessica Sloop	K-5 Sunday School
Sherilee Deal	Children's Church
Barbara Atwell & Pam Gray	Nursery
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Breakfast Assistant</b>

### Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Music
Elizabeth Rodgers	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Ella Ramseur & Guy Deal	Banner Bearers
Owen Smith	Crucifer
Caleb Stirewalt	Paschal Candle
Brooks Rodgers & Jake Ramage	Torch Bearers
Susan Blume	K-5 Sunday School
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
Dennis Spry & TBD	<b>Nursery</b>
TLC Men	Breakfast Assistant

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