



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 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 9:30 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 & Drink: To help keep our worship space clean and reverent, no food is permitted in the sanctuary. Water bottles or enclosed cups are welcome. Thank you for your cooperation.

Questions: 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

Karen McKnight

† 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

"Be Thou My Vision"

WOV Hymn 776

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

† Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask 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 9:1–4

- ¹ [a]Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—
- ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
- ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.
- ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Psalm 27:1–9 (10–14)?

- L: The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
- C: When the wicked advance against me to devour[a] me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**
- L: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
- C: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**
- L: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.
- C: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- L: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.
- C: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.**
- L: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

- ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly

united in mind and thought.

- ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.
- ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas[b]"; still another, "I follow Christ."
- ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?
- ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,
- ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.
- ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)
- ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.
- ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

† Scripture Response "We'll Praise His Name Forever"

We'll praise His Name forever
We'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever
Christ the Lord

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

- ¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.
- ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—
- ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:
- ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
- ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." [a]
- ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
- ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were

- casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.
- ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”
- ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.
- ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,
- ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
- ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.
- ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.
- ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis,[b] Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

† Response following the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Called Into the Light”

† Sermon Hymn

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” WOV Hymn 654

† 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.

Offering Anthem

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”
 (Mueller)

Choir

† Presentation of the Offering

† Offertory Response

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

† Prayers of the People

† The Lord’s Prayer

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† Benediction

† Sending Hymn

“Shall We Gather At The River” WOV Hymn 690

† Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen McKnight

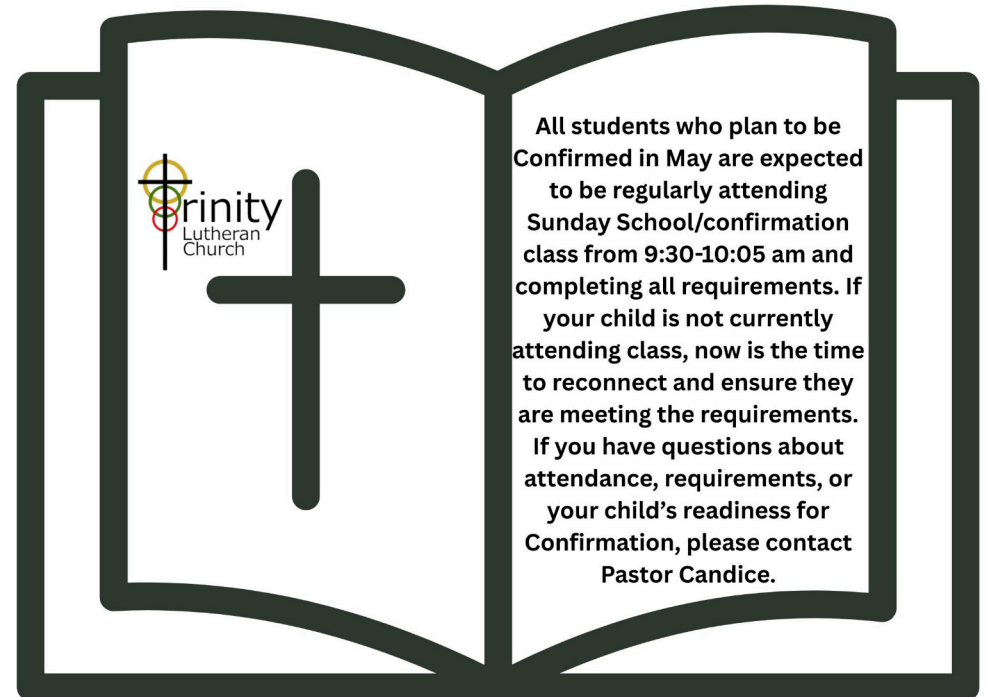
Messages to the Congregation

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

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, Eric McKnight, & Elizabeth Nahouse, Brad Blume, and Noah Finger.

Shut-in & Care facility members in our prayers: Ron Beaver, Tommy Beaver, Jan Dixon, Doris Pless, Judy Taylor, & Jerry Wright.

*We want to make sure our prayer list is as up-to-date as possible while also respecting individual privacy. In order to protect those in need, we ask that only immediate family members request names to be added.



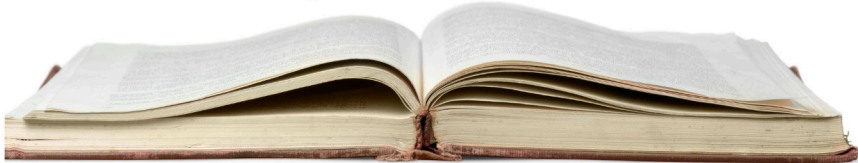
All students who plan to be Confirmed in May are expected to be regularly attending Sunday School/confirmation class from 9:30-10:05 am and completing all requirements. If your child is not currently attending class, now is the time to reconnect and ensure they are meeting the requirements. If you have questions about attendance, requirements, or your child's readiness for Confirmation, please contact Pastor Candice.

The Mission Team

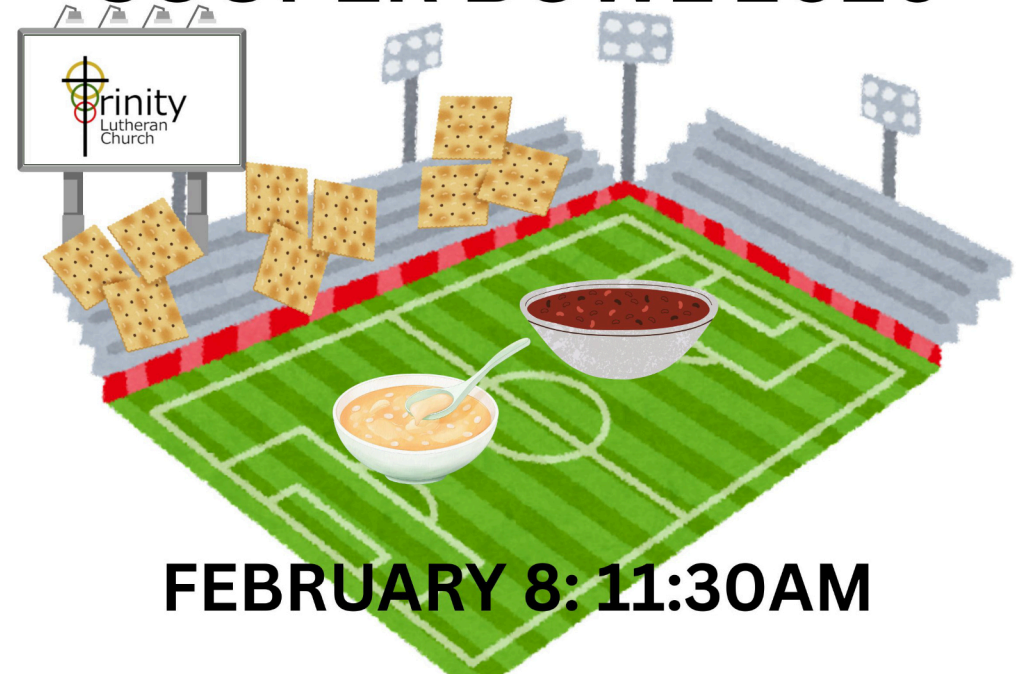
is beginning 2026 with a focus on helping our community thrive. Our first step will be to offer a Sunday School Book Study on the book "Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those they Help, and How to Reverse it" by Robert D. Lupton.

When: **Feb 1, 8, 15, 22** during the Sunday School Hour at Trinity Lutheran Church
Classroom Location of Session TBD based on how many want to join in the conversation.
All Mission Team Members and anyone interested in growing our community are encouraged to attend. Sessions will be led by Cindy Martin.

Order your book now if you'd like to read ahead. Feel free to join in on the conversation even if you don't have access to the book. We'll be sharing the main topics during our discussions. You can find interviews with Robert Lupton discussing Toxic Charity on YouTube if you'd like to get a preview before classes start.



SOUPER BOWL 2026



FEBRUARY 8: 11:30AM

MISSION TEAM HELP RESTOCK OUR SCHOOL SUPPLY SHELF!

The teachers in our congregation are reporting that these are the most needed items right now: Kleenex, Pencils, Black Dry Erase Markers.

Items can be dropped off in the bin by the bench in the lobby.
Thank you for your generosity in supporting our community classrooms!



SAVE THE DATE



CMR Youth Spring Retreat 2026
April 17–19, 2026
Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

Get ready for an incredible weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun as we grow closer to Jesus together by the coast!

Details & registration coming soon!

Who: 6th–12th Graders

Where: Garden City Chapel, Murrells Inlet, SC

Cost: \$120 per person

Don't forget to provide your T-shirt size when registering!

Register by: February 22, 2026

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 1/25	Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Choir Practice - 4:45pm
Mon, 1/26	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30pm
Tues, 1/27	
Wed, 1/28	
Thurs, 1/29	
Friday, 1/30	
Sat, 1/31	

Pastor Candice will out of town to the NALC Retreat 1/23 - 1/29. Please call office with questions/concerns.

2026 NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING



YOUTH AGES 12–18 ARE INVITED TO THE NALC'S CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING, JULY 7–10, 2026, AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ROANOKE, VA. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "REJOICE." REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 2026. PLEASE SEE PASTOR CANDICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.



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Giving Report for January 18, 2026

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	100	\$2,174	\$4,751.94
Sunday School	50	\$20	
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$449.41	
Tithely			

Those Serving Today

Our People of God	Ministers
<i>Pastor Candice Carter</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
Nick Cherry & Eric McKnight	Service Lay Persons
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Karen McKnight	Organist
Elizabeth Rodgers	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Sherilee Deal	Sunday School
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
Judy Matthews & Travis Rodgers	Nursery
TBD	SS Breakfast Assistants

Those Serving Next Week

Our People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Alexandra Ong	Music Director
Michael Hiskey	Music
John Finger	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Addison Sloop	Acolytes
Ella Ramseur	Crucifer
Elizabeth Rodgers	Children's Church
TBD	K-5 Sunday School
Pam Gray & Heather Ramseur	Nursery
TBD	SS Breakfast Assistants

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