



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter*

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
March 23, 2025

## Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! Please fill out the connection information via the QR code below, and let us know how we might be able to serve and pray for you.

We hope you'll join us again next week at 10:30 for worship. Our Sunday School classes start at 9:30 am if you would like to join in on those.







If you have a smartphone, use your phone's camera or code scanner to scan the code.

**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.

If you have more questions about any of the above items or if you have questions about anything else, please feel free to ask an usher.

### Please Connect With Us!

-  [tlclandis.org](http://tlclandis.org)
-  [facebook.com/TrinityLandis](https://facebook.com/TrinityLandis)
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You may contact the church office at 704-857-2441 or contact Pastor Candice by email: [PastorCandiceCarter@gmail.com](mailto:PastorCandiceCarter@gmail.com)

 Please stand as you are able where denoted during the worship service.

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "My Tribute" Karen McKnight

† **Confession and Forgiveness** LBW Page 56

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** 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.**

**L:** 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** "O Living Bread from Heaven" LBW Hymn 197

† **Prayer of the Day**

**L:** Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, 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

Ezekiel 33:7-20

- <sup>7</sup> “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.
- <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for<sup>[a]</sup> their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.
- <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.
- <sup>10</sup> “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of<sup>[b]</sup> them. How then can we live?”’
- <sup>11</sup> Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’
- <sup>12</sup> “Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’
- <sup>13</sup> If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done.
- <sup>14</sup> And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right—
- <sup>15</sup> if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die.
- <sup>16</sup> None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live.
- <sup>17</sup> “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just.
- <sup>18</sup> If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it.
- <sup>19</sup> And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so.
- <sup>20</sup> Yet you Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

## Psalm 85:1-13

- L: You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C: You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.<sup>[b]</sup>**
- L: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.
- C: Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**
- L: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- C: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
- L: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- C: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.**
- L: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
- C: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- L: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- C: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**
- L: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- <sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.
- <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.
- <sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food
- <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.
- <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
- <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.
- <sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ,<sup>[b]</sup> as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.
- <sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.
- <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down

as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall

<sup>13</sup> No temptation[c] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[d] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[e] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

† **Scripture Response**      “Amazing Grace”      LBW Hymn 448 vs. 1-2

† **Response before the Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th Chapter.

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

† **Holy Gospel**      Luke 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?”

<sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

<sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?

<sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.

<sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.

<sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

† **Response following the Gospel**

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

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

**Presentation**      Mission Team

† **Hymn**      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      WOV Hymn 771

† **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**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**L:** Let us share the peace of Christ.

**Offering Anthem**      “Behold the lamb of God”      Adult Choir

† **Presentation of the Offering**

† **Offertory Response**      “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”      WOV  
Hymn 759

† **Prayers of the People**

† **The Lord’s Prayer**      LBW Page 71

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Hymn**      “Rock of Ages”      LBW Hymn 327

† **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

† **Postlude**      “To God Be The Glory”      Karen McKnight

**Prayers concerns:** Elizabeth Nahouse, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, Diane McKnight, Noah Finger, Patsy McCreary, and Kathy Patrick & Family.

If you would like to offer **Special Music** during the worship services, please let Karen McKnight know. We welcome anyone that would like to share their talents.



As we journey toward Easter, we invite you a traditional Lenten series each week titled “This is my Story.” We will begin with dinner from 6:00-6:45pm. Followed by worship in the sanctuary from 7:00-7:30pm. Each week will be filled with prayer, reflection, scripture, music, and a dramatic monologue from biblical characters sharing their perspective of Christ’s resurrection. Come, prepare your heart for Easter as we reflect on Christ’s journey to the cross and the hope of His resurrection.

**3/26/25: Mary: The Mother of Jesus**

4/2/25: Martha

4/9/25: Roman Centurion

4/16/25: Judas Iscariot



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

Sunday	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Handbells - 4:00 pm Choir - 4:45 pm
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Young at Heart - 11:30am (The Family House - China Grove)
Wednesday	Lenten Dinner/Service: 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursday	
Friday	Youth Lock-In (Concordia): 6:00 pm
Saturday	End of Youth Lock-In: 9:00 am



Your presence is requested on **April 13, 6:00 pm** at Concordia for a **Choir Performance** by the local community church choir.

Come and enjoy beautiful music!



## Community Outreach

### Mission Team Updates:

Please keep our mission team in your prayers as we travel to Burnsville, NC, on May 15-16 to help in the rebuilding efforts. We have five ladies and two gentlemen planning to go and serve however God leads us.

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" ~  
Ephesians 2:10

We will have more opportunities to serve, so stay tuned if you're interested in helping out in the future. You can contact Cindy Martin or use the QR code below to fill out the interest form for future missions both near & far!



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**The mountains are calling...**  
Each of you should use whatever  
gift you have received to serve others...  
1 Peter 4:10

**The Mission Team is gauging  
interest in some upcoming  
mission work in the  
mountains. Please use the  
QR Code to fill out our  
interest form.**

You can support the ongoing efforts of our Prison Ministry Team at any time by marking your church donations for "Prison Ministry". Don't wait until Christmas because events are happening all year long.



Our TLC Missions Amazon Gift Registry will be ongoing and updated frequently as we are made aware of the need for Crisis Relief. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3L1YOEMY7NYWR>



## Messages to the Congregation

Attention all young entrepreneurs! Bring your crafts and/or baked goods to sell during any of the Wednesday night meals through Lent. Price your items to donate a portion, or the entire amount, to help grow the youth fund for future activities!

Everyone else remember to bring a little spending money if you want to support our youth!  
Thank you!



It is that time of year to order Tulips to decorate the Sanctuary!  
Please submit the order form by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$9.00 per Tulip order.



### Health Ministry Team:

March is Save Your Vision Month! A few tips to promote eye health and prevent vision loss:

1. Schedule comprehensive eye exams.
2. Practice healthy eye habits, such as limiting screen time and wearing eyeglasses.
3. Make healthy lifestyle choices that benefit eye health, such as eating a balanced diet and exercising.



**JOIN OUR REMINDERS**

**TEXT: 81010**  
**MESSAGE @TRINITYUP**

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**Giving Report for March 16, 2025**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	86	\$3,816	\$4,337.44
Sunday School	36	\$7.16	
Building Fund		\$0	
Other Funds		\$349	

**Those Serving Today**

The People of God	Ministers
Eric McKnight	Lay Assistant
Karen McKnight	Music
Elizabeth Rodgers	Lector
CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal	Acolytes
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
John McKnight	K-5 Sunday School
Elizabeth Rodgers	HS Sunday School
John McKnight	Nursery

**Those Serving Next Week**

Our People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Elizabeth Rodgers	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Sherilee Deal	Children's Church
Emily Carden	K-5 Sunday School
Jon Finger	HS Sunday School
Heather Ramseur	Nursery



**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 below, place it in an envelope with check or cash, and put it in the offering plate. You can also drop it by the church office. Orders must be placed by: March 23.

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
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QUANTITY:  
 TULIPS (\$9 each) \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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