

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

**Second Sunday of Easter** April 27, 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 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.

If you are having difficulty hearing, please see Kevin or Ann for a listening device.

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 worshiping 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.

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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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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 Strife Is O're"

LBW Hymn 135

#### **†** Prayer of the Day

P: Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through 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** Acts 5:12–20, 21–32

- Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
- None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.
- And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,
- so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.
- <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
- <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy
- they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.
- <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,
- <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."
- And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
- <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,
- <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside."
- Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.
- And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."
- Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.
- And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,
- saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us."
- <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.
- The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.
- 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give

repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

#### **Special Music**

"Run, Mary Run"

Choir

#### **Second Reading**

Revelation 1:4–18

- John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits[a] before his throne,
- and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
- and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen
- <sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds,"[b] and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."[c] So shall it be! Amen.
- <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."
- I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
- On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
- which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.
- <sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
- and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,[d] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.
- <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.
- <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.
- In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.
- When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.
- <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

# **†** Response before the Gospel

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

# **†** Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

- On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
- Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
- And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
- <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
- A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
- <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.
- But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### † Response following the Gospel

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

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Believe"

**† Sermon Hymn** "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV Hymn 671

# **†** 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** Special Music Anna Blume

#### **†** Presentation of the Offering

**† Offertory Response** "We Will Glorify"

We will glorify the king of kings We will glorify the Lamb We will glorify the Lord of Lords Who is the great I Am

Hallelujah to the King of Kings Hallelujah to the Lamb Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords He is the great I Am **†** Prayers of the People

**†** The Lord's Prayer

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- **†** Benediction
- **† Sending Hymn** "Go, My Children with My Blessing" WOV Hymn 721
- † Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

† Postlude

Karen McKnight

**The flowers** on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Daisy Rodgers in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection.

**Prayer Concerns**: Elizabeth Nahouse, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, Diane McKnight, Noah Finger, Patsy McCreary, Callum Sloop, Billie Bollinger, and Bennie Fisher.

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

# **Community Outreach:**

#### **TLC Mission Team**

THE NALC WAREHOUSE IS LOW ON HEALTHCARE KITS AGAIN! Let's work together to reach our April goal of 25 Healthcare kits for Crisis Relief.

Use the Amazon Gift Registry to order items online or shop locally. https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3L1YOEMY7NYWR

Sunday Challenges:

April 27- Bring a comb and/or nail clippers

May 4- Let's finish out our wish list! Check the Amazon Registry to see what is left.



#### THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING AGAIN!

Where: Burnsville, NC When: **May 10 Day Trip** 

Expected Departure & Return Time- 6:30 am - 5:30 pm On Site 9:00-3:00 To Help: Our Friends, Josh & Christine and their six children RSVP to Cindy Martin (704) 213-0674 by April 30th.

2025 REGIONAL MISSION TRIP FOR CRISIS RELIEF

Where: Caldwell County

With Who: Rice & Beans Ministries

When: July 6-11

(for any part of the week or the entire week) RSVP to Meredith Spry 980-521-0217 by June 1st.

# Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday, 4/27	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Kathy Patrick - 2 - 6:00 pm
Mon, 4/28	Girl Scouts - 6 - 7:00 pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tues, 4/29	
Wed, 4/30	Young at Heart - 11:30 (Stag N Doe)
Thurs, 5/1	
Friday, 5/2	
Sat, 5/3 *Sunday, 5/4	American Legion - Hotdog/hamburger Sale *Date change notice- Council Meeting will be held on 5/4 instead of 5/11*

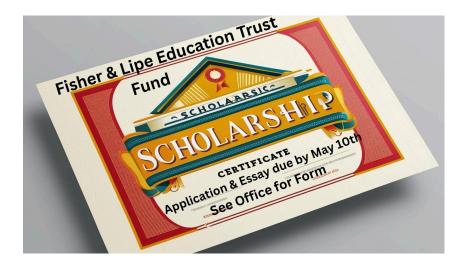
We are excited to welcome **Pastor Don and Theresa Safrit** to the Trinity family. We appreciate your decision to join us and share in the work of the church.



# **NURSERY ASSISTANTS**











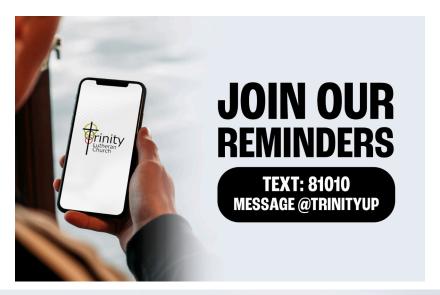


# **TRINITY VBS:**

7/13 -7/16

5:30PM - 7:45PM







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#### Giving Report for April 20, 2025

	Attendance	Received	Need Each Week
Worship Service	137	\$3,476	\$4,337.44
Sunday School		\$	
Building Fund		\$50	
Other Funds		\$10	
	<b>Those Serv</b>	ing Today	

Our People of God Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter Pastor
Karen McKnight Music
Thomas Bost Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight Acolytes

Ashley Cherry
Susan Blume
Jon Finger

Children's Church
K-5 Sunday School
HS Sunday School

Lindsey Parker Nursery

# **Those Serving Next Week**

Our People of God Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter Pastor
Michael Hiskey Music
TBD Lector
CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal Acolytes

Paige Sloop Children's Church
John McKnight K-5 Sunday School
Trent Cherry HS Sunday School

Travis Rodgers Nursery

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