



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

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.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Smith)

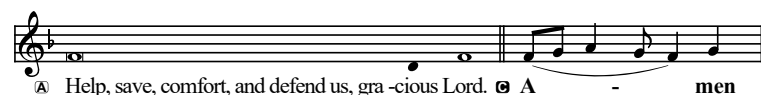
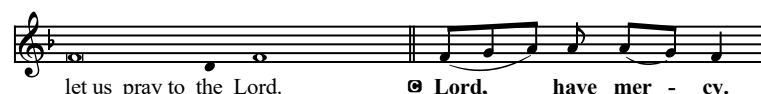
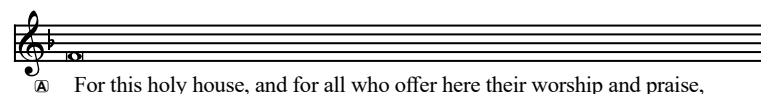
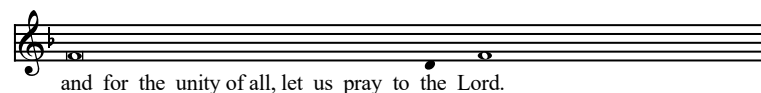
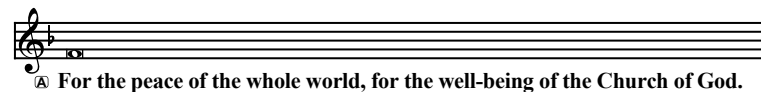
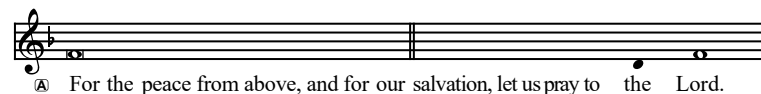
† **Confession and Forgiveness** LBW Pg56

† **Processional** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LBW Hymn 25

† **The Greeting and Kyrie** LBW Page 57

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



† Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

LBW Hymn 60

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

† The Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord, fully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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

Zepaniah 3: 14-20

- ¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.
- ¹⁶ On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.
- ¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”
- ¹⁸ “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.
- ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.
- ²⁰ At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes[a] before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

Psalm 85

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.[b]

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

Philippians 4: 4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

† Scripture Response

LBW Page 62

♩ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

† Response before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 7th Chapter.

♩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

† Holy Gospel

Luke 7: 18-28 (29-35)

¹⁸ John’s disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them,

¹⁹ he sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind.

22 So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

23 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

24 After John’s messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

25 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces.

26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

27 This is the one about whom it is written:
 “I will send my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.’[b]

28 I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

29 (All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus’ words, acknowledged that God’s way was right, because they had been baptized by John.

30 But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God’s purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

31 Jesus went on to say, “To what, then, can I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?

32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to each other:
 “‘We played the pipe for you,
 and you did not dance;
 we sang a dirge,
 and you did not cry.’

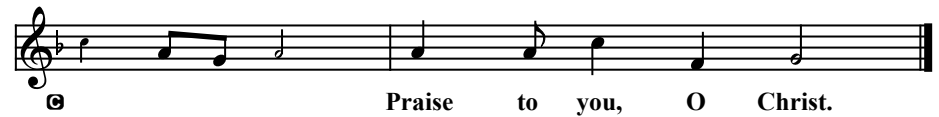
33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’

34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’

35 But wisdom is proved right by all her children.”

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

“Is Jesus the One?”

† **Hymn of the Day**

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

LBW Hymn 35

**Sung to the tune:*

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

† **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**

“An Advent Alleluia”

Choir

† **Presentation of the Offering**

† **Offertory Response**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” WOV Hymn 732

† Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☉ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☉ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☉ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☉ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho- san- na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high - est.

† Word's of Institution LBW Page 69

† The Lord's Prayer LBW Page 71

† Distribution "Lamb of God" LBW Page 72
 "Polish Carol" (Paxton)
 "Once in Royal David's City" (Smith)

† Post Communion Canticle LBW Page 73

† Benediction Amen - Sung

† Recessional Hymn "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW Hymn 26

† Dismissal
 P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
 C: Thanks be to God.

† Postlude "Praising the Almighty" (Broughton)

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

Prayer Concerns: Elizabeth Nahouse, Emma Sloop, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Nancy Kneebug - Billie Bollinger's Aunt, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, MD McKnight's Family, and Linda Reavis.

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.

Due to the extensive support that is needed to help WNC, the deadline for healthcare kits has been extended to Jan. 30th. Please view our Amazon Gift registry to view what items are still needed and to help fill in the gaps!

Trinity Lutheran Church, Landis OUTREACH

We are collecting funds for the Prison Fellowship Angel tree. Donations will be used to purchase Walmart gift cards for 60 kids who reside in our local area. Please help children with incarcerated parents enjoy the holiday season!

Come experience the joy of Christmas during the Youth's Christmas Play "C is for Christmas", December 22nd during Worship.

Messages to the Congregation:
 Thank you for all the cards and concerns given during my time of recovery.
 Joan Woodard

Trinity prays for Mary Ann McKnight and her family in the loss of her husband, M.D. McKnight. M.D. entered the Church Triumphant this Monday, 12/9.
 Visitation: 12/16 12:00 - 1:00 PM Service: 1:00 PM
 Service Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
 Burial: West Lawn (1350 S Main St. China Grove, NC 28023)
 Memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday	Sunday School - 9:30 am * <i>Christmas Play Practice</i> Worship Service - 10:30 am Women's Circle Meeting - 3:00 pm Christmas Caroling - 3:00 pm Handbells - 4:00 pm Choir - 4:45 pm
Monday	M.D. McKnight Visitation (12 - 1:00 pm), Service (1:00 pm) Girl Scouts - 6 - 7:00 pm Zumba 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Young at Heart - 11:45 am (ChopHouse - Kann.)
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	



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Giving Report for December 8, 2024

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	136	\$3,057.00	\$ 4,337.44
Sunday School	75	\$26.00	
Building Fund		\$150.00	
Other Funds		\$863.13	

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Lou Finger	Music
Kathy Patrick	Lector
Quinn Parker & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Maggie Deal & Addison Sloop	Torch Bearers
Grayson Carter	Crucifer
Ella Ramseur & Guy Deal	Banner Bearers
Ava Blume	Advent Banner
Pastor Candice & Family	Advent Candles
Ashley Cherry	Children's Church
<i>*Christmas Play Practice</i>	K-5 Sunday School
Kathy Patrick	HS Sunday School
Travis Rodgers & Trent Cherry	Nursery

Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Kathy Patrick	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Nick Cherry	Advent Banner
TBD	Advent Candles
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
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Elizabeth Rodgers	HS Sunday School
Heather Ramseur & Lindsey Parker	Nursery

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