



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter*

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
January 12, 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** "Baptized in Water" Karen McKnight

† **Confession and Forgiveness** LBW Page 56

**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 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** "Shall We Gather at the River" WOV Hymn 690

† **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Children's Chat**

## First Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7

- <sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
- <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
- <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush[a] and Seba in your stead.
- <sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.
- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

## Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his[a] holiness.**

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**C: He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion[b] like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks[c] and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**C: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

L: The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

## Second Reading

Romans 6: 1-11

- <sup>1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
- <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?
- <sup>3</sup> Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
- <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin—
- <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.
- <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.
- <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## † Scripture Response “It’s So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

It’s so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word.

Just to rest upon His promise, Just to Know - “Thus says the Lord”.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.

## † Response before the Gospel

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd Chapter.

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

## † Holy Gospel

Luke 3: 15-22

- <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.
- <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire.
- <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with

unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

<sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done,

<sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

### † Response following the Gospel

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

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

### Sermon

“Why was Jesus Baptized?”

† **Hymn of the Day** “When Jesus Came to Jordan” WOV Hymn 647  
(\*To the tune of *The Church’s One Foundation*)

### † 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.

### Installation of New Council Members

### † 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** “Jesus, Your Name” Choir

### † Presentation of the Offering

† **Offertory Response** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” LBW Hymn 410 v.1

### † Prayers of the People

† **The Lord’s Prayer** LBW Page 71

### † Benediction

† **Sending Hymn** “Go, My Children With Thy Blessing” WOV Hymn 721

### † Dismissal

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

† **Postlude** “We are Marching in the Light of God” Karen McKnight

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**The flowers** on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of the Baptism of Our Lord.

**Prayer Concerns:** Elizabeth Nahouse, Emma Sloop, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, M.D. McKnight’s Family, Diane McKnight, and Noah Finger.

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



Due to the extensive support that is needed to help with WNC, the deadline for **healthcare kits** has been extended to **Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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](#)

**DONATE BLOOD OR PLATELETS**

**In Memory of Jo Starnes and Jimmy Ritchie**  
**Sunday, January 12**  
**11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

All donors will receive\*:  
- **\$20 eGift Card**  
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**  
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Location: Concordia Lutheran Church,  
185 Concordia Church Rd, China Grove, NC 28023

Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **56112**

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\*One offer per donor per donation. See cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information, visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)

## Messages to the Congregation:

Thank you to Amy Bell for the church offering in honor of Brad & Susan Blume, Linda & Jack Sorrow, Matt & Emily Carden, & Scott & Lara Smith.

We want to thank everyone for the large card that was sent, all the well wishes, prayers, packages, the special envelopes Pastor Candice delivered, and all the gifts in the bag. Elizabeth is doing well and was moved to a regular floor the evening of 1/8. She is currently in the 6-West Duke Central Tower (DCT) - Room 21. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!** - Elizabeth & Nancy Nahouse



Devotional Prayer books for Jan - March are located in the front and back of the church for your viewing.

Contribution statements are available in your mailboxes. This is a great time to clean out the existing mail as name tags will be updated this month on the assigned boxes.

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

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Sunday    | Council Meeting - 8:00 am<br>Sunday School - 9:30 am<br>Worship Service - 10:30 am<br>OneBlood Donation - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm<br>Choir - 4:45 pm |
| Monday    | Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm<br>Zumba - 6:30 pm   |
| Tuesday   |   |
| Wednesday |   |
| Thursday  | SR Swim Team/Susan Blume (FH): 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm  |
| Friday    |   |
| Saturday  |   |





## 2025 Youth Events - Save the Dates!

**Jan 26:** Youth Bowling (after church), hosted by Trinity.

**Feb 23:** Youth Appreciation Dinner 4-6pm, at Concordia. Join us for games, dinner, and fellowship!

**March 28:** March Madness Lock-In at Concordia. Tentative start time of 6 or 7pm.

**April 27 (Date Tentative):** Easter Extravaganza 4-6pm at Concordia. Fun with inflatables!

**May 4 (Rain Date 5/18):** Deal Farm, hosted by Trinity.

**June 8:** Pines Pool Party. Enjoy the summer kickoff with fun in the sun!



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## Giving Report for January 5, 2024

|                 | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Need Each Week</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Worship Service | 104               | \$2,571         | \$4,337.44            |
| Sunday School   | 46                | \$10.00         |                       |
| Building Fund   |                   | \$50.00         |                       |
| Other Funds     |                   | \$1,740.00      |                       |

### Those Serving Today

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| The People of God            | Ministers         |
| Pastor Candice Carter        | Pastor            |
| Karen McKnight               | Music             |
| Nick Cherry                  | Lector            |
| Mason Rodgers & Quinn Parker | Acolytes          |
| Paige Sloop                  | Children's Church |
| TBD                          | K-5 Sunday School |
| TBD                          | HS Sunday School  |
| Judy Matthews                | Nursery           |

### Those Serving Next Week

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| The People of God                    | Ministers         |
| Pastor Candice Carter                | Pastor            |
| Lou Finger                           | Music             |
| Nick Cherry                          | Lector            |
| CJ McKnight & Maggie Deal            | Acolytes          |
| Ava Blume                            | Crucifer          |
| Miles Carden & Grayson Carter        | Banner Bearers    |
| Maggie Deal (or sub) & Addison Sloop | Torch Bearers     |
| Paige Sloop                          | Children's Church |
| TBD                                  | K-5 Sunday School |
| Adrian Parker                        | HS Sunday School  |
| Lindsey Parker                       | Nursery           |

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