



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

McKenna Hinson

† 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

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

LBW Hymn 35

† Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Chat

First Reading

Malachi 3: 1-7b

- ¹ “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.
- ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap.
- ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,
- ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.
- ⁵ “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.
- ⁶ “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.
- ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’”

Psalm 66: 1-12

L: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**C: Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.**

L: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

**C: All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name.”[a]**

L: Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!

**C: He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.**

L: He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

**C: Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;**

L: he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.

**C: For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.**

L: You brought us into prison
and laid burdens on our backs.

**C: You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 2-11

- ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ I thank my God every time I remember you.
- ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy
- ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,
- ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me.
- ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
- ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
- ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

† **Scripture Response** “Light One Candle” WOV Hymn 630 vs. 1,2

† **Response before the Gospel**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

† **Holy Gospel**

Luke 3: 15-20

- ¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.
- ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with[b] 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[c] the Holy Spirit and fire.
- ¹⁷ 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.”
- ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

- 19 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.
 20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

† **Response following the Gospel**
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Carson Honors Chorus

† **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.

† **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** Karen McKnight

† **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

† **Prayers of the People**

† **The Lord's Prayer** LBW Page

† **Sending Hymn** "I Love to Tell the Story" LBW Hymn 390

† **Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Carson Honors Chorus

† **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.

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

Messages to the Congregation:
 Abby and Dillon would like to thank their Trinity church family for all of the love and support at their shower Sunday, 11/24. They are so excited to start their new life together in February!





*Christmas ...
The Journey and the Celebration*

**December 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Concordia Lutheran Church

Featuring Voices From:
Concordia Lutheran Church, Fieldstone Presbyterian Church
Prospect Presbyterian Church, Trinity Lutheran Church,
Vanderburg United Methodist Church

Director:
Eddie Karriker



South Rowan Cheerleaders
are hosting a

SPAGHETTI Fundraiser

8th 
December
12-3pm

\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS
DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Come and enjoy spaghetti, salad, and drinks
HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR TRIP TO NATIONALS!
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Come experience the joy of Christmas during the Youth's Christmas Play "C is for Christmas", December 22nd.



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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH: 11 PM - 3 PM FRIDAY, DEC. 13TH: 10 AM - 4 PM
THURSDAY, DEC. 12TH: 5 PM - 8 PM SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH: 10 AM - 1 PM

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'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING MSMP CHRISTMAS STORE

You can make a difference this holiday season by volunteering at our annual Christmas Store and/or by donating new gifts! In this way, you are helping families with financial challenges experience the joy of purchasing new gifts for their children, at a fraction of the retail cost; and 100% of the funds generated go directly back into supporting our community!

Due to the extensive support that is needed to help with 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](#)

SHINE FOR A CAUSE

LUMINARY EVENT

WHEN: DEC. 14TH 5:00 – 8:00 PM
WHERE: HANNA PARK CHINA GROVE

Join us for a magical evening at **Christmas in the Grove!**
Main Street Marketplace & Meeting Place will light up **Hanna Park** in downtown China Grove.

Honor or in Memory of a Loved One:
Purchase a luminary for just **\$5.00.**

- ✦ **60% of proceeds support recovery efforts in Western NC**
- ✦ **40% helps our local community market**

Illuminate the night and make a difference!



SCAN TO PURCHASE A LUMINARY



You can Purchase your luminaries online or at MSMP starting today - the evening of Dec. 14th!



FREE EVENT | \$5 PER LUMINARY

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!

Helpers are also invited to assist with packing Christmas treat bags for Piedmont Correctional Inmates & Staff on December, 14th at 10am (Fellowship Hall).



DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

MEET AT CHURCH AT 3:00 FOR CAROLING!
WEAR SOMETHING FESTIVE!

WE WILL RETURN TO CONCORDIA TO ENJOY SOUP, COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP FROM 5-6PM



BRING A GIFT OF NO MORE THAN \$15 FOR A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

	Council Meeting - 8:00 am
	Sunday School - 9:30 am (*Christmas Play Practice)
Sunday	Worship Service with Carson Honors Chorus - 10:30 am
	Handbells - 4:00 pm
	Choir - 4:45 pm
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm
	Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Eric Beaver - Prison Ministry (Treat bags) - 10:00 am



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Giving Report for December 1, 2024

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	97	\$7,171	\$4,337.44
Sunday School		\$00	
Building Fund		\$100	
Other Funds		\$2,693.00	

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Kathy Patrick	Lector
Mason Rodgers & CJ McKnight	Acolytes
Vera Parker	Advent Banner
Eli & Payton Hiskey	Advent Candles
Adrian Parker	Children's Church
<i>*Christmas Play Practice</i>	K-5 Sunday School
Rebecca Clark	HS Sunday School
Judy Matthews & Elizabeth Rodgers	Nursery

Those Serving Next Week

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

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