



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2, 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.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Michael Hiskey

† 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 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 "Days of Elijah"

Versel: These are the days of Elijah

Declaring the word of the Lord,
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

Verse 2: And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
Oh the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus 2x

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† Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (17-19)

- ⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
⁶ "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."
⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.
⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.
⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."
¹⁷ "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command

you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them.

- ¹⁸ Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land.
¹⁹ They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Psalm 71: 1-6 (7-11)

L: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

L: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

L: For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

C: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

L: I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.

C: My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

L: Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

C: For my enemies speak against me; those who wait to kill me conspire together.

L: They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue him and seize him, for no one will rescue him."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 31b - 13:13

- ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.
¹ If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.
⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily

- angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
 where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is
 knowledge, it will pass away.
 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I
 reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of
 childhood behind me.
 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see
 face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I
 am fully known.
 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest
 of these is love.

† **Scripture Response** “Take Me Jesus as I am”

Take me Jesus as I am
 I can come no other way
 Draw me closer unto You
 Teach me how to walk Your way
 Make me like a precious stone
 Crystal clear and finally honed
 Light of Jesus shining through
 Giving glory back to You
 (repeat)

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† **Response before the Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th Chapter.

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

† **Holy Gospel**

Luke 4: 31-44

- 31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the
 Sabbath he taught the people.
 32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

- 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure
 spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, 34 “Go away! What do you
 want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I
 know who you are—the Holy One of God!”
 35 “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon
 threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring
 him.
 36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words
 these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits
 and they come out!”
 37 And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.
 38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now
 Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they
 asked Jesus to help her.
 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up
 at once and began to wait on them.
 40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of
 sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.
 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the
 Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to
 speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.
 42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were
 looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to
 keep him from leaving them.
 43 But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God
 to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”
 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

† **Response following the Gospel**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

“His Word Possessed Authority”

† **Hymn of the Day** “Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
(Repeat 2x)

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† **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**

† **Presentation of the Offering**

Offertory Response “Create In Me”
Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart Oh God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence oh Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

† **Prayers of the People**

† **The Lord's Prayer**

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† **Benediction**

† **Sending Hymn** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

Where He leads me, I will follow
Where He leads me, I will follow
Where He leads me, I will follow
No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back

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

† **Postlude**

Michael Hiskey

Mark your calendars: Events and Meetings Happening This Week

Sunday	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Choir - 4:45 pm
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Town of Landis - 12-1:00pm Team's Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

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

Prayers concerns: Elizabeth Nahouse, Emma Sloop, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, Diane McKnight, and Noah Finger.

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.

Messages to the Congregation

Volunteers are needed to serve on **planning teams**. If you want to be more involved or have gifts to share please consider serving on one of our teams. Youth Education Committee, Property Team, Health Team, Mission Team, Long Range Planning, Project Team, Christian Education, and Youth activities. If you are interested in finding out more or you are willing to serve, join us for a meeting on February 5th at 7pm in the sanctuary. Contact Pastor Candice for questions.

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.

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



Community Outreach

Childcare Help Wanted

Need a little extra money and want to use your skills to help others?

Provide childcare during Main Street Meeting Place's Getting Ahead classes. Help parents develop skills and resources that will bring greater stability to theirs and their children's lives.

\$40 night
Tues. and/or Thurs. 6:30-8:30 p.m.
for 15-18 weeks (Jan.-May)

Main Street Meeting Place
Call/Text Mandy 704-787-3773
mandy@marketandmeeting.org
306 S. Main Street China Grove, NC

The Getting Ahead Program at MSMP is needing volunteers for the meal drive (both English and Spanish classes).

There is also an opportunity to help with childcare during the meetings, for anyone that loves kids and is interested in making a little extra money.

MEAL DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR OUR GETTING AHEAD & HACIA ADELANTE CLASSES

Here's your chance to support your community! Provide a meal for a Getting Ahead or Hacia Adelante class! Our participants are on a path of learning & self-improvement to build a brighter future. Your gift would provide a nourishing meal before class while they work to develop supportive relationships that help fuel their goals.

Here's how you can contribute:

Scan the QR code to sign up to provide a meal (home-cooked, purchased from a restaurant, or give a gift card) for one of the classes at The Meeting Place. You can also make a financial donation toward a meal. For questions, contact Mandy at (704) 855-2909 or mandy@marketandmeeting.org

The Meeting Place: 306 S. Main Street China Grove

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GETTING AHEAD MEALS
Thursdays & some Mondays,
Jan. 23rd- May 22nd.

HACIA ADELANTE MEALS
Tuesdays, Jan. 21st- May 6th.

Call/text Mandy at 704-787-3773.

Thank you for your support!

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Giving Report for January 26, 2025

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	102	\$3,947.99	\$4,337.44
Sunday School	45	\$10.00	
Building Fund		\$50.00	
Other Funds		\$1,155	

Those Serving Today

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Michael Hiskey	Music
Paula Sloop	Lector
Quinn Parker & Maggie Deal	Acolytes
Ashley Cherry	Children's Church
Susan Blume	K-5 Sunday School
Jon Finger	HS Sunday School
John McKnight	Nursery

Those Serving Next Week

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Paula Sloop	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
John McKnight	K-5 Sunday School
Trent Cherry	HS Sunday School
Heather Ramseur	Nursery

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