



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Pastor ~ Reverend Candice Carter*

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
February 23, 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.

### Please Connect With Us!

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

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" WOV Hymn 759

† **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** "All Creatures of our God and King" LBW Hymn 527

† **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ, through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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

Genesis 45: 3-15

- <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.
- <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!
- <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.
- <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.
- <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.[a]
- <sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.
- <sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.
- <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.
- <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'
- <sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you.
- <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."
- <sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

### Psalms 103: 1-13

- L: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**
- L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
- C: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**
- L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### C: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

L: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

### C: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

L: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

### C: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

### C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

- <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
- <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.
- <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.
- <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- <sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour?
- <sup>31</sup> I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- <sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." [a]
- <sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." [b]
- <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.
- <sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"
- <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.
- <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.
- <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.
- <sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.
- <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the

earthly bodies is another.

<sup>41</sup> The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

<sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

† **Scripture Response** “Seek Ye First” WOV Hymn 783 vs.1

† **Response before the Gospel**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th Chapter.

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

† **Holy Gospel** Luke 6: 27-38

<sup>27</sup> “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

<sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

<sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

<sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

† **Response following the Gospel**

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

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

**Sermon**

“Get Even with Love”

† **Sermon Hymn** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” WOV Hymn 765

† **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** “Here I Am To Worship”

Choir

† **Presentation of the Offering**

**Offertory Response** “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV Hymn 759 vs.1

† **Prayers of the People**

† **The Lord’s Prayer**

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† **Benediction**

† **Sending Hymn** “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thank to the Risen Lord.” WOV Hymn 671

† **Dismissal**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Messages to the Congregation**

† **Postlude**

Karen McKnight

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and recognizing the importance of heart health; provided by the Health team.



All Acolytes, Banner & Torch Bearers, and Crucifers please see Daisy at your convenience on Sunday to be measured for any robe updates.

**#OurHearts**  
eat healthier together

Get heart healthy for life by following the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan. It requires no special foods, provides daily and weekly nutritional goals, and can help lower high blood pressure.

Support your loved ones in their effort to stick to DASH by doing the following together:

- Pick out recipes to try.
- Make a grocery list.
- Cook heart-healthy versions of family favorites.
- Enjoy the meals you've prepared.

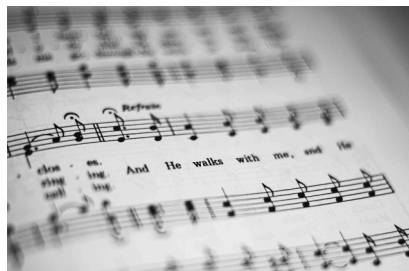
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**Prayers concerns:** Elizabeth Nahouse, Doris Pless, Duane Ellis, Ron Beaver, Juanita Alexander, Frances Staton, Jan Dixon, Diane McKnight, Noah Finger, and Emma Sloop's Family.

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.



**YOUNG AT Lunch**  
with Pastor Candice

**Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025**  
@ 11:30am

*GIVE thanks WITH A Grateful HEART*

**Porky's**  
China Grove, NC

The American Legion (Post 146) on Central Avenue is having their hot dog/hamburger sale on 3/1.



Please bring any saved Palm leaves from last year to service on 3/2 to burn for Ash Wednesday.



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

Sunday	Sunday School - 9:30 am Worship Service - 10:30 am Michael Hiskey Performance - 4:00 pm Youth Appreciation Dinner (Concordia) - 4-6:00 pm
Monday	Girl Scouts - 6-7:00pm Zumba - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Young at Heart (Gary's) - 11:30 am
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	American Legion - Hotdog/Hamburger sale

**PERFORMING LIVE**  
**MICHAEL HISKEY**

A benefit concert to raise funds for Western North Carolina to aid in the recovery and rebuilding efforts for communities devastated by Hurricane Helene.

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**  
**Salisbury, NC**

02.23.2025  
**4 PM**

## Community Outreach

### Youth Appreciation Dinner



Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at Concordia from 4-6p. Bring your favorite game & enjoy dinner at 5p.



### The mountains are calling...

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...  
1 Peter 4:10



**The Mission Team is gauging interest in some upcoming mission work in the mountains. Please use the QR Code to fill out our interest form.**

### BINGO & Pancakes

# Shrove Tuesday

MARCH 4TH, 2025  
6:00 PM



The Prison Ministry needs your support to continue to provide spiritual support, hope, and a chance for transformation to incarcerated individuals. This ongoing ministry extends beyond the Angel Tree gifts collected in December. Volunteers extend the love of Christ through a variety of events throughout the year. You can support this ministry at any time by marking your church donations for "Prison Ministry".

Our TLC Missions Amazon Gift Registry will be ongoing and updated frequently as we are made aware of the needs for Crisis Relief. Donations can be made online using this link or dropped off at the church.  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3L1YOEMY7NYWR>



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**Giving Report for February 16, 2025**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Need Each Week</u>
Worship Service	86	\$3,005	\$4,337.44
Sunday School	43	\$14.00	
Building Fund		\$75.00	
Other Funds		\$580.00	

**Those Serving Today**

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Karen McKnight	Music
Paula Sloop	Lector
Maggie Deal & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Ava Blume	Children's Church
Ashley Cherry	K-5 Sunday School
Elizabeth Rodgers	HS Sunday School
Ava Blume	Nursery

**Those Serving Next Week**

The People of God	Ministers
Pastor Candice Carter	Pastor
Michael Hiskey	Music
Elizabeth Rodgers	Lector
Mason Rodgers & Claire Stirewalt	Acolytes
Paige Sloop	Children's Church
Sherilee Deal	K-5 Sunday School
Adrian Parker	HS Sunday School
Jacob Sloop	Nursery

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