

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday
8:30am – Livestream & In-person
11am – In-person

We celebrate an open table for Holy Communion. Please see the back page for more information.

Please note that our 8:30am service is Livestreamed and broadcast on our YouTube channel.

Holy Trinity is “Mask-Friendly” for all activities. Whatever your preference, you are welcome here.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Eno, Lumbee, Shakori, Skaruhreh/Tuscarora peoples, and we acknowledge their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have called and continue to call this land their home.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!

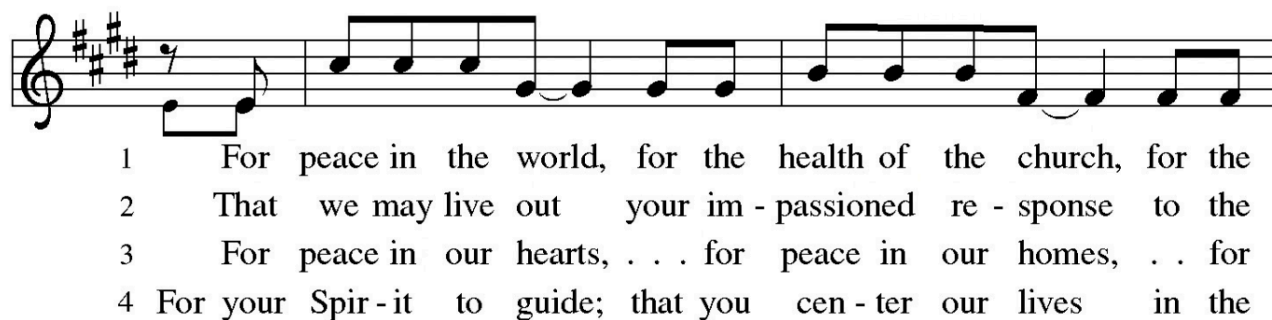
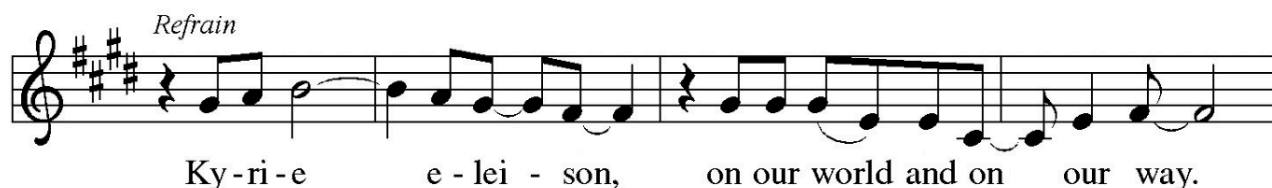
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GREETING

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

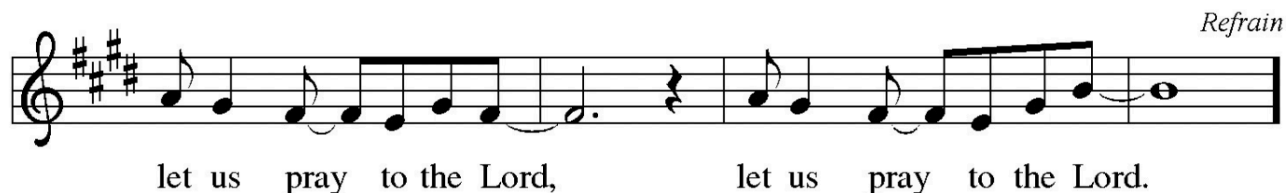
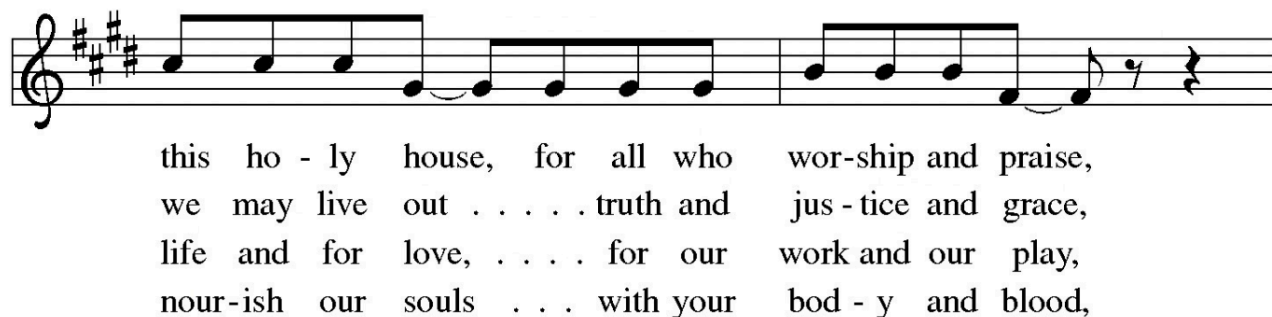
And also with you.



2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES FOR 2ND GRADERS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ **The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸ **Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Katie Elkin Ziehr

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship: "God our Help in Ages Past"



MEAL

OFFERING SONG

By Grace We Have Been Saved
8:30 Musicians

by Jonathan Rundman (8:30)

*By grace we have been saved—
saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do;
it is the gift of God.*

*On the days when you are weak,
on the days when you are strong,
rich or poor, young or old,
just listen to the song.*

*Rest your body, rest your mind,
in the stillness you will find
you're a lovely, precious child,
part of the great design.*

*You don't need to be afraid.
You will never be alone.
There is mercy, there is hope,
and love will take you home.*

Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

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Adult Choir

*Lamp of wisdom burning, This My Church shall be;
Pillar bright of learning, This My Church shall be;
Flare of Conscience guiding, Flame of faith residing,
Star of sages, light of ages Leading up to Me, This My Church shall be.*

*Font of water flowing, This My Church shall be;
Fruitful vineyard growing, This My Church shall be;
Field its harvest bearing, Bread as body sharing,
Living, dying, seed supplying From the Paschal Tree, This My Church shall be.*

*Hands to heal the crying, This My Church shall be;
Arms to hold the dying, This My Church shall be;
Eyes for justice seeking, Mouth for mercy speaking,
Voice for preaching, tongue for teaching truth with charity, This My Church shall be.*

*Saints unnumbered singing, This My Church shall be;
Songs eternal bringing, This My Church shall be;
Hosts of earth rejoicing, Hymns in heaven voicing,
Ransomed praising, carols raising Round the crystal sea, This My Church shall be.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
And unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 191

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
Spanish: Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.
Portuguese: Ben - diz o Se-nhor, lou - va o seu San - to no - me.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.
Ben - diz o Se-nhor, que à vi - da nos con - duz.

Text: Psalm 103

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
 with this bread and cup,
 you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
 By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
 Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
 following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Chuck Marohnic

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by Steve and Jane Hall in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary on October 29th.

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If you see a blank below, it means we don't have anyone currently signed up for that role! Please consider it an invitation if you'd be willing to serve.

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Pam and Conrad Weiden (8:30) and Amanda Stoen and Tom Colley (11).

The usher is James Barrett (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Chuck Matrazzo (8:30) and Beth Evans (11).

The lectors are Pam Weiden (8:30) and James Barrett (11).

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Pam and Conrad Weiden (8:30) and Ed and Kathleen Collins (11).

The ushers are Char and Rick Clendaniel (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Bill Johnson (11).

The lectors are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Jon Arnold (11).

The communion bread for the month of October was baked by Dennis Pfeiffer.

This Week's Anniversaries

October 29	Jane and Steve Hall
October 30	Gerry and Suzanne Jolicoeur

This Week's Birthdays

October 26	Doug Endorf
October 28	Sandra Tilden
October 29	Pete Peterson
	Daniel Hill
	Andrew Norris
October 30	Peggy Trygstad
October 31	Roger Lundblad
	Andrea Narbut
November 1	Marty Larson

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry!

We are so glad you chose to worship with us, and we hope you experience the love and grace of God in our midst. Please fill out the “Worship Record Sheet” to record your attendance and explore ways to engage with our community of faith by using the QR code or paper sheet. Please sign up for our weekly Email Newsletter by visiting our website at www.holytrinitychapelhill.org, and subscribe to our YouTube channel at “Holy Trinity Chapel Hill”. Let us know if you have any prayer requests and how we can support you in your faith journey, either by talking to a Pastor or a Stephen Minister.



Reconciling In Christ

Jesus reached across all boundaries to make God’s love known. In our baptismal covenant, we are called to “serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (ELW pg. 236).” As a Reconciling In Christ church, we at Holy Trinity welcome people of every age and ability, race, culture, religion, class, marital status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. We are committed to growing our understanding of systemic racism and its consequences, becoming anti-racist, and advocating for justice and fairness for all people.



Children and Worship

We welcome children in worship and invite them to participate throughout the service. Children are invited to check out our Exploration Station in the Narthex and fill up a Busy Bag for activities during worship. If your child needs some time away from the service, there is a “Cry Room” (glass room near the Sanctuary, towards the Rosemary Street entrance) that’s staffed during the academic year. The service is able to be heard through speakers in the Cry Room. There is also a Nursery room in the back hallway (behind the organ) where children can play with parental supervision.

Holy Communion

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality: The Risen Christ welcomes all, therefore all are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) apple juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available at the station in front of the altar. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing. Please let an usher or pastor know if you need communion brought to you at your seat.

Offering

In response to God’s unconditional love, we offer “what God has first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions... in feeding the world with God’s love (ELW pg. 107).” There are many ways to give at Holy Trinity: online through our **website**, **mailing in** your offering, placing your offering in our **offering plates** in our Worship Center, automatic **bank withdraws**, through the **QR code** in this worship bulletin, **text to give** at (833) 309-0136, or by **Venmo**, our handle is **@htlclcm** (Charity - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church). All contributions via text or Venmo will go to the HTLC general budget fund. Thank You!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Holy Trinity

LCM is a community where ALL are welcome. We seek to accompany students as they encounter increased complexities in life, faith, relationships, and academics here at UNC. If you are (or you know) a student who is interested in getting connected with Campus Ministry, please get in touch with Pastor Katie by emailing her directly, or by using the QR code above to fill out the Worship Record Sheet. Mark “student” and/or “grad student,” leave an email/phone number, and Pastor Katie will reach out!