

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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February 1, 2026  
8:30am – Livestream

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 Ministries 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

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**  
**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## God Is Here

ELW #526



1 God is here! As we your people meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are symbols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to gos - pel;



here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in the hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here, in the hon - es -  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in the hon - es -  
 this day's



ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may be transformed by the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?  
Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
**2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right**  
**and speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised**  
**but who honor those who fear the LORD;**  
**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.  
<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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: Matthew 5:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

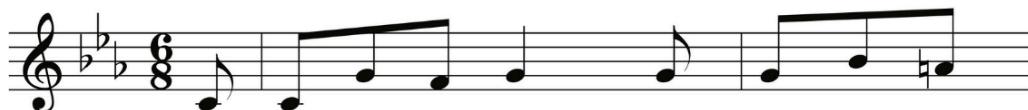
SERMON

Pastor Will Rose

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## If Jesus Is Come

Adam M. L. Tice

FIFTHS  
Sally Ann Morris

1. If Je-sus is come, let war-fare be  
 2. If Je-sus is come, the poor are called  
 3. If Je-sus is come, let no one go  
 4. If Je-sus is come, find homes for the  
 5. If Je-sus is come, what tongue can de -



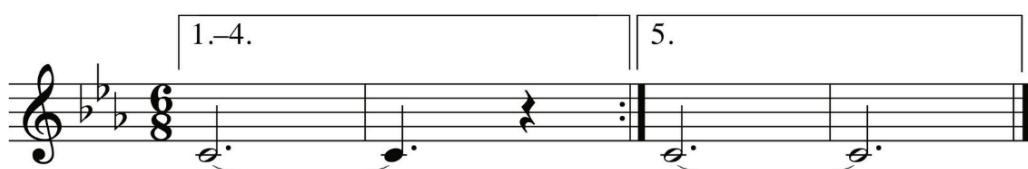
end-ed. If Je-sus is come, let vi-o-lence cease. If  
 bless-ed. If Je-sus is come, the rich have been cursed. If  
 hun-gry. If Je-sus is come, let no one be ill. If  
 home-less. If Je-sus is come, call en-e-mies "friend." If  
 scribe it? If Je-sus is come, then all things are new. If



Je-sus is come, let earth be-gin heal-ing, for  
 Je-sus is come, the meek will in-her-it, the  
 Je-sus is come and still dwells a-mong us, then  
 Je-sus is come, let no one be out-cast, for  
 Je-sus is come, the Spir-it will guide us; for



he is Mes-si-ah, the Prince of  
 weak will be strong, and the last be  
 we have been sum-moned to seek God's  
 all of God's peo-ple are ours to  
 if we be-lieve, then there's work to



1.-4.  
 Peace.  
 first.  
 will.  
 tend.

5.  
 do.

## 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

### 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.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ- the light of the world- be with you always. **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERING SONG



### Be Thou My Vision

arr. Chuck Marohnic (8:30)

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

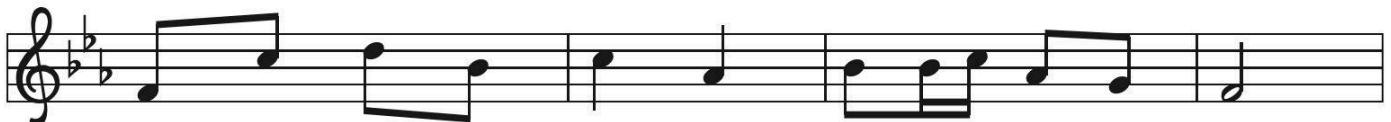
**Amen.**

### SENDING

### BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel-come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth  
HTLC virtual handbells

arr. J.D. Frizzell

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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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, FEBRUARY 1st:**

The Assisting Ministers are Sylvia Black (8:30) and Arty Bolick (11).

The lectors are Steve Hall (8:30) and Laurie Johnson (11).

**NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 8th:**

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Kathy Dennis and Chuck Matrazzo (8:30) and Kathleen and Ed Collins (11).

The usher is \_\_\_\_\_ (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Nathan Penny (8:30) and Beth Evans (11).

The lectors are Paige Krier (8:30) and Jon Arnold (11).

**Last Week and This Week's Birthdays**

January 26	John Stiles	February 6	Joshua Noel
January 30	Jean Earnhardt	February 7	Susan Andrews
	James Morgan		Sally Bober
January 31	Whitney Rivers		Emily Paul
February 1	Ann Aliesa Chas		Anya Scholl
	Katarina Karczewski	February 8	Ashley Arey
February 3	Nolan Reese		Katie Buell
February 4	Adelynn Nasseri		Calvin Hinkle
	Harry Weede		Ava Jims
February 5	Rebecca Parker		

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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](http://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, and 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, and sexual orientation.

### 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!