

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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February 15, 2026
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 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW #834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

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.

KYRIE

ELW p. 184

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 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

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

²**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,**

³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast their cords from us.”

⁴**He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.**

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶**“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”**

⁷I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear;
with trembling ¹²**kiss his feet,**
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9

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

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

SERMON

Pastor Katie Elkin Ziehr



1. Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun-tain: hu - man eye had ne - ver seen
 2. From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ press - es on;
 3. From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his world, re - deemed;
 4. Let our praise ring from each moun-tain, in - to deep - est val - leys pour,



such a won - der, such re - splen - dence, heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
 here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah, on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
 as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions, bring us now to sights un - seen.
 where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice, we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - drous voice from cloud ex - claimed.
 "Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i - ten - tial sigh.
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he bids us build,
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it end - less - ly,



Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion, to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance, Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 that the earth he lives may flour - ish as each life with grace is filled.
 may the church's praise be lift - ed to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Brown (President), Mandi Stiles (Vice President), Bethany Dieringer (Secretary), Will Arey, Gail Colley, Ed Collins, Eric Eisenstein, Paige Krier, Signe Offenberg, Macy Johnson, Christy Quirk

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Racial/Social Justice and Outreach Ministry Team Up

MEAL

OFFERING SONG



Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Hayes (8:30)

Christ Upon the Mountain Stands

by Robert Lehman (11)

*Christ, upon the mountain stands
Vision of the Father's blessing
Blazing forth to all the lands,
Saints and angels now professing,
Alleluia!*

*Law and prophets have their place,
In the cloud of wondrous glory
Chosen witnesses of grace,
There to see and tell the story.
Alleluia!*

*God, in majesty, descends,
Then proclaims to all before him,
This is my beloved Son!
Nations, come now and adore him.
Alleluia!*

*Faithful hearts are lifted high.
Joyful strains, our voices raising
For this vision's mystery,
Songs of wonder, hymns of praising.
Alleluia!*

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.

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and in the calling of the disciples he invites us to be a part of this story.

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 suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms and heart 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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

With your children and people of all times and places,
with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and galaxies,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

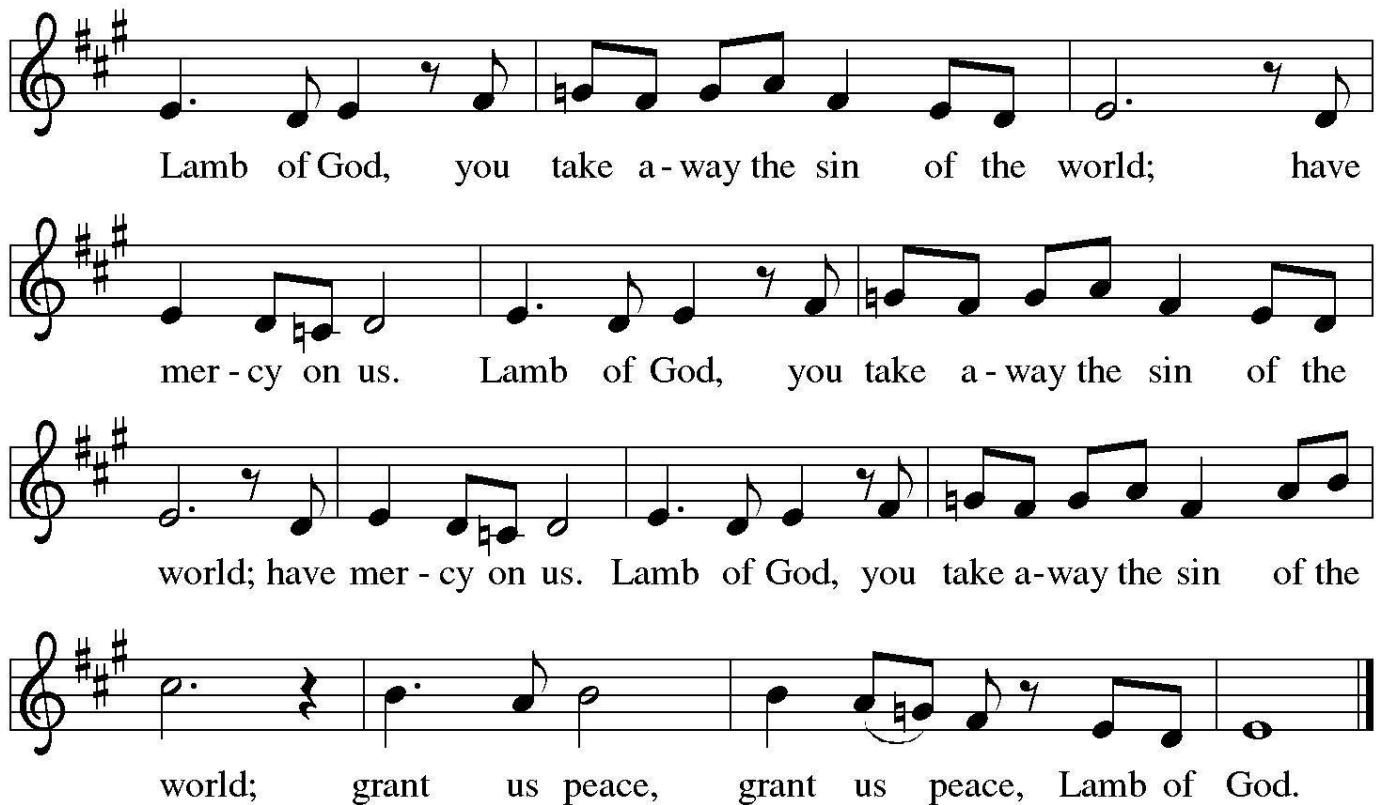
Amen.

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.
Thanks be to God.



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

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474

Refrain

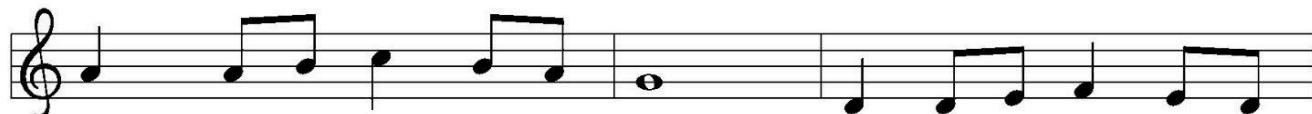
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.
 hearts on the food that en - dures.
 self for the life of the world.
 home in the life - giv - ing Word.
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;

Eat, all of you, and be
 Come, learn the true and the
 Come to the one who is
 Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied;
 liv - ing way,
 food for you,
 One of God,
 ev - 'ry breath,

in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Brieohl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through 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.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

Bach

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

The Altar Flowers for today's worship service have been given by Barbara and Eric Eisenstein in memory of Edith Eisenstein.

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THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Susan Bales and Fred Black (8:30) and Amanda Stoen and Sarah Zink (11).

The usher is Paul Dubnansky (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Chuck Matrazzo (8:30) and Arty Bolick (11).

The lectors are Heather Slane (8:30) and Sarah Zink (11).

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd:

The Altar Guild and Communion Assistants are Stephanie Rube and Jim Holloway (8:30) and Andrea Narbut and Matt Olson (11).

The usher is Craig Carbrey (11).

The Assisting Ministers are Sally Bond (8:30) and Mandi Stiles (11).

The lectors are Bethany Dieringer (8:30) and Gretchen Ritola (11).

This Week's Anniversaries

This Week's Birthdays

February 16	Jordan Gottschalk Kirby Gottschalk Anthony Parker
February 17	Marc Ter Horst
February 19	Agna Boass Donna Dicker August Rivers Frank Taylor, Jr.
February 20	Jackie Aguirre Bill Brashear Corazon Halsey
February 22	Abigail Smith Chelsea Smith

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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, 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 **@htlcclcm** (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!