March 2025

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Come Worship With Us Each Sunday Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

From the Pastor

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." - Genesis 3:19

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the questions we Christians get during this time of year is: why the ashes on Ash Wednesday?

It is a good question. Sometimes even Christians wonder the same thing.

Ashes are applied to our foreheads as a reminder that we are sinners in need of God's grace and mercy and that we will someday die. But to understand that, we need to remember the story of Adam and Eve.

When the first couple first lived in the Garden of Eden, they enjoyed perfect love and communion with God. He had instructed them that they could eat of any tree in the garden except one in the very middle. But the serpent (Satan) twisted God's word and cast doubt into the minds of Adam and Eve: "Did God really say...?"

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve believed the lie. They wanted to be like their Creator, to control their lives rather than be obedient. They ate of the fruit of that tree and committed the first sin. Every human since the first couple has committed similar sins because we want to be in charge of our own lives rather than faithful to God.

God searched for the couple after they had sinned. Eventually, they were cast out of the garden to work the land and toil for their needs. God pronounced pain in childbirth for Eve (and all women). To the serpent, God cursed him to slither on the ground and eat dirt. And to Adam (and mankind), God said, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ashes remind us of our sin, but they also remind us of God's promise in Jesus Christ that we will live eternally with him. Join us Ash Wednesday and during all of Lent as we focus on repentance, forgiveness, Christ's suffering, and the redemption He brings.

In Christ,

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Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH 6:00 P.M. - 7:30P.M.

Ash Wednesday

Holy Trinity Lutheron Church Little Mountain, SC

> Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5th 10:00 a.m. (TLC) 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Mid-Week Lenten Schedule 2025



The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus.

This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

> Schedule: March 5 (Ash Wednesday, 10am & 7pm) – Accusations March 12 – Restraint March 19 – Testimony March 26 – Misconceptions April 2 – Truth April 9 – Sympathy April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – Respite April 18 (Good Friday) – Evidence

The series concludes with "Vindication" on Easter Sunday (April 20) at 10:30am worship.

Meal at 6:00pm Worship at 7:00pm

Note: No meal Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday.

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Appropring Events



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Trinity Life Center

> Wednesday, March 12th 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Lenten Meal together and our Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

No charge for meal. No reservations needed. Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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Bus Shed Cleanout

The time has come to clean out the bus shed. A lot of stuff has accumulated over the years and we need to go through everything and discard all the old, unneeded things that have been stored there and properly organize the rest. In order for us to avoid discarding something important the Property Committee is asking for your help in identifying what needs to be saved and stored in the shed. If you or a committee you served on has stored items in the shed that need to be saved, please clearly identify those items (eg tag them) prior to 3/22. Untagged items will be assumed to be surplus and discarded. Thanks for your assistance in this effort.

Upcoming Events

GLASS God Loves All Surviving Spouses

GLASS meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Prayer Shawl Room.

We share our ups and downs of being surviving spouses, Bible studies, God sightings, and enjoy the company of others who understand our grief.

If you are a surviving spouse or know a surviving spouse, we invite you to join our group.





Easter Lilies



If you would like to order Easter Lilies this year, the cost is \$10.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 30th and payment must accompany order. No orders can be accepted after this date. Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME	 	
HOW MANY	 	
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IN MEMORY OF		
OTHER	 	
TOTAL PRICE		

March Serving Assistants

Sunday Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
02	Karsyn Crumpton	Daniel Williams	Kaylee Hentz	Kaylee Hentz	Donna Fulmer
09	Hudson Long	Cooper Morales	Blair Cromer	Chris Crouch	No Flowers
16	Karter Crumpton	Eli Kednocker	Barrett Havird	Lin Lake	No Flowers
23	Taylor Lake	Tanner Shell	Natalie Winn	Mary Spires	No Flowers
30	Dustin Winn	Blair Cromer	Roman Long	Philip Armstrong	No Flowers

Wednesday Assistants

Wednesday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Lectors
05	Karsyn Crumpton	Daniel Williams	Betty Cumalander
12	Hudson Long	Cooper Morales	Helen Koon
19	Karter Crumpton	Eli Kednocker	Danny Newton
26	Taylor Lake	Tanner Shell	Sheri Wicker

March Serving Assistants

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery	
02	Chris & Crystal Crouch	Christie Allison, Peyton Koon	
09	Janet Fulmer & Dana Dorroh	Ritchie Koon, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley	
16	Maxton & Bobbie King	Crystal Crouch, Jenna & Taylor Lake	
23 Ritchie & Helen Koon		Karen Winn, Jessica & Keaton Lindler	
30	Curtis Boland & Peyton Koon	Joyce McCall, Glenda Hentz, Dorothy Armstrong	

	Communion	
02	Bobby Chapman, Becky Chapman	
05	Danny Newton, Sheri Wicker	

Altar / Parament

Karen Winn, Connie Frick

Ushers -	Chairman:	Steve Bush	* elevator operator	
02, 09	Philip Armstrong	Steve Layton	Rod Steffy*	
16, 23, 30	Charles Frick	Brad Stokes	Cameron Kaihara*	

March Birthdays

March 1	Sonia Bodie	March 16	Margaret Livingston
	Dan Wessinger	March 17	Kyle Page
	Michael Arnold	March 18	Carrie Howland
	Christopher Fulmer		Riley Attaway
March 4	Jean Alewine	March 21	Kelvin Chapman
	Larry Grooms	March 23	Lane Attaway
	Haley Hilton		Leah Bush
March 5	Brenda Wicker		Colson Winn
March 6	Bryan Shealy	March 25	Brian Boland
	Wyatt Koon		Kay Shealy
	Alyssa Stanley		Katelyn Shealy
March 7	Pam Bush	March 26	Donna Fulmer
March 8	Eleanor Bush		Sarah Dahdough
	Ava Kate Weaver		Jenna Lake
	Sarah Wicker		Ritchie Koon
March 9	Alexa McDonald	March 28	Caroline Kamke
March 10	Johnny Cumalander	March 29	Connor Cromer
March 11	Jessica Williams		Emily House
	Jacob Shealy	March 30	Kevin J. Shealy
March 12	Lib Boland		Hilary Twigg Frick
	Aspen Lindler		Ann Newton
March 14	Lin Lake	March 31	Clair Wicker





March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 Transfiguration 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	3	4 Faith Circle - 2pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00-7:30pm	5 Bible Study 10am Good News -LME Ash Wednesday 11am & 7pm	6	7	8
9 Lent 1 7:30am - Council Mtg 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5pm-Teens for Christ	10 Prayer Shawl 9am TLC - 7pm	11 GLASS - 6:30 pm	12 Bible Study 10am Good News -LME Lent Meal 6pm Worship 7pm	13 Revelation Bible Study 7pm	14	15 Church Clean-up & Work Day
16 Lent 2 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm-Lutheran Men	17 Prayer Shawl 9am	18	19 Bible Study 10am Good News -LME Lent Meal 6pm Worship 7pm	20 Circle of Joy 6:30pm	21	22
23 Lent 3 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 5pm-Teens for Christ	24 Prayer Shawl 9am	25 GLASS - 6:30 pm	26 Bible Study 10am Good News -LME Lent Meal 6pm Worship 7pm	27 Happy Mountaineers 10am Revelation Bible Study 7pm	28	29
30 Lent 4 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship						

Bible Verse of the Month

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." – Isaiah 40:31

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Andy Bickley given by Audrey Caldwell, David & Joyce McCall, Faye Shealy. **In Memory of Gerald Shealy** given by Jim & Ann Sanders, Kathy Malarkey, Jerry & Annette Shealy, Maxton & Bobbie King, Brenda Bodie, Judy Shealy, Frank & Lin Lake, Heyward & Brenda Counts.

In Memory of Nancy Webb given by Faye Shealy.

In Memory of John Grooms given by Larry & Renae Grooms.

In **Memory of Edward Page** given by Audrey Caldwell, Kathy Boland, Jerry & Annette Shealy.

Worship & Music Committee

In Memory of Gerald Shealy given by Sebrena Matthews.

Preschool

In Memory of Billy George given by Charles & Cindy Frick.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Prayer Concerns

Family of Fred Cumalander, Faye Shealy, Kaye Shealy, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Hannah Drafts, Al Asbill (Brother of Alice Martinez), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, Jonell Shealy. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

White Oak of Newberry Jean Alewine Sylvia Taylor

Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness? Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them. Disciples of Christ Pastor Parish Office Administrator Director of Music Ministries Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity Rev. Randy Drafts Mrs. Marie Shealy Mr. Brett Lindler Mrs. Lib Boland Mrs. Donna Fulmer Mr. Brett Lindler Mr. Ted Arnold

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