

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

## We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Council Installation

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* WOV Hymn 690

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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\*Apostolic Greeting

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\*Kyrie

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\*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...*

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\*Prayer of the Day

### P. Let us pray together.

C. Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

## God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

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The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1-11

\*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...*

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\*The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

\*The Gospel Response

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(We Sit)

The Children's Sermon: *All of God's little Children are asked to come forward for a special message just for them!*

*The Congregation is invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.*

The Sermon "Free to Live"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *God Whose Almighty Word* Hymn 400  
\*The Nicene Creed page 64  
\*The Prayers  
\*The Peace  
(We Sit)

## We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

*A Baptism Carol*

Choir

The Anthem

*Let the vineyards...*

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\*The Offertory Hymn

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\*The Offertory Prayer

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\*The Eucharistic Prayer

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\*The Lord's Prayer

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*Lamb of God*

**Communion:** *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

*We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.*

\*Post Communion Blessing

*Thank the Lord...*

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\*Post Communion Canticle

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\*Post Communion Prayer

## God Sends Us Into The World

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\*Sending Song

*Let All Things Now Living*

Hymn 557

\*Sending and Charge

Hymn 564

\*Doxology

**Before Worship: Speak to the Lord**

**During Worship: Let the Lord speak to you**

**After Worship: Speak to each other**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God*

*by Ben & Kari Hayes*

**Welcome to worship today.** We especially extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. We are strengthened by your presence and hope that you will worship with us again soon. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Offering envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are located outside of the Nursery. Please pick up yours and your families.

**DIRECTORY & YEARBOOK TIME...** Committee Chairs and Council Liaisons...Please be courteous and have all end of the year reports by Ministry Committees completed and turned into the office ASAP.

Please join us for **Card Night**, Thursday, Feb. 5th, @ 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and we'll have dinner together!!

## Volunteers Needed at GAAP in January

Holy Trinity provides volunteers to work at the GAAP food pantry when a month has 5 Saturdays in it. There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The pantry is located at the O'Neal St United Methodist Church, 501 O'Neal St, Newberry, SC. Volunteer hours on Saturdays are 9:45am until 12 noon. If you are willing to volunteer **January 31st**, please let Danny Newton know as soon as possible at 843-810-5821 or [438dwnewton@gmail.com](mailto:438dwnewton@gmail.com).

Prayers: Jackson Shealy (Member of the Screaming Eagles), Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Emily Clements, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), David Mitchum (Friend of Randell Drafts), Kenny Chapman, Boyd Fulmer, Travis Spires, Jimmy Sanders, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), Becky Boland, David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. If you would like to include someone on our weekly prayer list, please call Pastor Randy at (803) 537-2303. Unless otherwise notified of a need, members will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.

**First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

**Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son;<sup>[a]</sup> with you I am well pleased.”

The voice of the Father from heaven brings fear and trembling, but also the assurance that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. The Son speaks and acts in the world, pointing the way to a new life lived in the fullness of the presence of God. Through the waters of Baptism each of us are called God's “beloved” and sent out into the world God loves to proclaim the holy reign of God.

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*“Preaching, Teaching and Serving  
in Christ’s Name”*

## SERVING TODAY, January 11, 2025

Acolyte:	Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer:	Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder:	Barrett Havird
Lector:	Danny Newton
Greeters:	Daniel & Ashley Boland
Nursery:	Ritchie Koon, Karen Winn
Altar Guild:	Karen Winn, Connie Frick
Communion:	Holly Havird, Peyton Boland
Flowers:	Ben & Kari Hayes
Usher Chair:	Bill Loadholdt
Elevator:	Rod Steffy
Ushers:	Christopher Corley, Rodger Winn
TLC On-Call Team:	Frank & Lin Lake
Cleaning Team:	Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Golf Cart:	Johnny Cumalander

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 18, 2025

Acolyte:	Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer:	Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder:	Hudson Long
Lector:	Ann Sanders
Greeters:	Greg & Rudell Murray
Nursery:	Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild:	Karen Winn, Connie Frick
Flowers:	Curtis & Peyton Boland
Usher Chair:	Bill Loadholdt
Elevator:	Cameron Kaihara
Ushers:	Andy Chapman, Braxton Rodgers
TLC On-Call Team:	Frank & Lin Lake
Cleaning Team:	Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Golf Cart:	Kevin Shealy

*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance January 4: Worship: 154 Sunday School: 48

### Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,310.00
Difference	+	\$ 700.00

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

January 11, 2026

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today!  
We pray that Christ will touch you with His love so you may be empowered  
to be His witnesses in the world. Please join us throughout the week for  
worship, Bible study, community outreach and fellowship in Christ Jesus.*

## What's Happening This Week at Holy Trinity

### Sunday, January 11th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

### Monday, January 12th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 13th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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### Wednesday, January 14th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, January 15th

Youth Choir	6:30 p.m.
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 18th

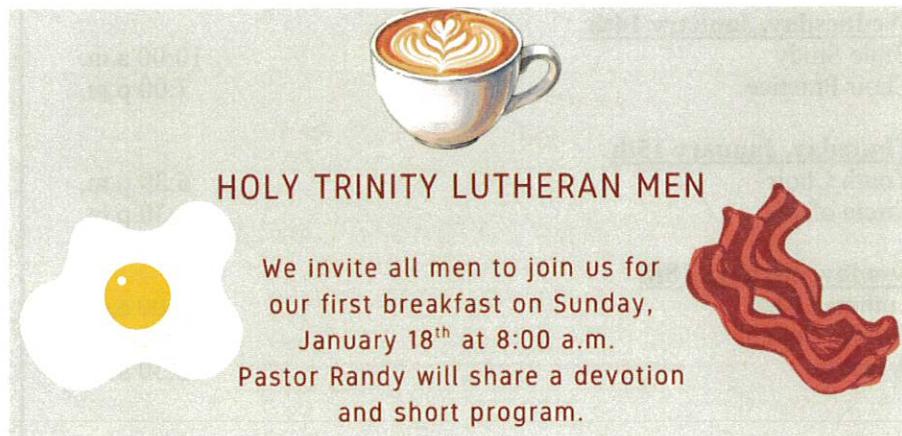
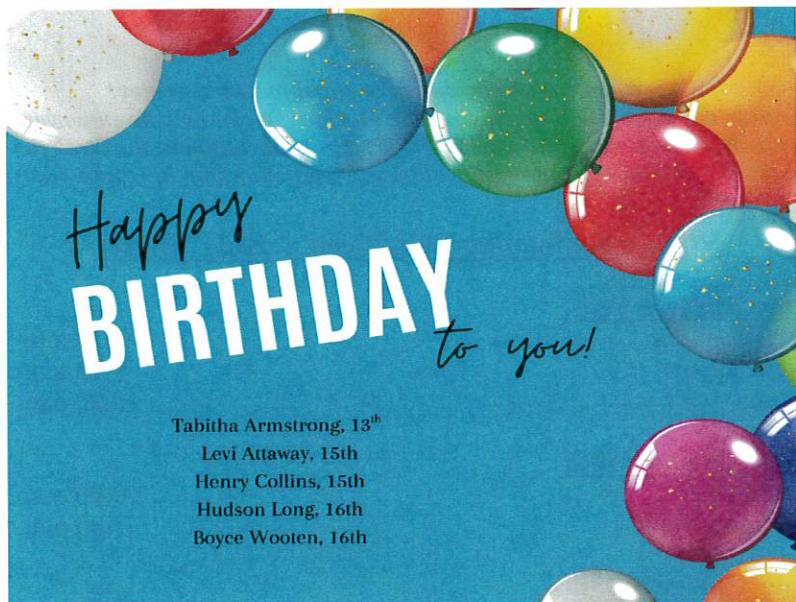
Lutheran Men	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

# Shealy's BBQ

The youth group of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is now selling tickets for Shealy's barbecue plates. A \$15.00 ticket gets you a plate of BBQ pork, Fried Chicken, Rice, Hash, String Beans, Corn, and a Roll. If you're interested, please reach out to any member of the youth or anyone involved with the youth. The plates can be picked up on:

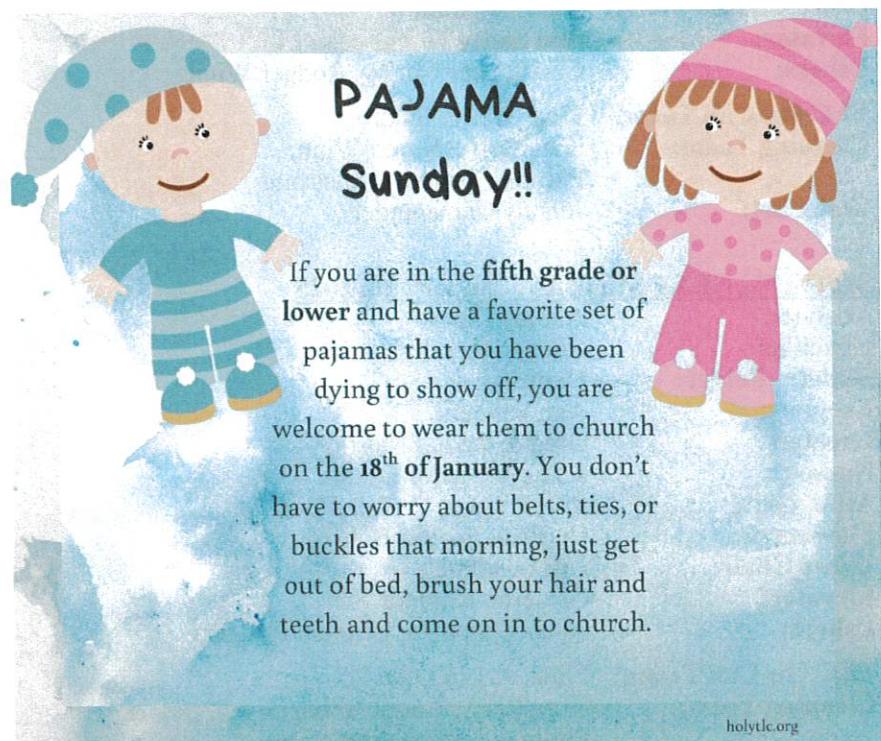
Jan. 30th, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC, 29075, from 5PM to 7PM.

(803)-944-3676 for help getting tickets.



## Happy Mountaineers

Happy Mountaineers WILL MEET Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, 10 AM in TLC. ALL members and any other senior adults who'd like to visit with us are encouraged to attend. Our program will be "Show & Tell" so plan to bring an item special to you to show and tell us about it. We've done this before and it was very interesting. Any questions, just ask Mary Spires. LUNCH: To be decided DEVOTIONS: Mary Spires



My family and I would like to thank the congregation and the council for your very generous Christmas gift! All of the extra cards, surcees, baked goods, gifts, and the special Christmas love offering were above and beyond - making us feel so very loved. We look forward to serving alongside of you again in 2026. Many blessings to each of you! ~Pastor Randy