

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 page 77
 *Apostolic Greeting page 78
 *Kyrrie page 78
 *Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 81
 *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Heavenly Father, bring to your children, born of water and the Spirit, that righteousness which can only come through your Son, Jesus. Having been overwhelmed by grace, help us to see ourselves and others as beloved ones created in your image; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29 see bulletin
 The Second Lesson Romans 6:1-11
 *The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83
 *The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-22
 *The Gospel Response page 83
(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 *Come, Gracious Spirit...* Hymn 475
 New Member Reception page 198
 *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering
 The Anthem *A Baptism Carol* Choir
 *The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 86
 *The Offertory Prayer page 87
 *The Great Thanksgiving page 88
 *The Eucharistic Prayer page 90
 *The Lord's Prayer page 91
Lamb of God page 92

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.

The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns during Communion: LBW 194, 200, 203.

*Post Communion Blessing
 *Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 92
 *Post Communion Prayer page 94

God Sends Us Into The World

*Blessing page 97
 *Sending Song *Lord, Speak to Us...* Hymn 403
 *Sending and Charge
 *Doxology Hymn 564

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 and in honor of Elizabeth's birthday by James & Gail Sligh

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.

This morning we receive Josie Frick into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family, Josie!

Congratulations to Cam and Morgan Kaihara on the healthy birth of their daughter, Greyson Keiko Kaihara, on December 23, 2024. She was 7 lbs, 8 ozs and 19.5 inches long.

Rex Woolbright will no longer be doing altar flowers. He wanted to thank you all for your continued support over the years.

Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the library. Please pick up yours and your families.

Yearbook Report Deadline is Wednesday, January 15th. Thanks for your help!

Anyone graduating high school this year, please notify Ann Sanders or Shannon Corley.

Prayers: 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, Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, Gerald & Jonell Shealy. *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 43:1-7

¹Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29 (ESV)

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**
³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
⁴ **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

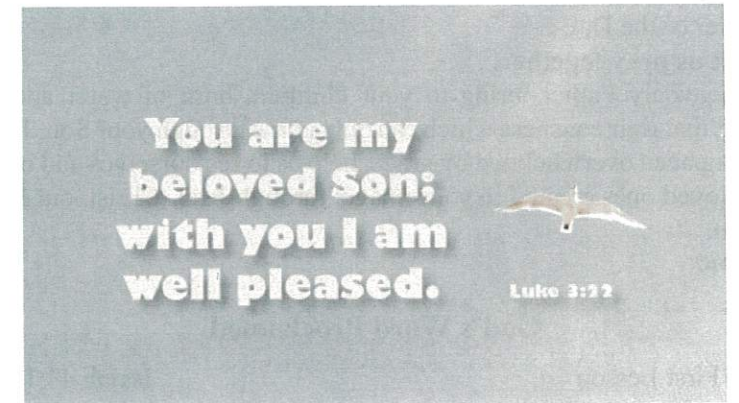
Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The voice of the Lord is heard amongst God's people, signaling his desire for those whom he loves. No matter the situation we find ourselves in, the Lord goes before us and walks with us through darkness, fire, storms, and trouble. At Jesus' Baptism his identity was confirmed through the sound of God's voice ringing in the heavens, "This is my Son!" When we hear the voice of God it calls us to attention.

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

SERVING TODAY, January 12, 2024

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Daniel Boland
Greeters: Artie & Melisa Livingston
Nursery: Amber Koon, Christie Allison
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Communion: Jackie & Mike Riddle
Flowers: Gail & James Sligh
Usher Chair: Maxton King
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Mike Riddle, TBA

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 19, 2025

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Eva Kednocker
Lector: Philip Armstrong
Greeters: Robby & Angel Hentz
Nursery: Glenda Hentz, Melissa & Eva Kednocker
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Maxton King
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

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

Attendance January 5: Worship: 176 Sunday School: 48

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,919.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,388.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

January 12, 2025

*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 12th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Youth Parent Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Teens for Christ	5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 13th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, January 14th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 15th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
YEARBOOK DEADLINE	

Sunday, January 19th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are looking for members to join our cleaning teams for 2025. These 4 teams rotate throughout the year and are responsible for cleaning the parish building, bathrooms, sanctuary, and hauling away weekly trash. With 4 teams, it means that each team serves 3 months per year. We have had several folks ask to come off of their team after many years of service and we are looking to rebuild! Please contact the church office or let Pastor Randy know if you would be interested in serving as part of a cleaning team.

**A VISION MEETING WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th from 10:30am – 1:00pm**

You are invited to join us on as we assess God’s vision for Holy Trinity. During our time together, we will look at our mission as a church, where God is calling us to go, and what ministries fit that vision. We plan to conclude by 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please sign the slip below to indicate how many from your family will be attending. This will help us better plan for the meal. Please see Pastor Randy with any questions.

_____ Name

_____ # Attending

