

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Word of God Come Down...* WOV Hymn 716

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

\*Apostolic Greeting page 78

\*Kyrie page 78

\*Hymn of Praise page 79

\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

**C.** Merciful Father, you have given us the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may study, learn, and meditate upon your word as we follow the way of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in his most holy name that we pray. **Amen.**

*(We Sit)*

## God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19:7-14 page 223-224

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

\*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83

\*The Holy Gospel Luke 4:20-30

\*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 "The Body of Christ"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day

*He Leadeth Me*

Hymn 501

\*The Apostles' Creed

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\*The Prayers

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*The Peace

*(We Sit)*

## We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem:

*We Are One*

Choir

\*The Offertory Hymn

*Create in Me*

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\*The Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## God Sends Us Into The World

\*Blessing

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\*Sending Song *The Church's One Foundation*

Hymn 369

\*Sending and Charge

\*Doxology

Hymn 564

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***Before Worship: Speak to the Lord***  
***During Worship: Let the Lord speak to you***  
***After Worship: Speak to each other***

**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. Please sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Janis Berley  
By Don Berley*

**Congratulations to BJ & Kayla Collins** on the healthy birth of their son, Henry Brett Collins, III, on January 15, 2025. He was 8 lbs 9 oz and 20.5 inches long.

**Yearbooks are available outside the nursery. Please pick up one per family.**

**SHELTER IN NEWBERRY** - What a response we had for items for the shelter at O'Neal Street Methodist in 24 hours!!! We had 3 cars packed full of blankets, pillows, socks, gloves, cakes and other food items. We also gave them \$500 to help with food or other needed items for this week. The shelter was already open Monday when we took our donations. We are truly blessed to have such a caring congregation. Thanks to all of you for supporting this need for our community.

Happy Mountaineers will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 27th. Be sure to check the weekly bulletin for further details.

Prayers: Family of Gerald 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, 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, 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: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**Psalm 19:7-14**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many

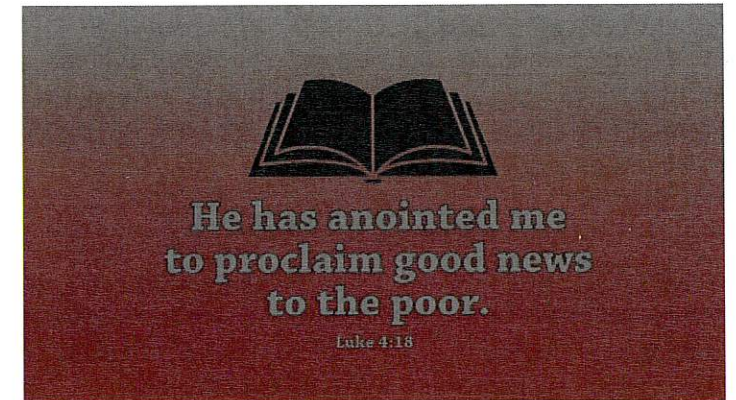
parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**Gospel: Luke 4:20-30**

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

**SERVING TODAY, January 26, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Barrett Havird  
**Crucifer:** Tanner Shell  
**Bulletin Folder:** Keaton Lindler  
**Lector:** Cindy Frick  
**Greeters:** James & Debra Wieters  
**Nursery:** Sheri Wicker, Emily Wooten  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Flowers:** Don Berley  
**Usher Chair:** Maxton King  
**Elevator:** Cameron Kaihara  
**Ushers:** David Rodgers, Dell Lever

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, February 2, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Eva Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Tanner Shell  
**Lector:** Eli Kednocker  
**Greeters:** Phillip & Christie Allison  
**Nursery:** Erica Carter, Crystal Crouch, Joanie Billingsley  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Flowers:** Carmen Boland  
**Usher Chair:** Darin Boland  
**Elevator:** Scott Kednocker  
**Ushers:** Stuart Dalton, Mike Riddle

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

Attendance January 19: Worship: 151 Sunday School: 50

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	6,499.00
Difference	-	\$ 111.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

January 26, 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 26th**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 27th**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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**Tuesday, January 28th**

Worship & Music	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday, January 29th**

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

**Thursday, January 30th**

Stewardship Finance	6:30 p.m.
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**Sunday, February 2nd**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.



