

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

We Prepare for Worship

- Silence and meditation
- Prelude
- Welcome and Announcements
 (* Please stand as able)
- *Gathering Hymn *Brightest and Best of the Stars...* Hymn 84
- *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56
- *Apostolic Greeting page 57
- *Kyrie page 57
- *Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 58
- *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Merciful God, grant us courage and compassion to bear your life-giving word of grace to a world in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

- The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111 see bulletin
- The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- *The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62
- *The Holy Gospel Mark 1:21-28
- *The Gospel Response page 63
(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 "Who Do You See?" Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day *Songs of Thankfulness...* Hymn 90
 New Member Reception page 198
- *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
- The Anthem: *Alleluia, Praise the Lord* Choir
- *The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* page 75
- *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 page 76
- *Sending Song *God Himself Is Present* Hymn 249
- *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

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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Steven Massingale, Cal and John Boland by Lib Boland and Travis & Mary Spires

This morning we receive Scott and Cheri Bell into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family, Scott & Cheri Bell!

Stewardship Minute

"When the church becomes an institution, people are nothing more than volunteers to be recruited. When the church is a movement, our stewardship becomes the unleashing of our God-given gifts, talents, and passions." - Erwin McManus

Happy Mountaineers WILL MEET Thursday, Jan. 25, 10 AM, in TLC. Program plans will be announced later but mark calendars now to attend. All members and any newcomers are welcomed to attend. PLEASE BRING A PAIR OF SCISSORS TO USE IN A SPECIAL PROJECT! DEVOTIONS: Lucy Peters MEAL: will be furnished.

Teens for Christ Update

Calling ALL Youth!!! There are lots of exciting ways for our Teens for Christ to be involved and serve in the coming months. We have a regular meeting on January 28th at 5:30pm - bring a friend! We also need your help with the Super Bowl Luncheon on February 11th and our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 13th.

Additionally: Thanks to Artie and Melisa Livingston for their leadership over the past few years and the wonderful job they have done! They have handed the reins over to our new youth leaders, Ashley Ballentine and Melissa Kednocker, who we thank for spearheading our program and organizing our most recent outings and gatherings. And we must also thank all of our parents for their support in making this ministry possible!! Please contact our new youth leaders if you have questions or if your child is interested in being a part of Teens for Christ.

Prayers: Donna Fulmer, Terecia Wilson, Barry Derrick (Brother of Clair Wicker), Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson). *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.*

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are the deeds | of the LORD!***

They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;***
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works***
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,***
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant
forever;*

holy and awesome | is his Name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;***
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his
praise en- | dures forever.

¹⁴**Steadfast love is | yours, O LORD,***
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

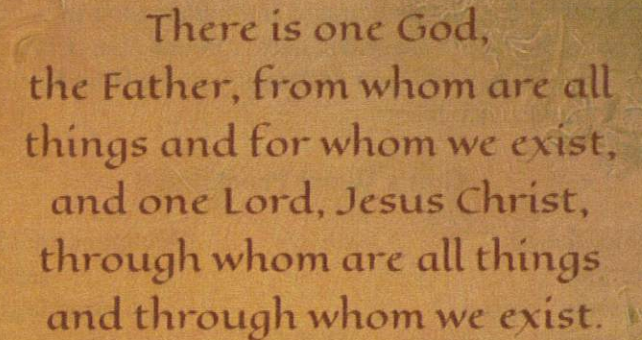
¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

²¹{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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There is one God,
the Father, from whom are all
things and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom are all things
and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:6

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

SERVING TODAY, January 28, 2024

Acolyte: Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Margaret Livingston
Lector: Ted Arnold
Greeters: Karen & Rodger Winn
Nursery: Lauren Armstrong, Paula Frick
Altar Guild: Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Mary Spires & Lib Boland
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Daniel Boland, Chad Weaver

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, February 4, 2024

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Margaret Livingston
Bulletin Folder: Blake Ballentine
Lector: Scout Member
Greeters: Jeremy & Jessica Lindler
Nursery: Christie Allison, Ashley Boland
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Communion: Phillip Allison, Ted Arnold
Flowers: Faye Shealy
Usher Chair: Steve Bush
Elevator: Daniel Williams
Ushers: Philip Armstrong, Ritchie Koon

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

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	3,815.00
Difference	-	\$ 2,716.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

January 28, 2024

*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 28th

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

Monday, January 29th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, January 31st

Leviticus Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts Pack 111	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1st

Card Night	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, February 4th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion / Scout Sunday	10:30 a.m.



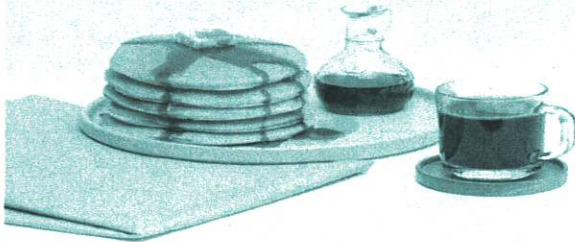
Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



*Ash
Wednesday
Worship*

February 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. – TLC

7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Mid-week Lenten Services 2024 Theme: *Baptized: Marked for Living*

This year during our mid-week Lenten worship, are going to explore the question: what does it mean to live out our baptism in the world today?

For Christians, our way of life has at its foundation God's saving action in baptism. All that we are, and all that we do, grows out of His love given to us in baptism. During Lent, we will reflect upon who we are as God's children in baptism, and how we are to live as people forever marked with the cross of Christ. We will also be reminded that, in a world filled with pain, suffering, and uncertainty, God calls His baptized children to bring the message of hope, mercy, and grace into the lives of everyone around us. This is our ministry as baptized persons—as persons marked for living!

Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn more.

Schedule:

February 21 – Claimed

February 28 – Named

March 6 – Clothed

March 13 – Enlightened

March 20 – Appointed

Meal—6:00 p.m.

Worship—7:00 p.m.

May God's blessings be upon you, your families, and our community this Lenten season and beyond.

In Christ,

P. Rudy

Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation. The month of February, we will meet February 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. 1:3 *"Blessed is the one who reads about the words of this prophecy & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is written in it because the time is near."*

We look forward to seeing you there!



Souper Bowl Luncheon

Holy Trinity's TEENS FOR CHRIST

Invite you to our annual
SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON

February 11th in the TLC following worship

Donations will be taken to support a local ministry of the youth's choosing

The congregation is invited and encouraged to bring a soup or chili, sandwiches (grilled cheese or pb&j), crackers, or a dessert.

Please indicate what you will bring on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

This will help us ensure we have enough food for all!

Thanks for your support!!!



THE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN MEN
INVITE YOU TO THE 2024

Ladies Appreciation Dinner

February 17, 2024 at 6:30p.m.

Catered by: 3rd Generation Catering &
Family Restaurant, Johnston

Entertainment: Pastor Ronnie Brown

**PLEASE SEE LUTHERAN MEN OR
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
FOR A TICKET BY FEBRUARY 11
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.
MEAL COST \$20.**

What is a disciple?

Who are disciples?

Disciple

Discipleship

Disciple-making

What is discipleship?

How can I be a disciple?

Who are disciples? What is a disciple? Do you consider yourself a disciple? How have you answered these questions?

We have all been commissioned to make disciples! Jesus left the disciples with these last words of instruction – Matthew 28:18, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the end of the age.”

We are to go – whether it is next door or 1,000 miles away – and make disciples. IT IS NOT an option! This was a command to all who are believers in Christ. We are not all evangelists but we all have certain gifts that we can use to help fulfill this GREAT COMMISSION. WE ARE ALL DISCIPLES! If you believe in Jesus, you are a disciple!

A disciple is as a person who has decided that following Jesus takes precedence over everything else! A disciple looks and acts like the one he or she follows. A disciple intentionally chooses Christ and His will over their own, even at their own personal expense.

Being a disciple costs – it costs in the way we choose to spend our time, talents, and treasures for God and His glory rather than our own. The goal of a disciple is to have a transformed life and to replicate God’s kingdom values in the lives of others. Just coming to church every Sunday is not enough. We are called to serve others. We have to be accountable and responsible in our actions to be a disciple. It doesn’t just happen by sitting or reading. We have to intentionally look around us. Our neighborhood, work place, grocery line, and even our church is our mission field.

What can you do to serve others? The church? The community?

Stay tuned for further excerpts about discipling, discipleship, and disciple-making!