

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

2nd Sunday after Christmas

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* Hymn 231

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 81

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Steadfast God, your will for all creation has been revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that, having been shown your glory and received your grace, we may also be obedient to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson 1 Kings 3:4-15

Psalms 119:97-104 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52

*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 "It's What He Does" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Take My Life, That I May Be* Hymn 406

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem

*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 41, 42, 40.

*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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymn 526

*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
by Will & Catherine Attaway*

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.

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 as soon as possible.

Faith Circle will meet at 2:00 p.m. on January 7th in Trinity Life Center. Lucy Peters is leader and hostess.

The **List to Serve Bereaved Families** will be updated for 2025. Anyone wishing to be deleted from the list is asked to notify the church office by January 5, 2025. New members will automatically be included on the list unless the office is notified not to include them. If you have previously requested to be deleted, calling again is not necessary.

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

Prayers: Kaye Shealy, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Travis Spires, 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.*

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king {Solomon} went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

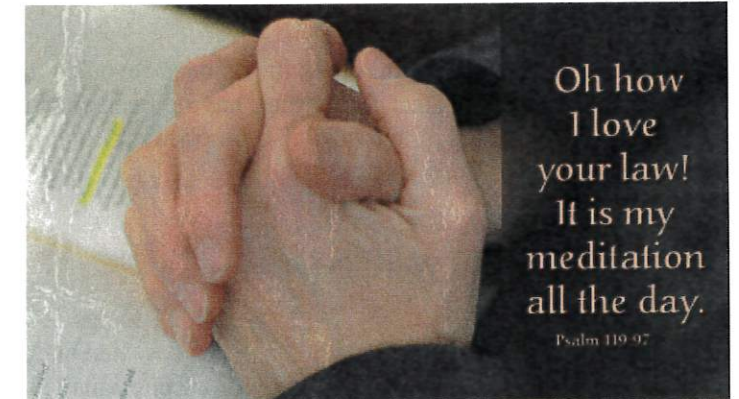
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

SERVING TODAY, January 5, 2024

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Tanner Shell
Greeters: TBA
Nursery: Ashley Boland, Paula Frick
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Communion: Phillip Allison, Ted Arnold
Flowers: Will & Catherine Attaway
Usher Chair: Maxton King
Elevator: Daniel Williams
Ushers: Ritchie Koon, Dean Rodgers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 12, 2025

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: Daniel Williams
Ushers: Ritchie Koon, Dean Rodgers

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

Attendance Christmas Eve: Worship: 211

Attendance December 29: Worship: 83 Sunday School: 21

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	4,074.00
Difference	-	\$ 2,457.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

January 5, 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 5th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
All Committee Gathering	

Monday, January 6th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, January 7th

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 8th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, January 9th

Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, January 12th

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

All Committee Gathering

Following Worship on Sunday, January 5th, everyone is invited to the “All Committee Gathering” in the Trinity Life Center. Lunch will be served. After lunch, our committees (listed below) will meet to elect chairpersons, review responsibilities, and plan for 2025. Even if you are not part of a committee in 2025, we welcome your presence. It is a great opportunity for you to sit in on a committee that interests you and learn more about how they serve throughout the year.

Executive

Bill Loadholdt – Council President
Carter Lake – Council Vice President
Chris Crouch – Secretary
Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer

Cemetery

Charles Frick – Cemetery Manager
Sheri Wicker – Treasurer
Billy Caldwell – Assistant Treasurer
Kelvin Chapman
Marty Frick
Curtis Hardy
Mark Kibler
James Sligh
Robbie Wicker
*Ted Arnold

Christian Education

Amy Collins
Holly Havird
Melissa Kednocker
Brittany Frick
Melisa Livingston
*Chris Crouch
*Carter Lake
*Julie Haltiwanger

Church Property & Grounds

Curtis Boland
Darin Boland
David Bush
Daniel Curtis
Frank Lake
Cameron Kaihara
Maxton King
Marty Frick
*Britton Havird
*Bill Loadholdt
*Bob Peters
Allen Williams

Preschool

Amber Koon – Preschool Director
Ashley Boland
Hannah Drafts
Cindy Frick
Jenna Lake
Kaye Shealy
Sheri Wicker
*Philip Armstrong

Social Ministry

Emily Clements
Crystal Crouch
Betty Cumalander
Diane Hardy
Janet Kibler
Ritchie Koon
Charles Shealy
Kim Steffy
*Helen Koon
*Danny Newton

Stewardship/Finance

Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer
Barbie Rodgers – Assistant Treasurer
Phillip Allison
Bobby Chapman
Rod Steffy
James Wieters
*Tony Shell

Worship & Music

Brett Lindler – Director of Music
Ministries
Lauren Armstrong
Bobby Chapman
Cindy Frick
Donna Fulmer
Maxton King
*Joe Boland

* indicates Council Liaison