

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

Baptism of Our Lord

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* *Please stand as able*)

*Gathering Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons...* WOV Hymn 697

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

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*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 60

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Heavenly Father, through our own baptism you call us your children and draw us into abundant and eternal life through Jesus. May the Spirit grant us rebirth and daily transform us into those who reveal your love to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5

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The Second Lesson Romans 6:1-11

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62

*The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

*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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "Set Free, How Will You Live?"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *When Jesus Came...* WOV Hymn 647

*The Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem *Baptism Carol*

*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 66

*The Offertory Prayer page 67

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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.

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*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 72

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*Sending Song *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymn 87

*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 Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of our loved ones*

by Audrey Caldwell

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. DEVOTIONS: Lucy Peters MEAL: to be announced

Prayers: Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Dan & Becky McGlohorn (Friends of Brittany Frick), Diane Hardy, Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Kyle Page, Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), 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.*

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his Name;***
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory
thunders;*
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;***
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
⁶**He makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,***
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD
| shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe***
and strips the | forests bare.
⁹And in the temple | of the LORD*
all are | crying, “Glory!”
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;***
the LORD sits enthroned as | King forevermore.
¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of 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: Mark 1:4-11

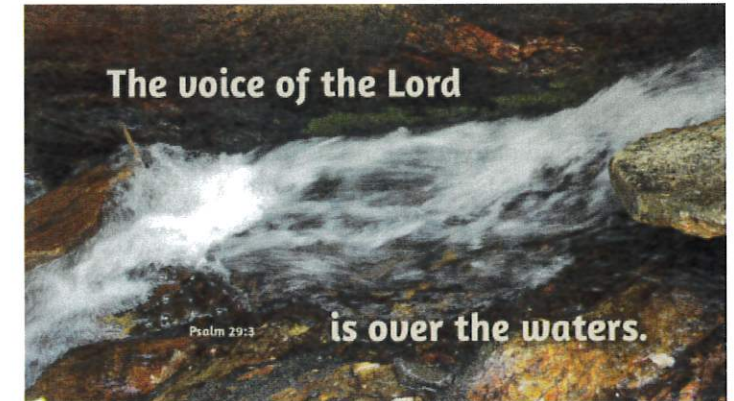
⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

At the Baptism of Jesus a new era began for God’s people. Through the waters of Baptism, new life is granted. We who are washed in the waters are drowned to our old selves and raised to new life in Him. This is one of the few places in Scripture where we see the entirety of the Trinity revealed simultaneously: the Father speaks, the Son is baptized, and the Spirit appears as a dove.

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

SERVING TODAY, January 7, 2024

Acolyte: Ava Kate Weaver
Crucifer: TBA
Bulletin Folder: Tanner Shell
Lector: Kaylee Hentz
Greeters: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Nursery: Amy Collins, Dana Dorroh
Altar Guild: Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Communion: Charles & Kaye Shealy
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Carter Lake, Rod Steffy

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

Acolyte: Ava Kate Weaver
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Bryson Aull
Lector: Judy Bedenbaugh
Greeters: Carter, Jenna, & Taylor Lake
Nursery: Julie & Emily Haltiwanger
Altar Guild: Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Gail, James, & Elizabeth Sligh
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Carter Lake, Rod Steffy

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

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 6,688.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

January 7, 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 7th

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

Monday, January 8th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.
Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10th

Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 11th

Revelation Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14th

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

**Congregational Appreciation and
All Committee Gathering**

Following worship, **TODAY**, all members of Holy Trinity are invited to attend the “Congregational Appreciation and All Committee Gathering” in the Trinity Life Center. At this gathering, lunch will be served for the entire congregation as a thank you for your dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ. After lunch, our 2024 committees will meet to elect chairpersons, review responsibilities, and plan for 2024.

**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.

Morning Bible Study: LEVITICUS

Wednesday mornings at 10:00a.m. in classroom next to the church office.
All are welcome!!

Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation. The month of January, we will meet January 11th & 25th 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!



**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!

*Happy
New Year*

The text "Happy New Year" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. It is surrounded by decorative elements including several small, four-pointed stars and a single, larger, textured balloon.