

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 19th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude *The Presence of Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*~ Hymn 482

*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. Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism you have joined us to Christ and given us a share of his inheritance. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that we might live in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-18 page 252

The Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

*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 "Life in the Kingdom" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day The Church of Christ... Hymn 433

*The Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *O Jesus Loves* Choir page 75

*The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me*

*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 *Go, My Children, ...*~ WOV Hymn 721

*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, in memory of Brett Collins, and in celebration of Collins' 1st Birthday
By Amy Collins

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Stewardship Minute

"When I die, if I leave behind me ten pounds ... you and all mankind [may] bear witness against me, that I have lived and died a thief and a robber." — John Wesley

Pastor Randy will be out of the church office for vacation this week (October 9th-15th). Thanks in advance to the Lutheran Men for leading worship and to Kyle Page for preaching in his absence next Sunday.

If you have a church related function where you need certain condiments such as ketchup, honey mustard, ect., please check the pantry before buying and use it **FIRST**. We would like to cut down on waste. If you have a function that you need items for and do not want them used, please LABEL them.

Please pickup any dishes you may have from the kitchen.

Bulletin & Herald Deadlines...

I kindly ask that anything that needs to be printed in the bulletin, please be sent to me by Wednesday morning. This allows time for the bulletin to be proofed for printing. The herald deadlines will be printed on the calendar on the bulletin insert each month.

Thanks for your help. Marie

Prayers: Kyle Page, Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Robert Wicker, 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, Amy Wicker (sister-in-law of Kevin E. Shealy), Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson), Bob Whitlatch. *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.*

(~) Denotes a hymn that was recommended through the recent Congregational Hymn Survey.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Psalm 80:7-18***Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,} “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

When it comes to righteousness, Paul says, “I win the medal!” When it comes to following the law to the letter, again he says, “I get the prize!” But now his life is in Christ who showed the apostle the worthlessness of his labors. Paul confesses his zeal for the law and says that whatever he gained by that, he now counts as loss. The only gain we can rejoice in is the love and mercy of Jesus, our Savior.

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

SERVING TODAY, October 8, 2023

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Bryson Aull
Lector: Bill Loadholdt
Greeters: Boyd & Dianne Fulmer
Nursery: Sheri Wicker, Wanda Havird
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Amy Collins
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Mark Kibler, Cameron Kaihara

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, October 15, 2023

Acolyte: Eli Kednocker
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Troy Hentz
Lector: Robert Edwards
Greeters: David & Pam Bush
Nursery: Wendy Shealy, Caitlin Attaway
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Phillip & Christie Allison
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Mark Kibler, Cameron Kaihara

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 2023	\$	5,739.71
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,747.00
Difference	+	\$ 7.29

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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, October 8th

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

Monday, October 9th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 11th

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

Thursday, October 12th

Evening Bible Study: Revelation 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15th

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

Lutheran Men Fish Fry



October 21, 2023 5 to 7 pm

Local catch with french fries, hush puppies, and cole slaw
Proceeds to LM Mission Ministries
\$10 per plate donation, eat in or take out



Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation beginning October 12th & October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor A study guide will be given and it will be a fun night of learning & fellowship.

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!



Morning Bible Study: EXODUS

Wednesday, October 11th at 10:00a.m.
classroom next to the church office.

All are welcome!!



BAZAAR—NOVEMBER 4, 2023

It's that time so start getting your items ready for the bazaar. We will have a craft sale including wooden, iron, crocheted and handmade items. We will also have a "white elephant" sale including good condition and clean yard sale items, furniture, and books. We will be selling chances for a beautiful crocheted afghan and quilt made by our Prayer Shawl Group. Start making all those handmade items, canned jellies and vegetables. Also available will be homemade sausage, baked and canned goods, soups, chicken salad and pimento cheese spreads and chicken casseroles.

Mark this date on your calendar and join us for a delicious sausage biscuit for breakfast and do lots of your Christmas shopping. Time for bazaar is 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If you have suggestions for the bazaar, please speak with Ann Sanders or Lin Lake! Proceeds from the bazaar will go towards new flooring in Parish Building.

Mark Your Calendars!



Homecoming Sunday will be November 19th! We are happy to welcome Pastor John Pless as our guest preacher that day. Following worship we will enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship. More information to come!!



VOLUNTEERS FOR BAZAAR

If you would be willing to help in any way with the bazaar, please let us know. Craft items, clean and good condition thrift store items including books and furniture should be in TLC no later than Friday morning. Food items can be brought on Friday or early Saturday morning. Please call Ann Sanders at 803-537-7791 or Lin Lake at 803-360-0919. Please drop in offering plate by Sunday, October 29th.

_____ Help set up for bazaar on Friday, November 3rd starting at 9:00 a.m.

_____ Donate homemade baked goods

_____ Donate homemade soup

_____ Donate homemade chicken salad or pimento cheese spread

_____ Donate some homegrown canned goods (jellies, vegetables, pickles, etc.)

_____ Make craft items

_____ Donate clean & good condition yard sale items (including furniture and books)

_____ Help at bazaar on Saturday morning November 4th.

_____ Name

_____ Telephone #

SAUSAGE AT BAZAAR

Place your order for Pork Sausage in advance by filling out the form below and returning it in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, October 29th. Sausage can be picked up at Bazaar on November 4th. **Payment can be made when you pick up the sausage. Price is \$4.50 per pound.**

YOUR NAME _____

Pounds (regular, with onion) _____

Pounds (regular, without onion) _____

Pounds (spicy, with onion) _____

Pounds (spicy, without onion) _____

