

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

18th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude *Name of Jesus Medley*

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of First Communicants

(* *Please stand as able*)

*Gathering Hymn *At the Name of Jesus~* Hymn 179

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrie page 57

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

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Heavenly Father, called to do your will we often respond with enthusiasm, yet fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may follow you in the way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-10 page 226

The Second Lesson Philippians 2:1-18

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

*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 "Don't Be So Full of Yourself"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *O, That the Lord Would Guide...* Hymn 480

*The Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem *Faith to See a Miracle*

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

*The Offertory Prayer page 67

*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

*The Eucharistic Prayer page 70

*The Lord's Prayer page 71

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.

Lamb of God page 72

*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Post Communion Prayer page 74

God Sends Us Into The World

*Blessing page 74

*Sending Song *Strengthen for Service, Lord* Hymn 218

*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 Ray Alewine
by Jean Alewine*

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

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.

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

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: Robert Wicker, Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Allen Williams, 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.*

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD God; so turn, and live.”

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at

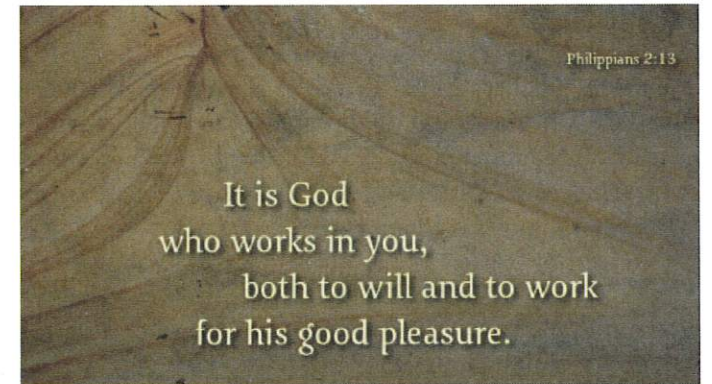
the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.] ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 [28-32]

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. [²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”]

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

SERVING TODAY, October 1, 2023

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Tanner Shell
Lector: Ava Kate Weaver
Greeters: Phillip & Christie Allison
Nursery: Robin Loadholdt, Karen & Natalie Winn
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Jean Alewine
Communion Assistant: Jeremy & Jessica Lindler
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Mark Kibler, Cameron Kaihara

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, October 8, 2023

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Bryson Aull
Lector: Betty Cumalander
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

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	\$	9,336.00
Difference	+	\$ 3,596.29

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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 1st

First Communion	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 2nd

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

Tuesday, October 3rd

Bazaar Committee & Volunteers in TLC	1:00 p.m.
Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4th

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

Thursday, October 5th

Card Night	6:00 p.m.
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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.

LIFE GROUP FOR MOMS!

Please join us for a
LIFE GROUP



2 OCTOBER
Starts at 6:30PM

Trinity Life Center
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
For more info, contact
Jillian Long (843) 708-4055
Hannah Drafts (803) 429-5272



LIFE GROUP



WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

More than a small group, Bible study, or time of fellowship, a life group is a Jesus-centered family on mission together. Holy Trinity's first life group is specifically for moms.

WHAT DO LIFE GROUPS DO?

Life groups do life together! They have regularly scheduled times of meeting each month to study God's word (called "group time"), fellowship & serve together - in addition to regular Sunday morning activities.



Evening Bible Study

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!

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



FALL BAZAAR

It's time to start getting your crafts and other items ready for the annual bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 4th.



Bible Study
Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00a.m.
in classroom next to the church office.

All are welcome!!



Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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!!

Holy Trinity T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Telephone Number/Email: _____

Please put the number of shirts for each size that you would like to order:

Youth

XS (Size 2-4): _____

S (Size 6-8): _____

M (Size 10-12): _____

L (Size 14-16): _____

Adult

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M: _____

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XL: _____

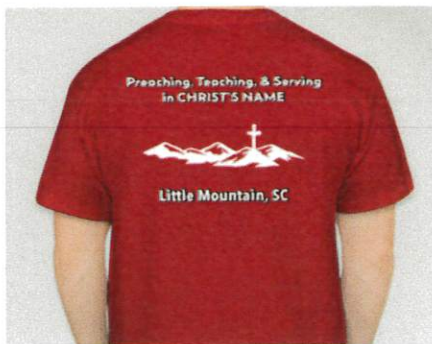
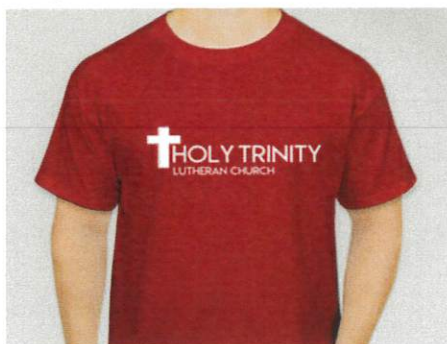
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Shirts are free to the congregation. However, donations are gladly welcomed. (Please make payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and indicate "t-shirt" in the memo line.)

Some have inquired about the cost of the shirts in order to make a donation. The cost is \$10 per shirt for sizes Youth XS to Adult XL; \$12 for Adult XXL; and \$14 for Adult XXXL.

Design for shirt:



Please return to the church office no later than October 22nd.

