

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude *Who Is on the Lord's Side?*

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Take My Life, That I May Be~ (V.1-6)* Hymn 406

\*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. Sovereign Lord, your reign extends across time and space. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(We Sit)*

**God's Word Proclaimed**

The First Lesson Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 page 261

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

\*The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

\*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 "Where Does Your Loyalty Lie?"  
 Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus~* Hymn 389

\*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: *Victory in Jesus* 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 *Onward, Christian Soldiers~* Hymn 509

\*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 memory of Josephine Cumalander for her birthday and in memory of Earl & Bunk Cumalander and Maxine & Henry King  
 By Maxton & Bobbie King*

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

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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*

**REMINDER: Holy Trinity T-Shirts: T-shirt Orders are due TODAY.**

**All parents of youth in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited** to a special meeting next Sunday, October 22nd at 4pm in the TLC. If you have questions, please contact Kim Crumpton at 803-924-4690.

**Calling all Bakers...** Anyone willing to donate baked goods to the youth for the Fall Festival on October 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Kim Crumpton at 803-924-4690.

**Your many acts of love and kindness have meant so much to us this week.** Please remember us in your prayers during this very sad time in our lives. Ann, Audrey & family.

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS will meet Thursday, October 26, 10 AM, in TLC. Following devotions and any business, Melinda Bush Sease will be guest speaker. Lunch will be soup and cornbread and will be provided. See Janet Fulmer if you'd like to contribute. All members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are always welcome!!  
 DEVOTIONS: Becky Chapman LUNCH: Soup, cornbread, etc.

Prayers: Family of Mary Nell Bowers, 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.*

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

**Psalm 96:1-13**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle {Jesus} in his words. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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Though King Cyrus of Persia did not know the God of Israel, God still used him to bring His people back into a covenant relationship. God can and will use foreign rulers to accomplish his will in the world. It does not matter that the person knows nothing of the Lord. All power and authority belong to the one who creates light and darkness, and he will care for his chosen ones by any means necessary.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



**SERVING TODAY, October 22, 2023**

**Acolyte:** Eli Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Margaret Livingston  
**Lector:** Betty Cumalander  
**Greeters:** The Havird Family  
**Nursery:** Caroline Attaway, Breanne Burns  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Flowers:** Maxton & Bobbie King  
**Usher Chair:** Charles Shealy  
**Elevator:** Darin Boland  
**Ushers:** Curtis Hardy, Ritchie Koon

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, October 29, 2023**

**Acolyte:** Kaylee Hentz  
**Crucifer:** Braxton Rodgers  
**Bulletin Folder:** Cooper Morales  
**Lector:** Caitlin Attaway  
**Greeters:** Edwin & Wanda Havird  
**Nursery:** Amy Collins, Dana Dorroh  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Communion:** Donna Fulmer & Janet Fulmer  
**Flowers:** Walt & Julie McLeod  
**Usher Chair:** Charles Shealy  
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*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	\$	4,623.00
Difference	\$	1,116.71

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

October 22, 2023

*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 22nd**

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

**Monday, October 23rd**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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**Tuesday, October 24th**

Stewardship/Finance	6:30 p.m.
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**Wednesday, October 25th**

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

**Thursday, October 26th**

Happy Mountaineers	10:00 a.m.
Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 28th**

Church Work Day	8:30 a.m.
Trunk or Treat	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 29th**

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

# TRUNK OR TREAT

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Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from  
5:30-7:30pm.

Candy donations are greatly appreciated.  
Please leave them in the Conference Room and mark them "Trunk  
or Treat".



### Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month  
for a Bible study on Revelation 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."*



### Morning Bible Study: EXODUS

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 ba-  
zaar. 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 home-  
made 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 ba-  
zaar, please speak with Ann Sanders or Lin Lake! Proceeds from the  
bazaar will go towards new flooring in Parish Building.



CHURCH  
HOMECOMING

### 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 infor-  
mation to come!!

