

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
24th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude *We Shall Behold Him*

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *O, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* Hymn 351

*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. God of light and life, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

*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 "Be Prepared for a Delay"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* Hymn 25

Baptism of Anniston James Lever page 121

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Just Imagine* 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 *Soon and Very Soon* WOV Hymn 744

*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 honor of Francisca Vargas' birthday
By Spyros & Mavy Lezimis*

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

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We give thanks to God and Welcome: Anniston James Lever, daughter of Dell & Morgan Lever into the family of faith here at Holy Trinity through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Stewardship Minute

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost. – Ignatius of Loyola

The 2024 Flower List is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you'd like to provide flowers for a special Sunday, please sign up as soon as possible. If you'd like to be dropped from the list, please call Marie in the church office.

MAKE A NOTE NOW!! Upcoming HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS' meetings will be November 30 for our November meeting and December 21 for December. Both meetings will be 10 AM in Trinity Life Center. Watch Sunday bulletins for further information but PLAN NOW to attend.

Prayers: Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), 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, November 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er
dismayed;*

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and |
be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*

let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the
LORD!”

⁵But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.

⁶You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
O LORD, | do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the

clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

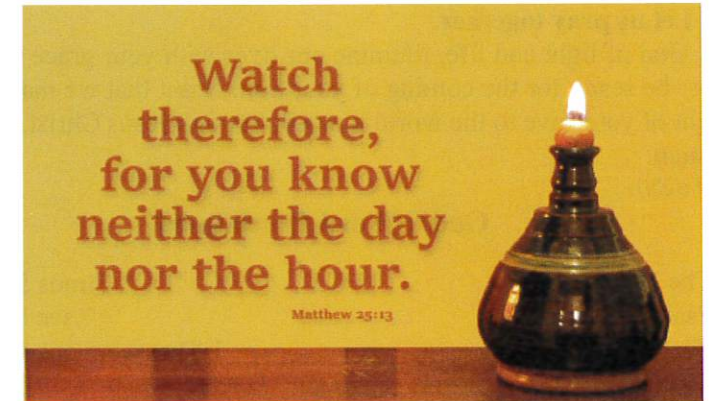
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

¹{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The question of how to be prepared for Jesus’ return is answered four times in today’s lessons. Being ready for Jesus’ return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting and serving and doing justice in the world in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith.

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

SERVING TODAY, November 12, 2023

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: Troy Hentz
Bulletin Folder: Eli Kednocker
Lector: Lin Lake
Greeters: Dana Dorroh & Janet Fulmer
Nursery: Jenna Lake, Emily Haltiwanger
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: James Wieters
Elevator: Steve Bush
Ushers: Danny Newton, David Bush

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: Troy Hentz
Bulletin Folder: Braxton Rodgers
Lector: Christie Allison
Greeters: Mike & Jackie Riddle
Nursery: Lauren Armstrong, Anna & Ava Kate Weaver
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: Lee & Tina Attaway
Usher Chair: James Wieters
Elevator: Tyler Shell
Ushers: Mike Riddle, Ray Cumalander

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	\$	7,427.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,687.29

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

November 12, 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, November 12th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
SLED Safety Meeting	3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 13th

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

Wednesday, November 15th

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

Sunday, November 19th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Homecoming	10:30 a.m.
Homecoming Meal following worship	
Community Thanksgiving Service	6:00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Homecoming

NOVEMBER 19 2023

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075*

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

In thanksgiving to God for the ministry we share, you and your family are invited to join us for our Homecoming Celebration. Our Pastor, Rev. Randell Drafts, will lead our celebration. Former Holy Trinity Pastor, Rev. Eddie Pless, will share God's word with us.

Please bring a covered dish for the meal following our worship service. Please leave your dish in Trinity Life Center before our worship service.



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS!

If you would like to order Poinsettias this year, the cost is \$12.50 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, November 26 and payment must accompany order.** Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW MANY _____

IN HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF

OTHER

TOTAL PRICE \$ _____



Morning Bible Study: EXODUS

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. 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!



Bazaar Profit thru last Monday morning was **\$11,190.00**. We will be open after church today. **Books are free today**. Please pick up craft items today or tomorrow. Yard sale items that are left will be donated to local charities. We will be cleaning up TLC tomorrow starting at 9:00 a.m. if you can help. Special thanks to all who donated are helped with the bazaar. A very big success!.

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

All eligible voting members* of Holy Trinity are invited and expected to participate in the annual congregational meeting which will take place in two parts as follows: (*Voting Members are those members who have communed in the congregation and made a contribution of record in the current or preceding calendar year.)

Sunday, November 26, 2023– Part I

Nominating Ballot for Council
NALC Constitutional Changes

All voting members may place the names of 8 active confirmed members in nomination during the announcement period of the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service to fill a 3-year term on Council. Due to term limitations or the fact they are now serving, the following are NOT ELIGIBLE for nomination:

Terms Expire 2023	Terms Expire 2024	Terms Expire 2025
Darin Boland	Phillip Allison	Joe Boland
Bobby Chapman	Daniel Curtis	Julie Haltiwanger
Charles E. Frick	Cindy Frick	Carter Lake
Ann Sanders	Maxton King	Tony Shell
Allen Williams	Sheri Wicker	Anna Weaver

Constitutional Limitation

Kelvin Chapman	Tina Attaway
Chris Crouch	Betty Cumalander
Robby Hentz	Frank Lake
Charles Shealy	Lucy Peters
	Kevin J. Shealy

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Part II

Council Election and 2024 Ministry Plan Budget Presentation and Vote

The congregation will elect 4 new council members and the Stewardship Finance Committee will present the proposed 2024 Church Ministry Plan Budget for approval.

**South Carolina Law Enforcement Active Shooter
Awareness Meeting**

The Holy Trinity Safety Committee and the SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED) would like to invite the Congregation to an active shooter awareness meeting on TODAY at 3:00 PM in the Trinity Life Center. Although this program is open for the whole Congregation, SLED officials have specifically requested that all Council members, Sunday School teachers, chairmen of committees, greeters, and ushers attend this session.

This program will be different from the CRASE Program that the Newberry County Sheriff's Office presented to us a few months ago.

Thank you for your continued support.



**CLEMSON VS
CAROLINA FOOD
DRIVE**



*The score at end of the
1st Quarter (Week 1):*

CLEMSON..... 30 CAROLINA..... 163

Carolina is off to a commanding lead. Will the Clemson fans rise to the challenge and tie the score in week 2?

Don't forget, you can help your team score points by donating food or money in the food drive boxes located outside the church doors. (The boxes are stored in the breezeway heading to the TLC during the week.) Every dollar donated will count as one can of food. Even if you are worshiping from home, you can still participate. All you need to do is include a donation with your offering. Just be sure to specify the amount of your food drive donation and which team you are cheering for with your offering. All food and money collected will be donated to GAAP pantry in Newberry.

The team with the most cans of food at the end of November will be declared the winner and have bragging rights all year long.



Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Little Mountain Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Little Mountain Ruritan Club, will be at Macedonia Lutheran Church, Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m..

Thanksgiving Dressing for the Hub

Would you be willing to help provide the dressing for the HUB on Thanksgiving Day?

A 13x9x2 (5 boxes of dressing) will serve 15 people. Please leave it in the TLC by 8:00 am on Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to bring it the day before, just put it in the refrigerator. There will be a list on the bar for you to mark off your name as you deliver. Please contact Janet Fulmer (803-945-7312) by November 16 if you would be willing to help with this special lunch so that a lot of area families will be able to enjoy Thanksgiving. Thanks for your help.



Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

The Circle of Joy is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry this year. We have a few boxes and labels available on the first pew for packaging gifts. However, any regular sized shoebox will work as well as purchased plastic shoeboxes.

The age groups for the shoeboxes are boy/girl:

2-4 years old 5-9 years old 10-14 years old

Please see your bulletin insert for shoebox gift ideas and items that are not allowed. Extra labels for shoeboxes are located on the table in the elevator hall.

Samaritan's Purse asks for a donation of \$10 per box to cover international shipping and other costs. Please attach cash or a check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with your shoebox. HTLC will collect the money and write one check to cover all the boxes.

Please return your shoebox to the front pew on or before Sunday, November 19.

We will pray for God's blessing of these shoeboxes and for the mission of Operation Christmas Child. All boxes will be taken to Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday, November 20.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

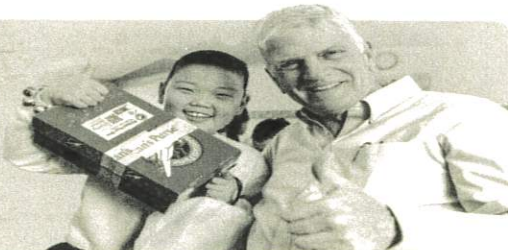


DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes—no two are alike!

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse



PEEL & ATTACH LABEL TO SHOEBOX

MARK FOR BOY OR GIRL:

		
BOY	GIRL	
SHOEBOX LABEL		
MARK THE CORRECT AGE CATEGORY:		
2-4 Years Old	5-9 Years Old	10-14 Years Old
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HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX GIFT

- Shoebox:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.
- "Wow" Item:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.
- Other Gifts:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. See *shoebox gift ideas on the right*.
- Pray:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.
- Donate \$10 Per Box:** A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. To give online, follow the instructions on the front of this label.
- Drop Off:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, the third week of November. Visit samaritanspurse.org/loc to find one near you.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

- "Wow" Item:** Soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal, shoes
- Toys:** Toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, musical instruments, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)
- Personal Care Items:** Toothbrushes, washcloths, combs, hairbrushes
- School Supplies:** Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators
- Accessories:** Socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

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For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/loc



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STEP 1: PEEL & ATTACH LABEL TO SHOEBOX

STEP 2: To Donate and Follow Your Box,

SCAN THE QR CODE on the label OR enter the nine-digit code below at samaritanspurse.org/activate

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STEP 3: DISCOVER THE DESTINATION

of your shoebox using our Look-up Tool at samaritanspurse.org/label

Your donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collection, processing, shipping to over 100 countries, training for local churches, gospel materials, and other costs.

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