Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

25th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(Please stand as able)*
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77
*Gathering Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* WOV Hymn 725
*Apostolic Greeting page 78
*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 79
*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, in baptism you pour out upon us the gifts of faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life and to respond thankfully to your gracious gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson		Zephaniah 1:7-16
Psalm 90:1-12		see bulletin
The Second Lesson		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
*The Gospel Acclamation	*Alleluia, Lord to whom...*	page 83
*The Holy Gospel		Matthew 25:14-30
*The Gospel Response		page 83

(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 "Living Open-Handed"
Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *For the Fruit of All...* WOV Hymn 760
*The Apostles' Creed page 85
*The Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer
*The Peace

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering
The Anthem
*The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* page 96
*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 97

*Sending Song *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Hymn 389
*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. Please sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Robby & Angel Hentz

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS WILL MEET Thursday, Nov. 19, 10 AM, in TLC. November meeting is early due to Thanksgiving. Join us for lots of good food and fellowship DEVOTIONS: Becky Chapman MEAL: Covered Dish

Consider Joining Our Social Ministry Committee for 2027! We currently have just a couple of folks signed up to serve, and would love to welcome a few more hands and hearts to this important ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining this team for the new year! Contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in serving or have any questions.

Pictorial Directory Update: We are anxiously awaiting the proof copy from Universal Church Directory. They have assured us of a delivery before Christmas. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

THE 2027 FLOWER LIST is on the board outside the church office. If you'd like to provide flowers for a specific Sunday in 2027, please sign up by Sunday, Dec. 13, 2026. The committee will then complete the list for 2027 using names in alphabetical order from the church directory starting in the "mid L's". If you want to be deleted from OR not added to the Flower List, please notify the church office by Dec. 13. If previously notified, additional notification is not necessary. See Mary Spires with any questions.

Any **Altar & Parament** donations would greatly be appreciated for some items that need to be purchased.

Prayers: Frank Lake, Karen Winn, Boyd Fulmer, Ritchie Koon, Hayden Haltiwanger, Doug Rister (Cousin of Shannon Corley), Kay Richardson, Kelli Robinson (Daughter of Charles & Kaye Shealy), Kenny Chapman, Rebecca Edwards, Janet Whetstone (Friend of Curtis & Diane Hardy), Dot Abrams, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), Travis Spires, Becky Boland, David McCall, Scott & Cheri Bell, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *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, Last-minute will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the LORD God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has
prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the LORD's
sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array
themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over
the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 On
that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from
the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the
Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At
that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are
complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will
he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though
they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they
shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and
hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries
aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of
ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and
against the lofty battlements.

Psalm 90:1-12

1 LORD, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,*
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Go back, O | child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past*
and like a watch | in the night.
5 You sweep us away | like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.
6 In the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.
8 Our iniquities you have | set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our | days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;*
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?*
who rightly fears your | indignation?
12 So teach us to num- | ber our days*
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

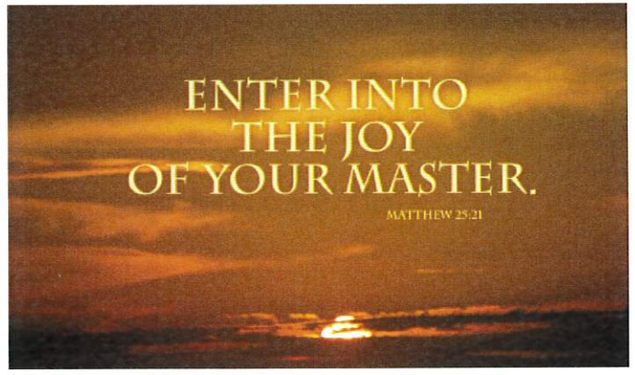
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace
and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not
sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep
at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the
day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and
build one another up, just as you are doing.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

14 {Jesus said to the disciples,} "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who
called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents,
to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he
made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents
more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and
hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came
and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five
talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over
much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents
came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made
two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of
your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and
gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him,
'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown
and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But
from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the
worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'"

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"Preaching, Teaching and Serving in Christ's Name"

NALC

SERVING TODAY, November 15, 2026

Acolyte:	Kadence Derrick
Crucifer:	Dustin Winn
Bulletin Folder:	Dorothy & Tabitha Armstrong
Lector:	Bobby Chapman
Greeters:	Frank & Lin Lake
Nursery:	Erica Carter, Karen Winn
Altar Guild:	Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers:	Robby & Angel Hentz
Usher Chair:	Jesse Farr
Elevator:	Alex Attaway
Ushers:	Blake Derrick, Stuart Dalton
Golf Cart:	Bobby Chapman
TLC On-Call Team:	Steve & Leah Bush
Cleaning Team:	Wendy Shealy, Daniel, Ashley, & Everett Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, November 22, 2026

Acolyte:	Karsyn Crumpton
Crucifer:	Karter Crumpton
Bulletin Folder:	Wyatt & Addi Koon
Lector:	Donna Fulmer
Greeters:	Phil & Alice Martinez
Nursery:	unstaffed
Altar Guild:	Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Communion:	Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Flowers:	Glenda Hentz
Usher Chair:	Jesse Farr
Elevator:	Tony Shell
Ushers:	Jake Loadholdt, Ben Hayes
Golf Cart:	Phillip Allison
TLC On-Call Team:	Steve & Leah Bush
Cleaning Team:	Wendy Shealy, Daniel, Ashley, & Everett Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

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

Attendance November 8: Worship: 155 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday $ 7,627.25

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

November 15, 2026

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 15th	
Lutheran Men at Mt. Tabor	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Teens for Christ	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16th	
Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Bazaar Clean-Up	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 18th	
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19th	
Happy Mountaineers	10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 22nd	
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Christ the King Sunday / Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving Service at Macedonia	6:00 p.m.

CLEMSON VS CAROLINA FOOD DRIVE

The score at end of the 2nd Quarter (Week 2):

CLEMSON…….304 CAROLINA……437

Carolina is off to a commanding lead!

Who will be in the highest in the 3rd quarter (Week 3)?

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 leading 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.

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. Time is beginning to run short to support your team after today!

Poinsettias



ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS FOR
CHRISTMAS!

If you would like to order Poinsettias this year, the cost is $13.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 29th 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 $ _____

Angel TREE



You can help make Christmas a little brighter for 35 children in need who are right here in our community!

The Angel Tree is in the narthex, near the hallway leading to the elevator. Each child will have at least four angels on the Angel Tree – one for clothing, one for a bedtime bundle (pajamas and/or a blanket, and a book), and at least two for toys or other requested items.

When you select an angel, please "sign it out" in the red binder located at the Angel Tree. You can purchase just the item that is listed on the angel, or if you'd like, you can add some additional surprises to your package that you think the child would like. FYI...These 35 children are being "double dipped" meaning another church is also providing gifts for them. We received half of the wish lists and they received the other half. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary.

All Angel Tree gifts are due back to church by Sunday, December 9th. We are on a tight schedule with Little Mountain Elementary School, so it is very important that all gifts are brought in by the deadline! If any angels are not chosen, monetary donations would be appreciated to help purchase those gifts and we would need volunteers to shop for those items with the donated funds. If you can be a "volunteer shopper" or if have any questions, please contact Julie Haltiwanger (803-321-2356).

Please put the angel you choose in a safe place so it doesn't get lost. If you choose an angel and see you can't sponsor that child, please put the angel back on the tree or let us know. We want to make sure every child is sponsored on our Angel Tree this year. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas joy!



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 29, 2026– Part I

Nominating Ballot for Council

All voting members may place the names of 4 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 that they are now serving, the following are NOT ELIGIBLE for nomination:

Terms Expire 2026	Terms Expire 2027	Terms Expire 2028
Helen Koon	Philip Armstrong	Tina Attaway
Bill Loadholdt	Ted Arnold	Daniel Boland
Danny Newton	Chris Crouch	Spyros Lezimis
Bob Peters	Britton Havird	Kevin J. Shealy

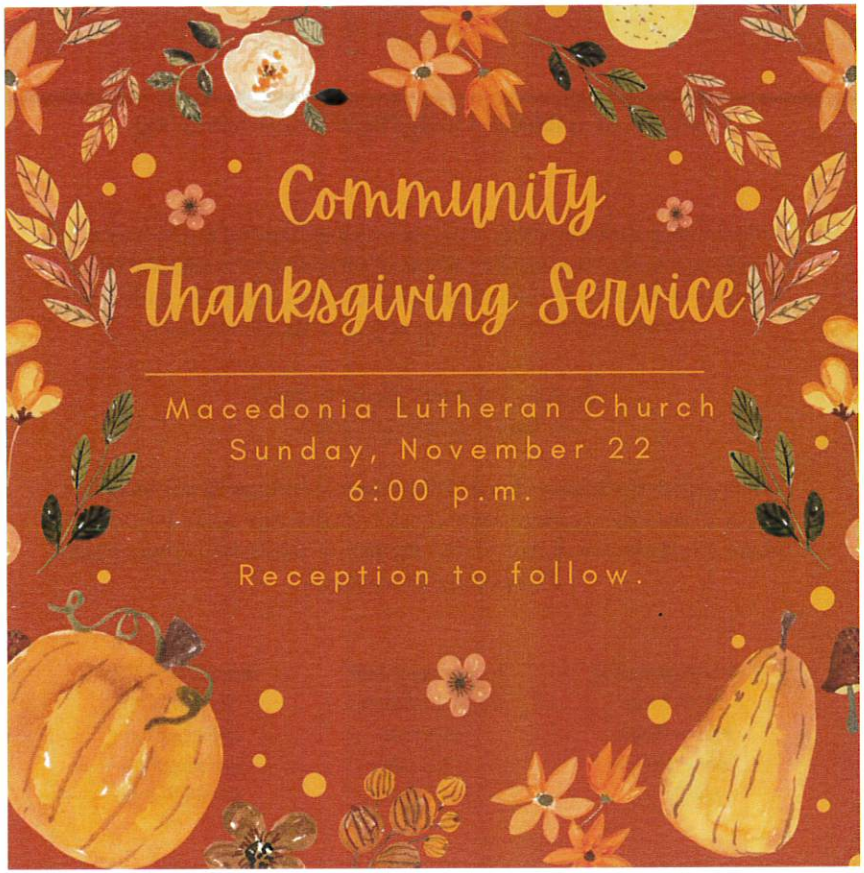
Constitutional Limitation

Phillip Allison	Joe Boland
Daniel Curtis	Julie Haltiwanger
Cindy Frick	Carter Lake
Maxton King	Tony Shell
Sheri Wicker	

Sunday, December 6, 2026 – Part II

Council Election and 2027 Ministry Plan Budget Presentation and Vote

The congregation will elect 4 new council members and the Stewardship Finance Committee will present the proposed 2027 Church Ministry Plan Budget for approval.



Sunday School Teacher Needed…We are seeking a third Sunday school teacher to assist in sharing the gospel with first and second graders. Presently, Mrs. Karen Winn and Mrs. Holly Havird are rotating with one another. It would be great to have at least one more person join the rotation. Please contact Mrs. Karen or Mrs. Holly for more information if you believe that teaching is something you might enjoy doing or that God is calling you to try. If you're not sure whether you're qualified to teach Sunday school, please talk to Chris Crouch. He will confirm that you are perfect for the role.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS ORNAMAENT ORDER FORM

$10.00 - ORNAMENTS SOLD BY HOLY TRINITY TEENS FOR CHRIST

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DESCRIPTION	FRONT
• Natural wood slice • 3.5 to 4 inches diameter • Sealed with a glossy finish • Up to 2 lines of personalization can be added to the back	

PERSONALIZATION *(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)*

LINE 1: _____

LINE 2: _____

ORDER DATE: _____

QUANTITY: _____ PAYMENT TOTAL: _____ PAYMENT METHOD: _____
(only one design per order form)

All orders must be received by November 22, 2026, to ensure ornaments are ready for Christmas.

Completed ornaments will be available for pickup at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.