Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

24th 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
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*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of light and life, through your most Holy Spirit, 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, that all may know of your justice and mercy; 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 83
*The Holy Gospel		Matthew 25:1-13
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(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	"Waiting Well"	Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day	*Be Thou My Vision*	WOV Hymn 776
*The Apostles' Creed		page 85
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*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	*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*	Hymn 259

*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 and in honor of Jase's 9th birthday
By JP, Mary Jane, Kayleigh Jane, & Keribeth Zwart

This morning we will receive Amy Chapman, Will, Cannon, Mackenzie, & Kendall Dominick into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

Lutheran Men will gather on Sunday, November 15th, at 7:30 at Mt. Tabor. Please note the change in location. The men of Mt. Tabor will be serving breakfast.

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: 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 8, 2026 — 24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have
the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as 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. 20 Is 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.
22 Even 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. 23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll
down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Psalm 70

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
2 Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let
them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my
hurt!
3 Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
4 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who
love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and
my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

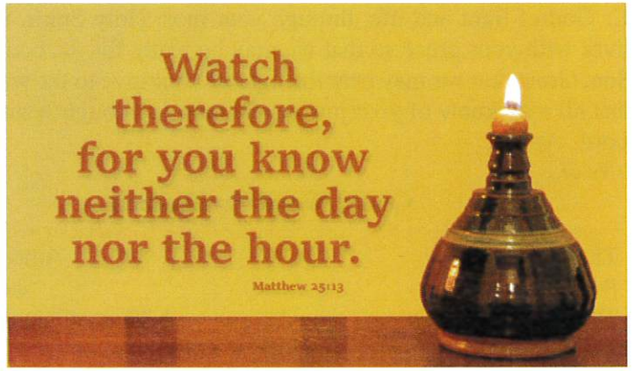
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are
asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we
declare to you by a 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. 16 For 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. 17 Then 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. 18 Therefore 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.
2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks
of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and
trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered,
saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to
the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And 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. 11 Afterward the other
virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered,
'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

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

NALC
North American Lutheran Church

SERVING TODAY, November 8, 2026

Acolyte:	Logan Frick
Crucifer:	Landon Frick
Bulletin Folder:	Blair Cromer
Lector:	Daniel Boland
Greeters:	Scotty & Melissa Kednocker
Nursery:	unstaffed
Altar Guild:	Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers:	JP & Mary Jane Zwart
Usher Chair:	Jesse Farr
Elevator:	Alex Attaway
Ushers:	Blake Derrick, Stuart Dalton
Golf Cart:	Dean Rodgers
TLC On-Call Team:	Steve & Leah Bush
Cleaning Team:	Wendy Shealy, Daniel, Ashley, & Everett Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, 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:	Glenda Hentz
Usher Chair:	Jesse Farr
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance November 1: Worship: 163 Sunday School: 47

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday $ 13,299.26

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

November 8, 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 8th	
Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:00 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 9th	
Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 10th	
Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
GLASS	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11th	
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Community Meal	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 12th	
Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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.

CLEMSON VS CAROLINA FOOD DRIVE

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

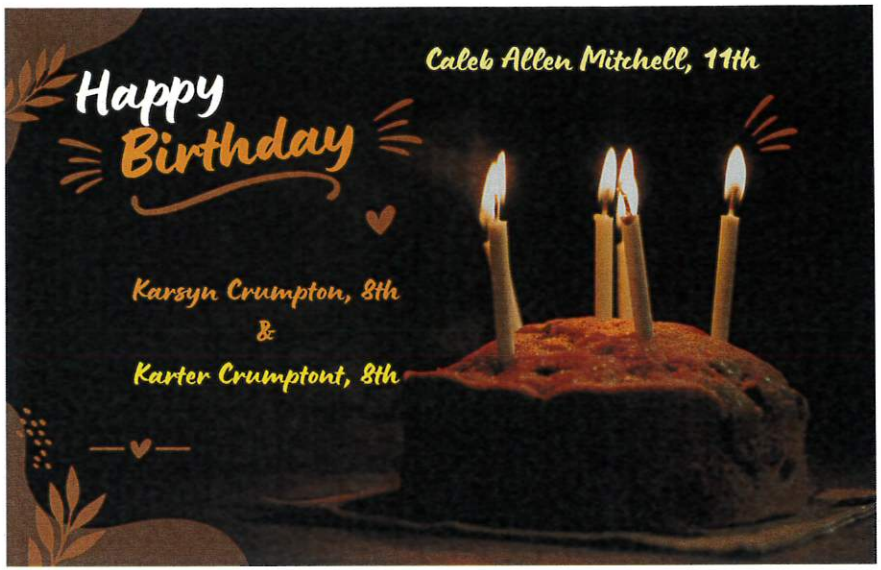
CLEMSON……24 CAROLINA…… 43

Both teams are off to a slow start. However, Carolina is ahead for now. Will the Clemson fans rise to the challenge and take the lead 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 food pantry in Newberry. (Thrivent cards can be used as donations as well.)

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.



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 $ _____

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please join us
for our Thanksgiving meal

November 11
6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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.

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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.