

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
1st Sunday of Advent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements / Dedication

Congregational Meeting Part 1

(* Please stand as able)

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| *Gathering Hymn | <i>People Look East</i> | WOV Hymn 626 |
| *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness | | page 57 |
| *Apostolic Greeting | | page 57 |
| *Kyrrie | | page 57 |
| *Prayer of the Day | | |

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. May your Spirit kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Hope Candle
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> verse 1	Hymn 34

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| The First Lesson | Isaiah 2:1-5 |
| Psalm 122 | see bulletin |
| The Second Lesson | Romans 13:8-14 |
| *The Gospel Acclamation | <i>Alleluia, Lord to whom...</i> page 62 |
| *The Holy Gospel | Matthew 24:36-44 |
| *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 "So We Wait - Faithfully"

Pastor Randy Drafts

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| *The Hymn of the Day | <i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i> | Hymn 25 |
| *The Nicene Creed | | page 64 |
| *The Prayers | | |
| *The Lord's Prayer | | |
| *The Peace | | |
- (We Sit)*

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

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| The Anthem: | <i>Candles of Advent</i> | Choir |
| *The Offertory Hymn | <i>Create in Me</i> | 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

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| *Blessing | page 97 |
| *Sending Song | <i>Awake, Awake, and Greet...</i> WOV Hymn 633 |
| *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 Daniel & Samantha Curtis

Sisters in Christ / Faith Circle will meet at 11:15 Tuesday, December 2nd at Catch 22 in Chapin or at the church at 11:00 for their Christmas luncheon. Please let Ann Sanders at 803-537-7791 know if you will not be able to attend.

Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are located outside of the Nursery. Please pick up yours and your families.

Prayers: David Mitchum (Friend of Randell Drafts), Kenny Chapman, Family of John Wheeler (Step-father of Allen Williams), Boyd Fulmer, Travis Spires, Jimmy Sanders, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), Becky Boland, David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Kaye Shealy, Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, 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, members will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

Sunday, November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

²**Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together,

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!**

⁷Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”

⁸**For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

[⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night

is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The First Sunday of Advent draws us into the promise for peace given to Jerusalem and her citizens as a sign of the coming Messiah who will rescue and redeem Israel. Paul reminded believers that they were closer now, in Christ, than ever before to the promise of salvation. Until Jesus returns, we are challenged to be ready, for no one knows the time or the day when he will come again in glory.

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

SERVING TODAY, November 30, 2025

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Roman Long
Bulletin Folder: Colson Winn
Lector: Lin Lake
Greeters: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Nursery: Peyton Boland, Joyce McCall
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Flowers: Daniel & Samantha Curtis
Usher Chair: Robby Hentz
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: Aaron Lambert, Kelvin Chapman

TLC On-Call Team: Julie Haltiwanger & Joanna Alewine
Cleaning Team: Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon
Golf Cart: Phillip Allison

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

Acolyte: Eva Kednocker
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Billingsley
Lector: Karter Crumpton
Greeters: Tony & Wendy Shell
Nursery: Christie Allison, Karen Winn
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Usher Chair: Carter Lake
Elevator: Thomas Frick
Ushers: Jeremy Lindler, Greg Murray

TLC On-Call Team: Bill & Debra Dupuis
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams
Golf Cart: Curtis Boland

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

Attendance November 23: Worship: 172 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,382.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,228.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

November 30, 2025

*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 30th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting Part 1	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:30 p.m.
Cantata Practice	4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 1st

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, December 2nd

Sisters in Christ / Faith Circle	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 3rd

Choir	7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, December 4th

Youth Choir	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, December 7th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting Part 2	10:30 a.m.
Christmas Cantata Practice	4:30 p.m.



CLEMSON VS CAROLINA FOOD DRIVE



The score at end of the 3rd Quarter (Week 3):
CLEMSON... 813 CAROLINA...649

Wow! Clemson really forged ahead this week. It's still anyone's game as we enter the final quarter today! However, Carolina fans need to show their colors if they hope to win.

Tuesday will be the last day of our food drive.

*If you forget to bring your cans today but still want to participate, monetary donations are being accepted in each box to help the cause. In addition, we will keep the donation boxes in the breezeway heading towards the Trinity Life Center **until noon on Tuesday**. That way, you can still drop off any last-minute food donations until then to count in this year's contest.*

All food and money collected will be donated to the GAAP food pantry in Newberry.

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



**Feed Thy Neighbor Kitchen
Benefit Concert**

Showcasing
Janet Hopkins, soprano

Platt Springs UMC choir, 5 on fire,
Newberry High School Chorus,
Metropolitan Youth Chorus, Brett Lindler,
Gabe Chavero Garcia, Trinity UMC Choir, Derrick Davis
Featuring voice, guitar, keyboard, flute, and more.

3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7
Reception to follow

O'Neal Street UMC
501 O'Neal Street, Newberry

A donation to Feed Thy Neighbor helps provide meals to more than 200 people each Saturday. Checks may be sent to: O'Neal Street UMC Kitchen Fund, P.O. Box 5, Newberry

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35*



American Red Cross

GIVE SOMETHING
That Means
Something

Blood Drive Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Monday, December 15, 2025
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Trinity Life Center
531 Church Street Little Mountain, SC 29075



Give a gift, get a gift! Give blood & get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email! rcblood.org/gifts



SCAN ME

For an appointment, please scan or visit RedCrossBlood.org
Sponsor Code: LittleMtn Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!
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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, December 7, 2025 – Part II

Council Election and 2025 Ministry Plan Budget Presentation and Vote
The congregation will elect 4 new council members and the Stewardship Finance Committee will present the proposed 2026 Church Ministry Plan Budget for approval.



Come As You Are

Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, December 10
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a
Christmas Breakfast for dinner!

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

If you feel led, please bring a small toy or gift for a child to be distributed by GAAP. Place your gifts under the Christmas tree. Please do not wrap

Angel TREE



Angel Tree - You can help make Christmas a little brighter for 27 children in need who are right here in our community!

The Angel Tree is located in the narthex near the hallway going toward the elevator. Each child will have at least four angels bundled together on the Angel Tree - one for clothing, one for shoes, and at least two for toys or other requested items. Unlike years past, I did not include pajamas and/or a blanket for each child because that has not been a specific request. Therefore, if you choose an angel that is requesting clothing, you are welcome to get pajamas in addition to regular clothing, but you don't have to. On the Angel Tree, some bundles will have pink Post-It notes attached which describe the unique reason for those bundles. Most likely, there are multiple children in the family requesting the same item. (For example, 3 siblings all requested "fishing stuff".) In other situations, one child requested only one item, so I listed it on two angels. For those of you who choose angels from the pink Post-It note bundles, I thought that with some communication and cooperation, we could ensure that gifts were duplicated only when it was appropriate and balanced out among siblings as parents like to try to do. If that doesn't work out, it will still be fine!

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...Another organization will be providing stockings to all children on the Angel Tree. 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 7th. 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!

Directory Update

One Per Family

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Husband Cell Phone: _____

Wife Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Husband Birthday: _____

Wife Birthday: _____

We would like birth year for everyone for church records.

Please!! No one will see these.

Children Living At Home:

1. Name: _____

Birthday: _____

2. Name: _____

Birthday: _____

3. Name: _____

Birthday: _____

4. Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Are you a Thrivent member? _____

**Please "PRINT" clearly and turn in to church office or
place in the offering plate.**

*If your child is not living in the home but at college or has their own apartment etc.;
please let us know and have them fill out a separate form for themselves.*