

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

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *People Look East* WOV Hymn 626

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of righteousness, you are ever-faithful to your promises to your people. Strengthen our hearts and transform our lives so that we might always 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1 Hymn 34

The First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83

*The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

*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 "Certainties and Possibilities"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Give Me Jesus* WOV Hymn 777
 *The Apostles' Creed page 85
 *The Prayers
 *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Invocation for Advent* Choir

*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 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* Hymn 356

*Sending and Charge

*Doxology Hymn 564

Congregational Meeting

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 Philip & Lauren Armstrong

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

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. or at J. Peters in Chapin at 11:15 a.m.

Happy Mountaineers will tour the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, Dec. 12. YES, it will be decorated for Christmas! We will take the bus; that's 36 seats; AND THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN US. We will eat out for lunch. The bus will depart at 9 AM. Let Janet Fulmer or Mary Spires know by Nov. 10, if you'd like to participate.

Prayers: Brenda Wicker, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Travis Spires, Hannah Drafts, Al Asbill (Brother of Alice Martinez), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Gerald & Jonell Shealy. *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, December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Psalm 25:1-11 (ESV)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

⁸**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

¹¹For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

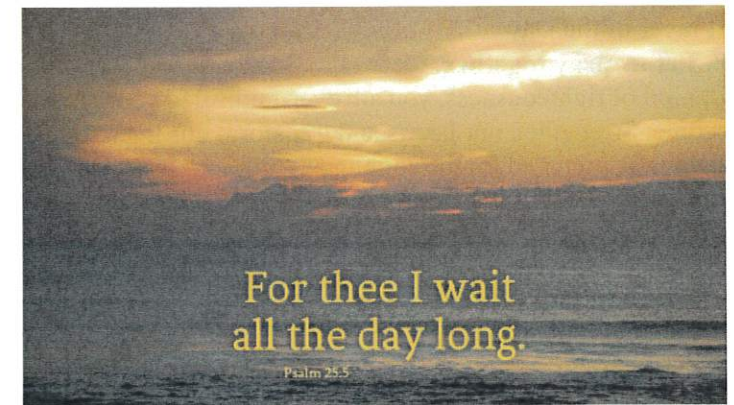
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

²⁵{Jesus said,} “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Jeremiah was to inform an idolatrous people that the Lord would not forsake them, even though they had disregarded his love and his ways. He would send a righteous branch of the tree of David to be their king. This king would be eternal and his reign would be characterized by justice and mercy. We know this one as King Jesus, and he will return to earth once more and take his people unto himself for all eternity.

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



SERVING TODAY, December 1, 2024

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Daniel Williams
Lector: Eva Kednocker
Greeters: Daniel & Samantha Curtis
Nursery: Morgan Kaihara
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Jerry Shealy
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Jake Loadholdt

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Ava Kate Weaver
Lector: Ann Sanders
Greeters: Danny & Ann Newton
Nursery: Jennifer Shealy, Sheri Wicker
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Alex & Caitlin Attaway
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Jerry Shealy
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Jake Loadholdt

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

Attendance November 24: Worship: 172 Sunday School: 58

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	4,558.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,973.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 1, 2024

*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, December 1st

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Christmas Program Practice	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting Part II	10:30 a.m.
Choir	4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2nd

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, December 3rd

Faith Circle	11:00 a.m.
TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4th

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

Sunday, December 8th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Christmas Program Practice	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Choir	4:30 p.m.

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 1, 2024 – 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 2025 Church Ministry Plan Budget for approval.

**CLEMSON VS CAROLINA
FOOD DRIVE**



The score at end of the last week

CLEMSON.....864
CAROLINA..... 705



Wow! What a difference one week can make! Clemson really stepped it up and took the lead.

As explained at church last Sunday, we extended the contest for one extra week. Thus, today is the final day. The reason we extended it is because there are 5 Saturdays in November. The actual game was not until yesterday.

If you did not bring any food cans today, you can still support your team with a monetary donation if you choose to do so.

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.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the whole month of November. You are helping us feed the hungry in Newberry County!



**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, December 1st 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

\$ _____

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Grandpa's Story

December
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Hear Grandpa
Joe's story as he
reminds us of the
true reason for the
season.

HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6:00PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
(Bring app or
dessert
to share)



