

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Little Mountain, South Carolina  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation  
Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
(\* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn	<i>Hark, the Glad Sound!</i>	Hymn 35
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		page 56
*Apostolic Greeting		page 57
*Kyrrie		page 57
*Prayer of the Day		

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and strength and endurance in the face of suffering, as well as love and mercy toward our neighbors that reflects your own. We pray in Jesus’ name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
(We Sit)

God’s Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Joy Candle
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> verse 1-3	Hymn 34
The First Lesson	Isaiah 7:10-17
Psalms 24	see bulletin
The Second Lesson	Romans 1:1-7
*The Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Lord to whom...</i> page 62
*The Holy Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25
*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 “Joseph Heard and Obeyed”  
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day	<i>The First Noel</i>	Hymn 56
*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

The Anthem:

*The Offertory Hymn	<i>Create in Me</i>	page 75
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\*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	<i>Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus</i> Hymn 30
*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 celebrating the marriage of Jessie and CJ Gallagher*  
*By Steve & Leah Bush*

All financial contributions must be turned in before Dec 30, 2025.

The Daniel Bible Study will resume our study on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7 pm with Daniel Chapter 5.

Children’s Christmas Program- Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Reception following in the TLC. Please bring a finger food to share.

Happy Mountaineers will meet Thursday, December 18th, @ 10 a.m., in the TLC. Ann Sanders will have devotions. We will have a time of fellowship and singing Christmas carols. Our meal will be catered. Please join us as we celebrate our Savior’s birth!

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

DIRECTORY & YEARBOOK TIME...Committee Chairs and Council Liaisons...Please be courteous and have all end of the year reports by Ministry Committees completed and turned into the office by December 21, 2025.

Prayers: Emily Clements, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), Family of Michael Brown (Father of Jillian Long), 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, December 14, 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17**

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria!”

**Psalms 24**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in

power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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Jesus lifted up the work and character of John the Baptist, of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said that one would come to prepare the way of the Lord. With the promises of a desert in full bloom, the blind receiving sight, and the lame walking, the exhortation to be patient and persevere until the coming of the Lord’s Messiah gives us hope and courage as we wait for Christ’s return.

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





### SERVING TODAY, December 14, 2025

**Acolyte:** Eva Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Kaylee Hentz  
**Lector:** Sheri Wicker  
**Greeters:** Rod & Kim Steffy  
**Nursery:** Jennifer Shealy, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley  
**Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker  
**Flowers:** Steve & Leah Bush  
**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:** Bobby Chapman

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 21, 2025

**Acolyte:** Brayden Lambert  
**Crucifer:** Hudson Long  
**Bulletin Folder:** Natalie Winn  
**Lector:** Mary Spires  
**Greeters:** Robbie & Sheri Wicker  
**Nursery:** Crystal Crouch, Jenna & Taylor Lake  
**Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker  
**Flowers:** William & Debra Dupuis  
**Usher Chair:** Carter Lake  
**Elevator:** Chris Crouch  
**Ushers:** Bob Peters, Chad Weaver

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

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

Attendance December 7:   Worship: 174   Sunday School: 47

#### Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	8,779.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,039.00

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### Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 14, 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, December 14th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program Practice	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Youth Christmas Party	3:00 p.m.

#### Monday, December 15th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Blood Drive	2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 17th

Choir	7:00 p.m.
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#### Thursday, December 18th

Happy Mountaineers	10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir	6:30 p.m.
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 21st

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Christmas Cantata	10:30 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program	5:00 p.m.



## 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  
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### Congregation Meeting Results

#### Council Elections

Tina Attaway  
Daniel Boland  
Spyros Lezimis  
Kevin J. Shealy

#### Ministry Plan Passed

80 to 32

### 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.\*