

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
4th Sunday of Advent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
(* Please stand as able)

- *Gathering Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn 315
- *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56
- *Apostolic Greeting page 57
- *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and peace as we wait for the coming of your Son, and the humility and boldness to proclaim his reign; through Jesus Christ, 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 Love Candle
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1-4 Hymn 34

Cantata

- *The Lord's Prayer
- *The Peace
(We Sit)

The appointed lessons are included for you to read and meditate on as you desire.

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

- *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 *Soon and Very Soon* WOV Hymn 744
- *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 Bill & Debra Dupuis

Pastor Randy will be out of the office from Christmas Day until January 3rd.

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- TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. Reception following in the TLC. Please bring a finger food to share.

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.

Please join us for **Card Night**, Thursday, Feb. 5th, @ 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and we'll have dinner together!!

Prayers: Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Easton Attaway, Emily Clements, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), 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.*

Attendance December 14: Worship: 129 Sunday School: 40

| <u>Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:</u> | | |
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| Amount Needed Weekly in 2025 | \$ | 6,610.00 |
| Amount Received Last Sunday | \$ | 5,568.00 |
| Difference | - \$ | 1,052.00 |

Sunday, December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday in Advent – December 21, 2025

*“¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold,
the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

- Isaiah 7:14 -

Just before Christmas in 1867, an Episcopalian pastor by the name of Phillips Brooks penned the beautiful Christmas hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Nothing about Phillips Brooks was small, neither in the physical sense nor in his personality. He stood at about 6’6” tall and weighed over 300 pounds. His preaching was known to have a similar impact as his physical appearance. Nevertheless, he was known to be one of the greatest preachers of his time, serving in Boston and Philadelphia.

In 1865 when he was 30 years old, Brooks visited the Holy Land, where he attended a five-hour Christmas Eve service. He was deeply moved by the music and hymns giving praise to God throughout those five hours.

Two years later in 1867, Brooks wanted to write a special Christmas hymn for the children in his congregation to sing on Christmas Eve. He wrote a poem, and his organist Lewis Redner composed music to go along with it. What was born was the beloved Christmas hymn we still sing today: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

The third verse poignantly directs us to the very heart of Christmas. *No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.* Jesus came into this broken and sinful world to rescue us, to save us, from our sin and death and then give us eternal life with him.

God chose to come to into this world in the flesh. One of Jesus’ names is the Hebrew name *Immanuel*, which means “God with us.” God is with us even here and now. He lives in us and through us. Every time we share the Good News of the Gospel, (Christ came to live among us; he suffered; he died; he was buried in a tomb; and on the third day he rose from the dead, so that we might have life with him), we witness Jesus Christ among us. Jesus is with us no matter what. He promised us, before he ascended into heaven, that he would be with us to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20).

We can give the gift of God’s likeness through us. When our lives reflect the God who lives in us, we can be different from the world, and that difference can bless others with the transforming presence of his love and grace.

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

SERVING TODAY, December 21, 2025

Acolyte: Brayden Lambert
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Bulletin Folder: Natalie Winn
Lector: Mary Spires
Greeters: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Nursery: Crystal Crouch, Aryn Crouch
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

SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 2025

Acolyte: Brayden Lambert
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Lector: Philip Armstrong
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: William & Debra Dupuis
Communion: Lin Lake, Jenna Lake, Kyle Page
Usher Chair: Carter Lake
Elevator: Chris Crouch
Ushers: Bob Peters, Chad Weaver

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 28, 2025

Acolyte: Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Roman Long
Lector: Daniel Boland
Greeters: Rodger & Karen Winn
Nursery: Karen Winn, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton Lindler
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Pat Collins
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: Ritchie Koon

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

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 21, 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 21st

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

Monday, December 22nd

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| Prayer Shawl | 9:00 a.m. |
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Wednesday, December 24th

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| Christmas Eve Worship | 4:00 p.m. |
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Thursday, December 25th



Sunday, December 28th

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| Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:30 a.m. |

All Committee Gathering

Following Worship on Sunday, January 4th, our annual "All Committee Gathering" will be held in the Trinity Life Center. Lunch will be served. After lunch, our committees (listed below) will meet to elect chairpersons, review responsibilities, and plan for 2026. Even if you are not a member of a committee for 2026, we welcome your presence. It is a great opportunity to sit in on a committee meeting that interests you and learn more about how they serve throughout the year.

Executive

Kevin J. Shealy – Council President
Danny Newton – Vice President
Philip Armstrong – Secretary
Barbie Rodgers – Treasurer

Christian Education

Chris Crouch – Director of Youth & Edu.
Caroline Attaway
Amy Collins
Shannon Cromer
Holly Havird
Melissa Kednocker
Melisa Livingston
*Daniel Boland

Cemetery

Charles Frick – Cemetery Manager
Sheri Wicker – Treasurer
Billy Caldwell – Assistant Treasurer
Kelvin Chapman
Jesse Farr
Marty Frick
Curtis Hardy
Mark Kibler
James Sligh
Robbie Wicker
*Ted Arnold

Church Property & Grounds

Curtis Boland
Darin Boland
David Bush
Stuart Dalton
Britton Havird
Cameron Kaihara
Spyros Lezimis
Bill Loadholdt
Allen Williams
*Bob Peters

Preschool

Amber Koon – Preschool Director
Shannon Cromer
Cindy Frick
Melissa Kednocker
Jenna Lake
Robin Loadholdt

Kaye Shealy
Wendy Shealy
*Philip Armstrong

Social Ministry

Emily Clements
Betty Cumalander
Pam Dalton
Diane Hardy
Janet Kibler
Ritchie Koon
Charles Shealy
Kim Steffy
*Helen Koon
*Danny Newton

Stewardship/Finance

Barbie Rodgers – Treasurer
Phillip Allison
Bobby Chapman
James Wieters
*Spyros Lezimis
*Bill Loadholdt

Worship & Music

Brett Lindler – Director of Music Ministries
Lauren Armstrong
Bobby Chapman
Cindy Frick
Donna Fulmer
*Ted Arnold
* indicates Council Liaison

Subcommittee of Property Team:

TLC Committee

Joanne Alewine
Leah Bush
Steve Bush
Bill Dupuis
Frank Lake
Mavy Lezimis
Spyros Lezimis
Bill Loadholdt
Robin Loadholdt
Faye Shealy
Brian Stiver
Melody Williams

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.