

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 *Soon and Very Soon* WOV Hymn 744

*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. Heavenly Father, stir up your Spirit among us that we may delight in your will and follow in faithful obedience and humility until that day when your Son returns; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Love Candle

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1-4 Hymn 34

The First Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-56

*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 "Sing Praise" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *The King of Love...* Hymn 456
 *The Apostles' Creed page 85
 *The Prayers
 *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: Organ/Piano

*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 *The Advent of Our God* Hymn 22

*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 Lane & Caroline Attaway

We welcome our guest organist, David Urich, Jr. Thank you for serving today.

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 22, 2024.

2024 end of the year giving is due no later than December 29th.

Pastor Randy will be out of the office December 25th – January 1st for vacation. All non-emergency calls, text messages, and emails received during that time will be returned on January 2nd. In case of a true emergency or spiritual crisis, please call Pastor Randy directly on his cell.

The List to Serve Bereaved Families will be updated for 2025. Anyone wishing to be deleted from the list is asked to notify the church office by January 5, 2025. New members will automatically be included on the list unless the office is notified not to include them. If you have previously requested to be deleted, calling again is not necessary.

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

Prayers: Family of Andy Bickley, Kaye Shealy, 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 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.*

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

Psalm 80:1-7

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. ² **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!** ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! ⁴ **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?** ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶ **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.** ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

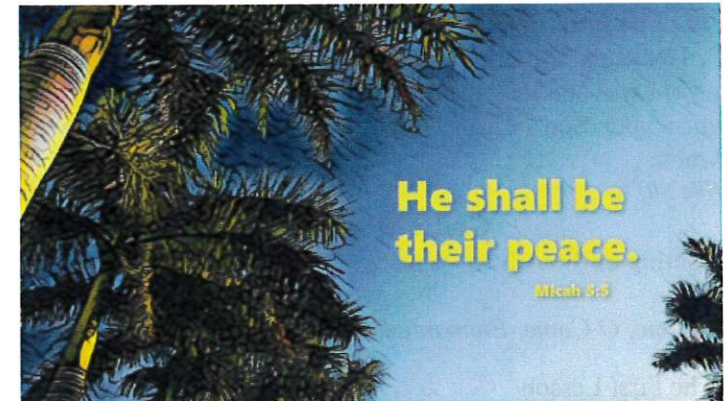
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." [⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.]

The promised Messiah came into the world to create a new order; one that put an end to sin and separation from God. He was not what the world expected. The Son of God came as an infant, born of a human mother, wielding no weapons and continually acting in love. Jesus was the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy of a shepherd ruler from the smallest tribe in Israel and his love was stronger than death.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

531 Church Street
 Little Mountain, SC 29075
 Office: (803) 345-2841 / (803) 945-7336
 Pastor Randy Drafts
 Email: office@holyltc.org



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

SERVING TODAY, December 22, 2024

Acolyte: TBA
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Natalie Winn
Lector: Sheri Wicker
Greeters: Rodger & Karen Winn
Nursery: Morgan Shealy, Robin Loadholdt
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Lane & Caroline Attaway
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: Bob Peters, Steve Layton

SERVING NEXT TUESDAY, December 24, 2024

Acolyte: TBA
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Lector: Ted Arnold
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Communion: Lin & Frank Lake
Flowers: Lane & Caroline Attaway
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: Bob Peters, Steve Layton

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Roman Long
Lector: Chris Crouch
Greeters: Travis & Amber Koon
Nursery: Amy Collins, Karen Winn
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Pat Collins
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: James Wieters
Ushers: Bob Peters, Steve Layton

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

Attendance December 15: Worship: 216 Sunday School: 52

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,602.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,071.00

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

531 Church Street
Little Mountain, SC 29075
Office (803) 345-2841/(803) 945-7336
Pastor Randy Drafts
Email: office@holtylc.org
Website: www.holytlc.org
Facebook @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 22, 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 22nd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Christmas Program Practice	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 23rd

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
--------------	-----------

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion & Candlelight	4:00 p.m.
--	-----------

Wednesday, December 25th



Sunday, December 27th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are looking for members to join our cleaning teams for 2025. These 4 teams rotate throughout the year and are responsible for cleaning the parish building, bathrooms, sanctuary, and hauling away weekly trash. With 4 teams, it means that each team serves 3 months per year. We have had several folks ask to come off of their team after many years of service and we are looking to rebuild! Please contact the church office or let Pastor Randy know if you would be interested in serving as part of a cleaning team.

**A VISION MEETING WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th from 10:30am – 1:00pm**

You are invited to join us on as we assess God’s vision for Holy Trinity. During our time together, we will look at our mission as a church, where God is calling us to go, and what ministries fit that vision. We plan to conclude by 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please sign the slip below to indicate how many from your family will be attending. This will help us better plan for the meal. Please see Pastor Randy with any questions.

Name

Attending

All Committee Gathering

Following Worship on Sunday, January 5th, everyone is invited to the “All Committee Gathering” 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 2025. Even if you are not part of a committee in 2025, we welcome your presence. It is a great opportunity for you to sit in on a committee that interests you and learn more about how they serve throughout the year.

Executive

Bill Loadholdt – Council President
Carter Lake – Council Vice President
Chris Crouch – Secretary
Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer

Cemetery

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

Christian Education

Amy Collins
Holly Havird
Melissa Kednocker
Brittany Frick
Melisa Livingston
*Chris Crouch
*Carter Lake
*Julie Haltiwanger

Church Property & Grounds

Curtis Boland
Darin Boland
Daniel Curtis
Frank Lake
Cameron Kaihara
Maxton King
Marty Frick
*Britton Havird
*Bill Loadholdt
*Bob Peters

Preschool

Amber Koon – Preschool Director
Ashley Boland
Hannah Drafts
Cindy Frick
Jenna Lake
Kaye Shealy
Sheri Wicker
*Philip Armstrong

Social Ministry

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

Stewardship/Finance

Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer
Barbie Rodgers – Assistant Treasurer
Phillip Allison
Bobby Chapman
Rod Steffy
James Wieters
*Tony Shell

Worship & Music

Brett Lindler – Director of Music
Ministries
Lauren Armstrong
Bobby Chapman
Cindy Frick
Donna Fulmer
Maxton King
*Joe Boland

* indicates Council Liaison