

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

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

When Morning Dawns

Lauren Armstrong, Flute

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* Hymn 26

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrie page 57

*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 58

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, kindle in us patience and peace as we wait for the coming of your Son, and the humility and boldness to proclaim his reign. We ask this 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 verses 1-4

Hymn 34

The First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:1-5 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 16:25-27

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62

*The Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38

*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 "Nothing is Impossible with God"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *My Soul Proclaims...* WOV Hymn 730

*The Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Soon the Messiah Will Come* Choir

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*The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* 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

*Blessing page 76

*Sending Song *Joy to the World!* Hymn 39

*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.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Darin & Becky Boland*

Stewardship Minute

"When the church becomes an institution, people are nothing more than volunteers to be recruited. When the church is a movement, our stewardship becomes the unleashing of our God-given gifts, talents, and passions." - Erwin McManus

Pastor Randy will be out of office December 25th-January 1st. Please direct all non-emergency correspondence to the church office until his return on January 2nd.

2024 FLOWER LIST If you'd like to provide flowers for a special 2024 Sunday, please sign up by the end of December. The Committee will complete the list in early January in readiness for the 2024 Directory and Yearbook. If you'd like to be dropped from the list, please call Marie in the church office.

The Committee to Serve Bereaved Families will meet in early January in readiness for the 2024 Yearbook. If you'd like to be dropped from the list, please call Marie in the church office.

2024 Offering Envelopes are in the breezeway. Please pick up for you and your family.

Prayers: Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Dan & Becky McGlohorn (Friends of Brittany Frick), Diane Hardy, Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Kyle Page, Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson). *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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹When the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent."³ And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Psalm 89:1-5

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;*

from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your love is estab- | lished forever;***
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*

I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**"I will establish your | line forever,***
and preserve your throne for all | generations."

⁵The heavens bear witness to your won- | ders, O LORD,*

and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones;

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

God had dangerous business in mind for the young Galilean girl who was betrothed but not yet married. She was chosen by the Most High God to carry, give birth, and raise the Lord's Son. If anyone found out she was pregnant out of wedlock, she could have been stoned, or at the very least shunned and rejected. But Mary, who answered the call of God, instead is known for her unwavering faith and obedience.

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**I will sing of the steadfast
love of the Lord, forever.**

Psalm 89:1

*"Preaching, Teaching, and Serving
in Christ's Name"*

SERVING TODAY, December 24, 2023

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: David Rodgers
Bulletin Folder: Daniel Williams
Lector: Cindy Frick
Greeters: The Curtis Family
Nursery: Robin Loadholdt, Glenda Hentz
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Darin & Becky Boland
Usher Chair: Brian Stiver
Elevator: Chris Crouch
Ushers: Kevin J. Shealy, Bill Loadholdt

SERVING , Christmas Eve -4:00 p.m.

Acolyte: Wyatt Koon
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Daniel Williams
Lector: Charles Shealy
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Communion: Frank & Lin Lake
Flowers: Darin & Becky Boland
Usher Chair: Brian Stiver
Elevator: Chris Crouch
Ushers: Kevin J. Shealy, Bill Loadholdt

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 31, 2023

Acolyte: Wyatt Koon
Crucifer: Blake Ballentine
Bulletin Folder: Troy Hentz
Lector: Bobby Chapman
Greeters: Danny & Ann Newton
Nursery: Wendy Shealy, Wanda Havird
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Pat Collins
Usher Chair: Brian Stiver
Elevator: Chris Crouch
Ushers: Kevin J. Shealy, Bill Loadholdt

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

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2023	\$	5,739.71
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,312.75
Difference	-	\$ 426.96

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 24, 2023

*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 24th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight & Holy Communion	4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 28th

Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, December 31st

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

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Christmas Eve Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Traditional 4th Sunday
of Advent Worship
4:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship with
Communion & Candlelight

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**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 17, 2023.

Morning Bible Study: LEVITICUS

Wednesday mornings at 10:00a.m. in classroom next to the church office will resume January 3, 2024.

All are welcome!!

Congregational Appreciation and All Committee Gathering

Following worship on Sunday, January 7th, all members of Holy Trinity are invited to attend the "Congregational Appreciation and All Committee Gathering" in the Trinity Life Center. At this gathering, lunch will be served for the entire congregation as a thank you for your dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ. After lunch, our 2024 committees will meet to elect chairpersons, review responsibilities, and plan for 2024.



**Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m.**

Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Evening Bible Study: REVELATION

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation. A study guide will be given and it will be a fun night of learning & fellowship.

Rev. 1:3 *"Blessed is the one who reads about the words of this prophecy & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is written in it because the time is near."*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Merry
CHRISTMAS