

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

## We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements  
(\*Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Hymn 54

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\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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\*Apostolic Greeting

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\*Kyrie

\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

C. God of Majesty, may your Holy Spirit provoke us to follow your Son in all obedience and humility, growing in spiritual wisdom and maturity, so that through us, all creation will come to know the praise of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

## God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson

Isaiah 63:7-14

see bulletin

Psalm 111

Galatians 4:4-7

The Second Lesson

\*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...*

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\*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

\*The Gospel Response

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(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

Kyle Page

\*The Hymn of the Day *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

\*The Nicene Creed

\*The Prayers

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*The Peace

(We Sit)

Hymn 56

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## We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem:

\*The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me*

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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

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\*Sending Song *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Hymn 50

\*Sending and Charge

Hymn 564

\*Doxology

***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 in memory of my son Brett Collins, on his birthday, December 31st, honoring his love for the Church*

*By Pat & Tom Collins*

**Pastor Randy will be out of the office from Christmas Day until January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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.

**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!!

**Shealy's** **BBQ**

The youth group of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is now selling tickets for Shealy's barbecue plates. A \$15.00 ticket gets you a plate of BBQ pork, Fried Chicken, Rice, Hash, String Beans, Corn, and a Roll. If you're interested, please reach out to any member of the youth or anyone involved with the youth. The plates can be picked up on:

Jan. 30th, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC, 29075, from 5PM to 7PM.

(803)-944-3676 for help getting tickets.

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.

Sunday, December 28, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14**

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**2Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**4He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**6He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**8they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

**10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who**

practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

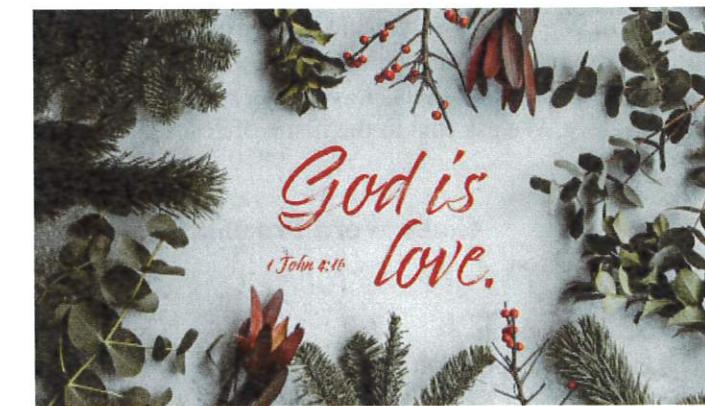
**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23**

<sup>13</sup>When {the wise men} had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The capacity of the human race for darkness and evil is a reality we constantly face in this life. At times we are tempted to think that evil and darkness win. The message of Christmas still reminds us that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. The birth of Christ does not change the reality of our human propensity for sin, but it offers us the hope and promise that God is present with us always.

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

**SERVING TODAY, 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

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 4, 2025**

Acolyte:	Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer:	Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder:	Keaton Lindler
Lector:	Eli Kednocker
Greeters:	Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Nursery:	Peyton Boland, Glenda Hentz, Dorothy Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Karen Winn, Connie Frick
Communion:	Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy
Flowers:	Scott & Cheri Bell
Usher Chair:	Bill Loadholdt
Elevator:	Rod Steffy
Ushers:	Christopher Corley, Rodger Winn
TLC On-Call Team:	Frank & Lin Lake
Cleaning Team:	Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Golf Cart:	Ritchie Koon

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

Attendance December 21: Worship: 228 Sunday School: 34

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$ 6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$ 12,871.00
Difference	+ \$ 6,261.00

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 28, 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 28th

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

#### Monday, December 29th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

#### Thursday, January 1st



#### Sunday, January 4th

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
All Committee Gathering after Worship

### All Committee Gathering

Following Worship on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.\*