

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
1st Sunday of Christmas

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn 60

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

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*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Steadfast God, grant patience and faithfulness to your servants as we bear witness to the incarnation of your Son. Teach us to clothe ourselves with love so that our lives will bear witness to your divine love for all creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Exodus 13:1-13a, 11-15

Psalms 111 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

*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 Kyle Page

*The Hymn of the Day *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* Hymn 55

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem:

*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 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Hymn 50

*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 in memory of my son, Pastor Brett Collins for his birthday on December 31st
By Pat & Tom Collins

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 as soon as possible.

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.*

Sunday, December 29, 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, ¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
² **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**
³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴ **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;
⁸ **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all

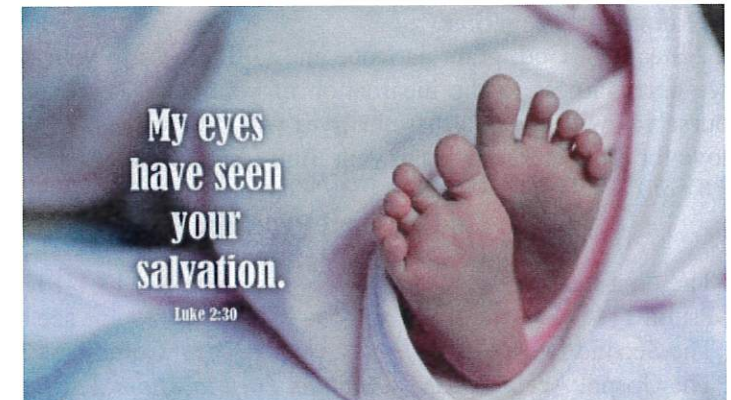
these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

SERVING TODAY, December 29, 2024

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: TBA
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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

Acolyte: Landon Frick
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Tanner Shell
Greeters: TBA
Nursery: Ashley Boland, Paula Frick
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Will & Catherine Attaway
Usher Chair: Maxton King
Elevator: Daniel Williams
Ushers: Ritchie Koon, Dean Rodgers

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

Attendance December 22: Worship: 159 Sunday School: 31

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	10,860.00
Difference	+	\$ 4,329.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 29, 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 29th

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

Monday, December 23rd

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 1st

Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 5th

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



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
David Bush
Daniel Curtis
Frank Lake
Cameron Kaihara
Maxton King
Marty Frick
*Britton Havird
*Bill Loadholdt
*Bob Peters
Allen Williams

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

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.

