

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

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude *Invocation for Advent*

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Fling Wide the Door* Hymn 32

*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, you are the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end. Kindle in us a spirit of readiness, that we might at all times and in all places be prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Hope Candle

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1 Hymn 34

The First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

*The Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37

*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 "A Different Kind of Life" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *My Lord, What a Morning* WOV Hymn 627

*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: *Come, Emmanuel, Come* Choir

*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 *The Advent of Our God* Hymn 22

*Sending and Charge

*Doxology Hymn 564

Congregational Meeting

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 Don Berley

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

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday, December 5th at 11:10 a.m. at the church or you can meet the group at 11:30 at Higher Ground for our Christmas Luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Church Facebook Page – We are in the process of revamping Holy Trinity's Facebook page. If you have photos that you wish to share on the page that you have taken at prior events (Trunk or Treat, Youth Outings, Golden Age Sunday, etc.) AND the people in the photos are okay with being on Facebook, please contact Bobbie King or the church office. And – in the future – if you snag photos (discretely) at upcoming events, we would love for you to share those, too. Thank you for your help!

The 2024 Flower List is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you'd like to provide flowers for a special Sunday, please sign up as soon as possible. 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: 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), Bob Whitlatch. *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: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,***
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
³Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
⁴**O LORD | God of hosts,***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your
people?
⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,***
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

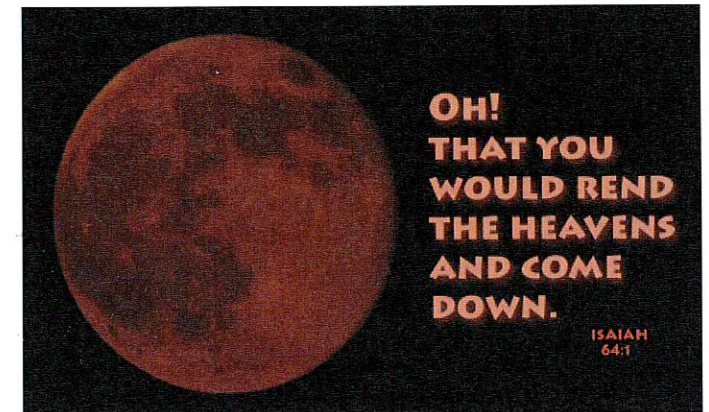
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

²⁴{Jesus said,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

God’s anger is kindled by our sin and disobedience. The Lord turned away from his people and left them vulnerable to the consequences of their iniquity. Yet, when they cried out to him for salvation, when they vowed to live in unity with him as his beloved created ones, he sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus, God’s face shines upon us. He is faithful until the end of the age.

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

SERVING TODAY, December 3, 2023

Acolyte: Natalie Winn
Crucifer: Blake Ballentine
Bulletin Folder: Ava Kate Weaver
Lector: Tanner Shell
Greeters: Maxton & Bobbie King
Nursery: Jennifer Shealy, Jessica Lindler
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Don Berley
Usher Chair: Brian Stiver
Elevator: Marty Frick
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Frank Lake

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 10, 2023

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Blake Ballentine
Lector: Chris Crouch
Greeters: Spyros Lezimis
Nursery: Karen & Natalie Winn, Ava Boland
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Carmen, Jacob, & Jessi Boland
Usher Chair: Brian Stiver
Elevator: Marty Frick
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Frank Lake

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	\$	6,143.00
Difference	+	\$ 403.29

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 3, 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 3rd

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School / Christmas Program Practice	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting Part II	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Discipleship	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5th

Faith Circle	11:10 a.m.
Preschool Christmas Program	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6th

Leviticus Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Scouts Pack 111	6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7th

Card Night	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, December 10th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Christmas Program Practice	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	3:00 p.m.

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

All eligible voting members* of Holy Trinity are invited and expected to participate in the annual congregational meeting which will take place in two parts as follows: (*Voting Members are those members who have communed in the congregation and made a contribution of record in the current or preceding calendar year.)

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – Part II

Council Election and 2024 Ministry Plan Budget Presentation and Vote

The congregation will elect 4 new council members and the Stewardship Finance Committee will present the proposed 2024 Church Ministry Plan Budget for approval.



The congregation is sponsoring an “Angel Tree” to help students and their siblings at Little Mountain Elementary School. Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for these children in need.

Each child will have four angels on our Angel Tree – typically, one for clothing, one for pajamas and/or a blanket, and two for toys. When you select an angel, please “sign it out” in the binder located at the Angel Tree. You can purchase just the item that is listed on the angel, or if you’d like, you can add some additional surprises to your package that you think the child would like. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the Chrismon Tree. All Angel Tree gifts are due back to church on **Sunday, December 3rd**. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase gifts for the children. We also need volunteers to shop for gifts with donated funds. If you can be a “volunteer shopper” or have any questions, please contact Julie Haltiwanger (803-321-2356) or Becky Boland (803-422-7672).

NOTE: Please put the angel you choose in a safe place so it doesn’t get lost. If you choose an angel and see you can’t sponsor that child, please put the angel back on the tree or let us know. We want to make sure every child is sponsored on our Angel Tree this year. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas joy!

Morning Bible Study: LEVITICUS

Wednesday mornings at 10:00a.m. in classroom next to the church office.

All are welcome!!



Blood Drive Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Life Center
531 Church Street
Little Mountain, SC 29075

Monday, December 11, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter (Lit.LoMtn) for the sponsor code

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LittleMtn to schedule an appointment.

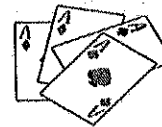
Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Our gift to you: Come give Dec. 1 to 17 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. redcross.org/Amazon



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App



Join us for Card/Game Night on Thursday, December 7th 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!



The winner of the Clemson vs Carolina Food
Drive is...

Clemson!!!

The score was Clemson...965 vs Carolina...725.

Clemson has earned the bragging rights for the next year!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated. Holy Trinity really stepped it up last week. Your generosity resulted in 783 cans/packages of food **AND** \$907 cash/checks being donated for total points of 1690. This was very, very close to last year's donation total of 1751. Once again, Holy Trinity has risen to the occasion of serving others in Jesus' name. (Plus, we had some fun and good ribbing with each while doing so.)

Even though only 1 team can win the contest, the real winners are the folks in our local community who will benefit from your generosity!



Feed Thy Neighbor Kitchen Benefit Concert

Showcasing

Janet Hopkins, soprano
Armen Shaomian, piano

and community talent including—

Huger Caughman, Jr., Melissa Chappell

Kevin Dove, Steve Driskill

God's Angels from Bethlehem Baptist Church

Corey Hunt, Munson Summer

voice, guitar, keyboard, flute, and more.

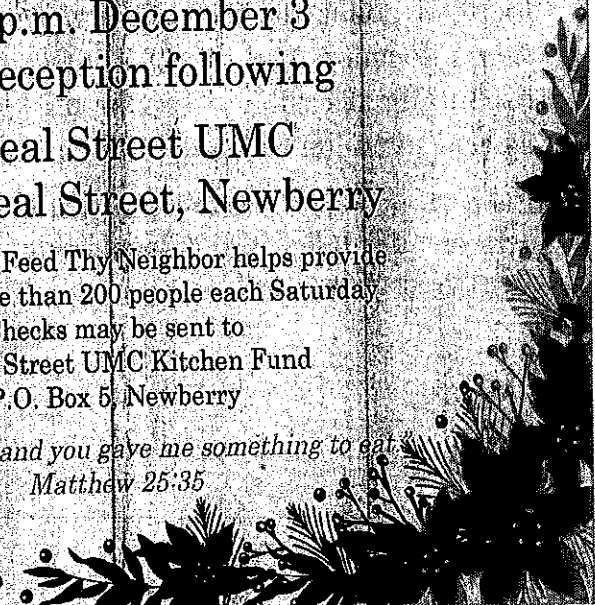
3:00 p.m. December 3
with reception following

O'Neal Street UMC
501 O'Neal Street, Newberry

A donation to Feed Thy Neighbor helps provide
meals to more than 200 people each Saturday.

Checks may be sent to
O'Neal Street UMC Kitchen Fund
P.O. Box 5, Newberry

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35*



Directory Update

One Per Family

Please complete only if there is a change to be made.

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.

