

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 *Holy Child Within a Manger* WOV Hymn 638

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrrie page 57

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

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of majesty, help us to know that in the midst of all that assails us, your promise of light and presence through Jesus Christ remains constant and unchanging. Strengthen our faith, bring us your peace, and send us to share both with others. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 111 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Galatians 4:4-7

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

*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

Phillip Allison

*The Hymn of the Day

What Child is This~

Hymn 40

*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

Lauren Armstrong, Flute

*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 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* Hymn 70

*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 and in loving memory of my son, Pastor Brett Collins, who loved his church and all of you. He was born on this day 59 years ago. He was my rock and I love and miss him every day.

by Pat Collins

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.

Today, the poinsettia list is included. I sincerely apologize that this was left out of last week's bulletin.

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Leader: Janet Fulmer, Hostess: Brenda Wicker

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.

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.*

Sunday, December 31, 2023

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First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are the deeds | of the LORD!***
they are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;***
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

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

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,***
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant
forever;*

holy and awesome | is his Name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;***
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his
praise en- | dures forever.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

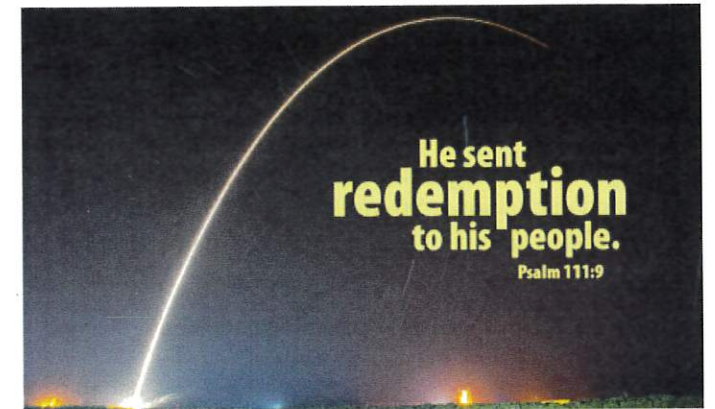
⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer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

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 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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

Acolyte: Ava Kate Weaver
Crucifer: TBA
Bulletin Folder: Tanner Shell
Lector: Kaylee Hentz
Greeters: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Nursery: Amy Collins, Dana Dorroh
Altar Guild: Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Communion: Charles & Kaye Shealy
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Carter Lake, Rod Steffy

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	\$	8,401.00
Difference	+	\$ 2,661.29

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 31, 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 31st

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

Monday, January 1st

Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, January 3rd

Leviticus Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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Thursday, January 4th

Card Night	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, January 7th

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

Acts 4:32-5:11

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ²and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." ⁵When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." ⁹But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

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.

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.

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!

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!!