

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
2nd Sunday of Advent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* Hymn 26

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy God, refine and purify our lives through the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might boldly and faithfully prepare the way for the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Peace Candle
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1 & 2 Hymn 34

The First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalms 66:1-14 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Philippians 1:2-11

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 3:7-18

*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 "Judgement & Joy" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *On Jordan's Banks...* Hymn 36
 New Member Reception page 198
 *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *A Mighty King is Coming* Choir

*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 *Sent Forth By God's Blessings* Hymn 221

*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 honor of
 Riley, Levi, Collins, Allie Grace, & Lainey Attaway
 By Lee & Tina Attaway*

This morning we receive Stuart & Pam Dalton into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are located outside of the Nursery. Please pick up yours and your families.

Happy Mountaineers will tour the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, Dec. 12. YES, it will be decorated for Christmas! We will take the bus; that's 36 seats; AND THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN US. We will eat out for lunch. The bus will depart at 9 AM. Let Janet Fulmer or Mary Spires know by Nov. 10, if you'd like to participate.

THANKS FOR HELPING FURNISH DRESSING for the community Thanksgiving Dinner. This helped to serve approximately 520 people that signed up for meals. We were able to take 21 pans of dressing with each pan serving 15 persons. I'm sure these people enjoyed the dressing along with other goodies that were furnished by other groups. Again THANKS for helping make these families have a better Thanksgiving.

Prayers: 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 & Andy 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.*

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.^[a] ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Psalm 66:1-14 (ESV)

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

² **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴ **All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”**

⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶ **He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,**

⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,**

⁹ who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹² **you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

¹⁴ **that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

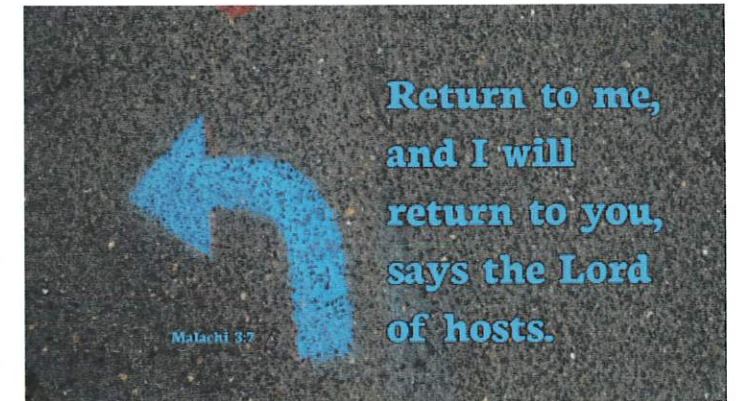
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” [¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

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

SERVING TODAY, December 8, 2024

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Ava Kate Weaver
Lector: Ann Sanders
Greeters: Danny & Ann Newton
Nursery: Jennifer Shealy, Sheri Wicker
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Alex & Caitlin Attaway
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Jerry Shealy
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Jake Loadholdt

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Kaylee Hentz
Lector: Mary Spires
Greeters: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Nursery: Rebecca Edwards, Emily Wooten
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird & Holly Havird
Flowers: Blake & Jessica Derrick
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Jerry Shealy
Ushers: Kelvin Chapman, Jake Loadholdt

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

Attendance December 1: Worship: 180 Sunday School: 62

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,175.00
Difference	+	\$ 644.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

December 8, 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 8th

Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Christmas Program Practice 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Choir 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 9th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10th

Preschool Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Community Meal 6:00 p.m.– 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 12th

Revelation Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15th

Confirmation 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Christmas Program Practice 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ: Caroling & Christmas Party 3:30 p.m.
Choir 4:30 p.m.

Results of Congregational Meeting

Newly Elected Council Members

Philip Armstrong
Ted Arnold
Chris Crouch
Britton Havird

Vote on 2025 Ministry Plan Budget

98 Yes
12 No
The Plan is approved.

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 22, 2024.

2024 end of the year giving is due no later than December 29th.

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.

CLEMSON VS CAROLINA FOOD DRIVE



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



The score was Clemson...972 vs Carolina...1043.

It was very close...Just like the actual game last week!

Carolina has earned the bragging rights for the next year!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated. Holy Trinity really stepped it up during the last 2 weeks of the food drive. Your generosity resulted in 493 cans/packages of food **AND** \$1522 cash/checks/ Thrivent cards being donated for total points of **2015**. This exceeded 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 other while doing so.) Even though only 1 team can win the contest, the real winners are the folks in Newberry County who will benefit from your generosity!

“COME AS YOU ARE?” Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, December 11th
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and
fellowship and get to know your
neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

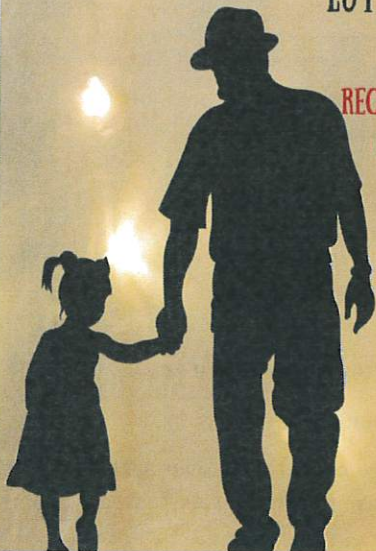
Grandpa's Story

December
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Hear Grandpa
Joe's story as he
reminds us of the
true reason for the
season.

HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6:00PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
(Bring app or
dessert
to share)



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.*