

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
6th Sunday after Epiphany

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymn 415

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Hymn of Praise page 79

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy Lord, in your loving kindness you have poured on us grace upon grace. Help us to be fishers of people, fully devoted to you, so that all will know your abiding love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm 1 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 6:17-26

*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 "It's An Upside-Down World"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Blest Are They* WOV Hymn 764
New Member Reception page 198
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Faith to Carry On* 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 memory of Harry & Barbara Nivens
By Dean & Barbie Rodgers*

This morning we receive Andrew Diegel & Megan Slater into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family, Andrew & Megan!

Thanks to all who came out to our vision meeting! If you were not able to attend, we still welcome your input. Please fill out the survey in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Completed surveys are due by **TODAY.**

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS will meet Thursday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the TLC. All members and any visitors are encouraged to attend. **DEVOTIONS & PROGRAM:** Pastor Randy MEAL: Courtesy of Ritchie & Helen Koon

Prayers: Fred Cumalander, Faye Shealy, Kaye Shealy, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Hannah Drafts, Al Asbill (Brother of Alice Martinez), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, 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, February 16, 2025

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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² **but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ **for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

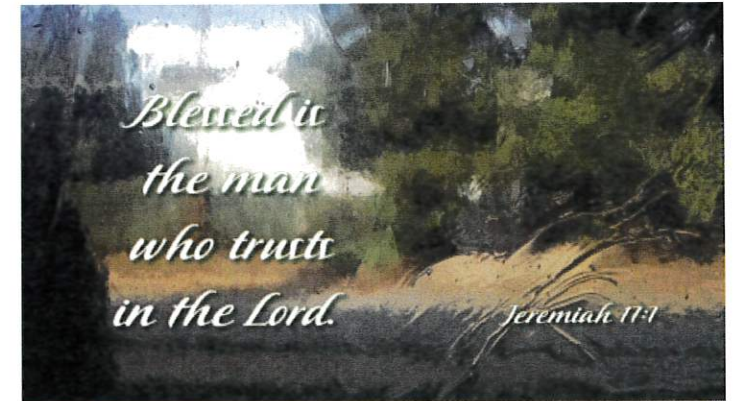
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷{Jesus} came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

What does it mean to be blessed? God and the world have two different definitions. The prophet Jeremiah shares God’s Word saying, to be blessed is to trust in the Lord and to be cursed is to put our trust in idols and material goods. Jesus taught his followers that they will be blessed when they follow his ways; it will happen when they least expect it: when they are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, and excluded.

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

SERVING TODAY, February 16, 2025

Acolyte: Roman Long
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Cooper Morales
Lector: Joe Boland
Greeters: Darin & Becky Boland
Nursery: Joyce McCall, Jessica & Keaton Lindler
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

Acolyte: Roman Long
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Billingsley
Lector: Becky Chapman
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: Karen Winn, Glenda Hentz, Dorothy Armstrong
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Daniel, Ashley, & Everett Boland
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

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

Attendance February 9: Worship: 186 Sunday School: 63

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	18,861.00
Difference	\$	12,251.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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, February 16th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 17th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, February 19th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th

Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, February 23rd

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Preschool Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



Ash Wednesday

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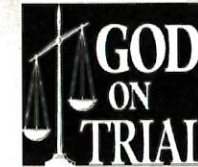
Join us for
Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5th
10:00 a.m. (TLC)
7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

FOR YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.
GENESIS 3:19

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Mid-Week Lenten Schedule 2025



The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus.

This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

Schedule:

- March 5 (Ash Wednesday, 10am & 7pm) – Accusations
- March 12 – Restraint
- March 19 – Testimony
- March 26 – Misconceptions
- April 2 – Truth
- April 9 – Sympathy
- April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – Respite
- April 18 (Good Friday) – Evidence

The series concludes with “Vindication” on Easter Sunday (April 20) at 10:30am worship.

Meal at 6:00pm
Worship at 7:00pm

Note: No meal Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday.

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The NALC Carolinas Mission Region invites you for our annual

Youth Retreat at the Beach “Legacy”

March 14-16, 2025
Garden City Chapel and Retreat
Murrells Inlet, SC
6th- 12th graders

Cost is \$120 per person. Send at least 1 adult leader (over age 25) for every 5 students. College age students are invited to apply to serve as leaders-in-training. Register in January. Contact Melanie Corn, mcorn@stplchapin.com, for more information!