

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
2nd Sunday in Lent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *When Israel Was in Egypt's...* WOV Hymn 670

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrie page 57

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy One, through baptism you bring us into your kingdom and grant us eternal life for the sake of your Son. Keep us faithful, trusting in your promises of salvation for your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 121 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

*The Gospel Acclamation *Return to the Lord...* page 63

*The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

*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 "Hidden Assumptions"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Blessed Assurance* WOV Hymn 699

*The Apostles' Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem

God is Loved

Choir

*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 66

*The Offertory Prayer page 67

*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

*The Eucharistic Prayer page 70

*The Lord's Prayer page 71

Lamb of God page 72

Communion: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher, and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 72

*Post Communion Prayer page 74

God Sends Us Into The World

*Blessing page 74

*Sending Song *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 377

*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

No flowers during Lent

Please let Pastor Randy and the church office know if you do not receive text messages or emails. We want to make sure everyone is contacted during weather closings or emergency situations.

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in TLC. Donna Fulmer is leader and hostess.

The **Social Ministry Committee** will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. The main focus of the meeting will be plans for the New Member Recognition Sunday. Chris Crouch has also asked to discuss some ideas with the committee.

Lutheran Men will meet on March 15th at 7:30am for breakfast. Pastor David Nuottila will be joining us to share about the NALC Congo Missions.

Prayers: Stuart & Pam Dalton, Cody, Whitney, & Olivia Page, Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Emily Clements, Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), David Mitchum (Friend of Randell Drafts), Travis Spires, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), Becky Boland, David McCall, Hannah Drafts, Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *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: Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
²**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

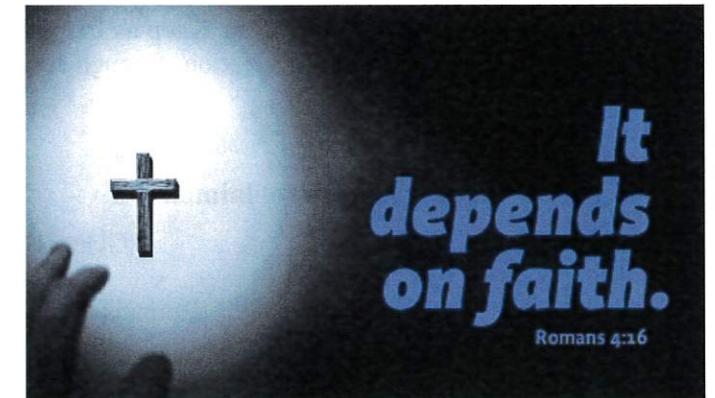
⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

SERVING TODAY, March 1, 2026

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Aubrey Curtis
Bulletin Folder: Eli, Eva, & Anna Mae Kednocker
Lector: Ella Stoudemire
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: Julie Haltiwanger, Melissa & Eva Kednocker
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Communion: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Flowers: Lent-No Flowers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Tanner Shell, Josh Long

TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy & Melody Williams
Cleaning Team: Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon
Golf Cart: Dean Rodgers

SERVING WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2026

Acolyte: Meekin Stokes
Crucifer: Colton Mitchell
Lector: Lin Lake
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Tanner Shell, Josh Long

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 8, 2026

Acolyte: Anna Mae Kednocker
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Wyatt & Addi Koon
Lector: Allen Williams
Greeters: Janet Fulmer & Dana Dorroh
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Lent-No Flowers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Tanner Shell, Josh Long

TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy & Melody Williams
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance February 22 : Worship: 180 Sunday School: 45

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 11,127.26

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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, March 1st

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 2nd

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3rd

Faith Circle 2:00 p.m.
Social Ministry Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4th

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
GNC at LME 2:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lent Meal 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th

Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8th

Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
Teens for Christ 5:30 p.m.



LENT 2026

Irony may be defined as “a combination of circumstances or a result that is the opposite of what . . . might be expected.” Jesus’ passion is filled with irony, which includes but isn’t limited to Caiaphas’ unintentional prophesy and the Jewish leaders’ hypocrisy. This year during Lent, we’re going to consider the many ironies that unfolded on Jesus’ journey to the cross, His resurrection, and His rising from the dead.

March 4 – *Not During the Festival*

March 11 – *He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus*

March 18 – *We Have No King But Caesar*

March 25 – *Don’t You Fear God?*

March 29 (Palm Sunday) – *Do You Hear What These Children Are Saying?*

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – *Do This in Remembrance of Me*

April 3 (Good Friday) – *He Said, “I Will Rise Again”*

April 5 (Easter Sunday) – *Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?*

MEAL 6pm
WORSHIP 7pm

No meals on Ash Wednesday (2/18), Maundy Thursday (4/2), or Good Friday (4/3).



Easter Lilies



If you would like to order Easter Lilies this year, the cost is \$10.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22nd and payment must accompany order. No orders can be accepted after this date.

Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW MANY _____

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