

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
4th Sunday in Lent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* WOV Hymn 776

*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, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm 142 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

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

*The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

*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 "Who Is Truly Blind?"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* Hymn 93
*The Apostles' Creed page 65
*The Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer
*The Peace

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem

*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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the...* WOV Hymn 649

*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.

No flowers during Lent

Happy Mountaineers WILL MEET Thursday, March 26, 10 AM in TLC. Following devotions and any business, we will welcome a guest speaker from SCDOT. ALL members and any other senior adults are encouraged to attend. DEVOTIONS: Ann Sanders MEAL: Covered Dish

The Carolinas Mission Region Convocation will be held Friday May 1, and Saturday May 2, 2026, at Christiana Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC. Please let Pastor Randy know if you are interested in serving as a delegate. All expenses, including registration and lodging, will be covered for those who attend.

Prayers: Family of Molly Kednocker, Dot Abrams, 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, 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: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Psalm 142

¹With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
²I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.
³When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
⁴Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.
⁵I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
⁶Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!
⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸... {F}or at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

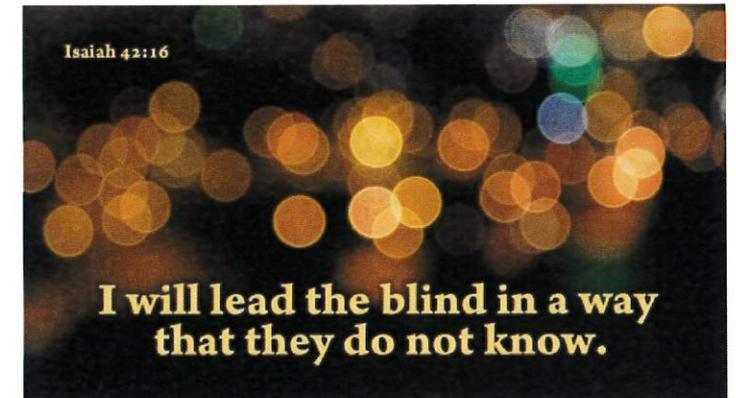
Gospel: John 9:1-41

¹As {Jesus} passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and

said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

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

SERVING TODAY, March 15, 2026

Acolyte: Wyatt Koon
Crucifer: Brayden Lambert
Bulletin Folder: Brayden & Beckett Lambert
Lector: Pam Dalton
Greeters: Tony & Wendy Shell
Nursery: Caroline Attaway, Jessica & Keaton Lindler
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Lent-No Flowers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

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

SERVING WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2026

Acolyte: Ella Stoudemire
Crucifer: Dustin Winn
Lector: Cindy Frick
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

Acolyte: Roman Long
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Bulletin Folder: Keaton & Knowlton Lindler
Lector: Helen Koon
Greeters: Phillip & Christie Allison
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Lent-No Flowers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

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

Attendance March 8 : Worship: 130 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,804.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

March 15, 2026

*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 15th

Lutheran Men 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 16th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 18th

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 19th

Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Circle of Joy 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21st

Fun for Kids 5th Grade & Under 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 22nd

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
Teens of 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 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 _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OTHER _____

TOTAL PRICE _____

Let's Have Some Fun!

Saturday, March 21st
10am - 11:30am



Children 5th grade and under are invited to come play games, sing songs, & have a Bible lesson in the TLC. Parents are asked to please stay.



NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON

The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a **luncheon for the entire congregation**. We are using this opportunity to welcome all new members that have joined Holy Trinity since Pastor Randy started in September 2022.

The luncheon will be on **Sunday, March 29th** right after the service. **We encourage members and visitors to join us for the lunch so we can all officially welcome and get to know our newest members.**

BBQ, mac'n cheese, baked beans, and banana pudding are on the menu. All you need to do is come hungry and enjoy yourselves.

We want to make sure we cook enough food for everyone! In order to get a proper headcount, please fill out the portion below at the bottom of the page. You can tear the bottom off and place it in the offering basket. (You can also leave a message with the office, if you prefer.)

Yes, we will attend. _____

Family name: _____



Number of adults down to age 11. _____

Number of children 10 and under. _____





Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held
Saturday, April 4th.

- The egg hunt will run from **10am until 11:30am.**
- Meet behind the TLC kitchen. Please arrive by 9:35.
- *Don't forget to bring your baskets to hold all of your eggs.*

If anyone in the congregation would like to donate candy for the eggs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave the candy in the conference room across from Pastor's office by no later than Wednesday April 1st.



Wyatt Koon, 6th
Margaret Livingston, 16th
Riley Attaway, 18th
Davis Farr, 20th

