

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Hymn 104

\*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. Gather us, gracious Lord, into the saving grace of your covenantal promises. Show us the light of your countenance and remind us often of our true citizenship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

*(We Sit)*

**God's Word Proclaimed**

The First Lesson Jeremiah 26:8-15

Psalm 4 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

\*The Holy Gospel Luke 13:31-35

\*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 "Don't Miss It!"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *When Israel Was in ...* WOV Hymn 670

\*The Creed page 65

Installation of Mr. Chris Crouch: Director of Youth & Education

Ministries

\*The Prayers

\*The Peace

*(We Sit)*

**We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God**

The Offering

The Anthem: *Tender Jesus, Lamb of God* Choir

\*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 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* Hymn 93

\*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.

*No Altar Flowers during Lent.*

While **Minutes for the monthly council meetings** are no longer included in The Herald, they remain available on the table in the elevator room of the narthex and on the table outside of the church office.

**The Carolinas Mission Region Convocation** will be held Friday May 2 and Saturday May 3, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church in Stanley, NC. Please let Pastor Randy know if you are interested in serving as a delegate.

**Bus Shed Cleanout...**The time has come to clean out the bus shed. A lot of stuff has accumulated over the years and we need to go through everything and discard all the old, unneeded things that have been stored there and properly organize the rest. In order for us to avoid discarding something important the Property Committee is asking for your help in identifying what needs to be saved and stored in the shed. If you or a committee you served on has stored items in the shed that need to be saved, please clearly identify those items (eg tag them) prior to 3/22. Untagged items will be assumed to be surplus and discarded. Thanks for your assistance in this effort.

**Happy Mountaineers** will be held Thursday, March 27th @ 10 am., in the TLC. Zoey Fulmer will be our guest speaker with devotions given by Mary Spires. For lunch we will have soup, cornbread, and sandwiches. Desserts will be furnished.

**Volunteers Needed at GAAP in March...**Holy Trinity has agreed to provide volunteers to work at the GAAP food pantry when a month has 5 Saturdays in it. In 2025, these dates are March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to volunteer **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, please let Danny Newton know as soon as possible at 843-810-5821 or [438dwnewton@gmail.com](mailto:438dwnewton@gmail.com).

Prayers: Helen Koon, Mike Brown (Father of Jillian Long), Brenda Wicker, Faye Shealy, Kaye Shealy, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, 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.*

**First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!  
<sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

**Psalm 4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!  
<sup>2</sup>**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**  
<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.  
<sup>4</sup>**Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**  
<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup>**There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**  
<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.  
<sup>8</sup>**In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

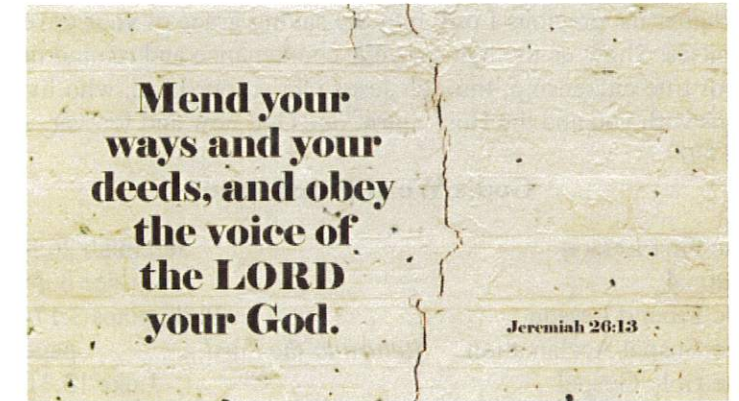
<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

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The overarching theme of the Scripture texts today point hearers to the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. This love can be trusted above all else, and yet sinful humanity more often chooses to reject God than to embrace him. Only those who have ears that are willing to hear and respond to Christ will know his tender love and sheltering presence. When we offer that same love to others, we imitate Christ.

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

**SERVING TODAY, March 16, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Karter Crumpton  
**Crucifer:** Eli Kednocker  
**Bulletin Folder:** Barrett Havird  
**Lector:** Lin Lake  
**Greeters:** Maxton & Bobbie King  
**Nursery:** Crystal Crouch, Jenna & Taylor Lake  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Flowers:** No Flowers during Lent  
**Usher Chair:** Steve Bush  
**Elevator:** Cameron Kaihara  
**Ushers:** Charles Frick, Brad Stokes

**SERVING Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Karter Crumpton  
**Crucifer:** Eli Kednocker  
**Lector:** Danny Newton  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Usher Chair:** Steve Bush  
**Elevator:** Rod Steffy  
**Ushers:** Philip Armstrong, Steve Layton

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 23, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Taylor Lake  
**Crucifer:** Tanner Shell  
**Bulletin Folder:** Natalie Winn  
**Lector:** Mary Spires  
**Greeters:** Ritchie & Helen Koon  
**Nursery:** Karen Winn, Jessica & Keaton Lindler  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Flowers:** No Flowers during Lent  
**Usher Chair:** Steve Bush  
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance March 9:   Worship: 165   Sunday School: 44

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,128.00
Difference	\$	1,482.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

March 16, 2025

*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 16th**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 17th**

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

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Lenten Meal	6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship	7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 20th**

Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.
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**Saturday, March 22nd**

Bush Shed Cleanout

**Sunday, March 23rd**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

## 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.

[holyltlc.org](http://holyltlc.org)

## Parking Lot Ministry



“The Holy Trinity Express” is on the move. If you are having mobility issues, of any kind, we would like to help you get around our campus. We will be in the parking lot on Sunday mornings and other church events to help you. Please look for us and flag us down if you are in need of this service.

## 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 30th 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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