

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
5th Sunday in Lent

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* Hymn 293

*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, your Son came into this world bringing salvation and life to all who believe. May your Spirit breathe life into the dry bones of our lives so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 8:1-11

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

*The Holy Gospel John 11:1-53

*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 "Yes, These Bones Can Live"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *There Is A Balm In Gilead* WOV Hymn 737

The Rite of Holy Baptism page 121

Autumn Mary Lambert

*The Peace

(We Sit)

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 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* Hymn 259

*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

We give thanks to God and Welcome: Autumn Mary Lambert, daughter of Aaron & Amber Lambert into the family of faith here at Holy Trinity through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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 & Dessert will be provided

Prayers: Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Ann Herrington, Family of Molly Kednocker, Dot Abrams, Stuart & Pam Dalton, Cody, Whitney, & Olivia Page, Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), 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.*

Sunday, March 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O LORD God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?
⁴**But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**
⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
⁶**my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸**And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

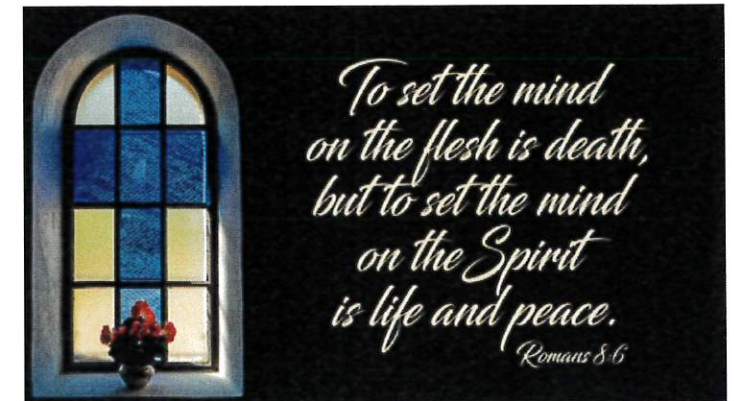
¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11:1-53

See insert

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



SERVING TODAY, 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

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

SERVING WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2026

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Landon Frick
Lector: Mary Spires
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Travis Koon
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Philip Armstrong

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

Acolyte: Karsyn Crumpton
Crucifer: Karter Crumpton
Bulletin Folder: Wilder, Roman, & Wilder Long
Lector: Sheri Wicker
Greeters: Phillip & Christie Allison
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Communion: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Flowers: Palms
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: Curtis Boland

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

Attendance March 15: Worship: 143 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,418.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

March 22, 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 22nd

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

Monday, March 23rd

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 24th

GLASS 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th

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 26th

Happy Mountaineers 10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29th

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
New Members Luncheon after worship

Gospel: John 11:1-53

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in



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.



the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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 25 – *Don’t You Fear God?*

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

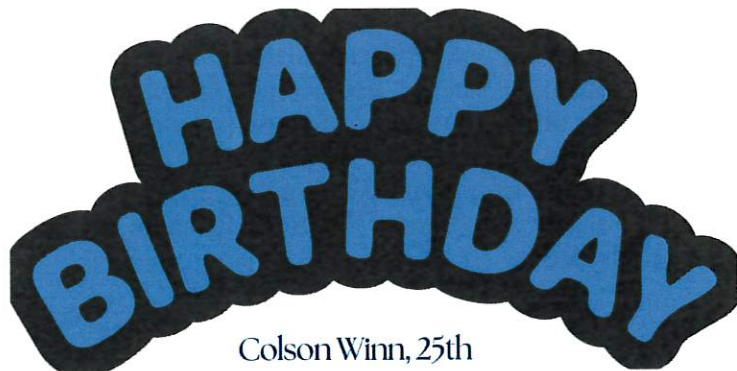
April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – *Do This in Remembrance of Me*

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 _____



Piano Key Purchase Form



If you would like to purchase keys, the cost is \$75.00 per key or \$125.00 for two keys. Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW MANY _____

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Our church family has been blessed for many years through music that lifts our hearts in worship. Our current piano has faithfully served us, but it is now in need of replacement. We are prayerfully inviting members of the congregation to consider contributing toward the purchase of a new piano so that our worship services continue to be enriched through music for years to come.

Any donation, large or small, will help us reach this goal and will be a meaningful way to support our ministry of music in our church. We also will be selling keys on the piano as we did for our organ in memory of or an honor of loved ones. Each key will cost \$75 or two keys for \$125. A piano key form can be left in the church office or placed in the offering plate. Donations can also be given to any music and worship committee member- Donna Fulmer, Lauren Armstrong, Cindy Frick, Bobby Chapman, and council liaison - Ted Arnold. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

In Christian love,

The Worship and Music Committee