

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**3rd Sunday of Lent / Preschool Sunday**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and Meditation  
Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Preschool Recognition & Music  
*(\* Please stand as able)*

\*Gathering Hymn *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* Hymn 358  
\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56  
\*Apostolic Greeting page 57  
\*Kyrie page 57  
\*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 60  
\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

C. Holy Father, you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace and boldness to cast aside all pursuits that so easily become our idols and keep us faithful in our worship of you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**  
*(We Sit)*

**God's Word Proclaimed**

The First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19 page 223-224  
The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
\*The Gospel Acclamation *Return to the Lord...* page 63  
\*The Holy Gospel John 2:13-22  
\*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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.*

The Sermon "Christ Crucified: Wisdom or Foolishness?"  
Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *Guide Me Ever...* Hymn 343  
\*The Creed page 65  
\*The Prayers  
\*The Peace  
*(We Sit)*

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

The Offering  
The Anthem *My Savior Leadeth Me*  
\*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

**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.*

*Lamb of God* page 72  
\*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 *How Firm a Foundation* Hymn 507  
\*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 Altar Flowers during Lent.*

**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.

**Today we give thanks to God and celebrate the ministry of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool and their staff.** Through the years it has helped the children in our community prepare for school and a successful life. We welcome our preschool families to our worship this morning. Thank you for allowing our congregation to be a part of your family's life.

**Stewardship Minute**

If we allow a day to pass by without practicing generosity, we are like a blacksmith's bellows; we breathe, but we do not live. - Sanskrit proverb

**Faith Circle** will meet Tuesday at 2PM in TLC. Annette Shealy is program leader and hostess.

**Happy Mountaineers** will meet, Thursday, March 21, 10 AM, in Trinity Life Center. Following devotions and any business, we will welcome a guest speaker, Angela Bowers, representing Newberry County Memorial Hospital. Lunch will be provided. All members are encouraged to attend and any visitors are welcomed to try us out. **DEVOTIONS:** Mary Spires **MEAL:** will be provided **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

**All Organizational Treasurers** - Please bring your financial books for audit for calendar year 2023 to Ann Sanders or Shannon Corley by Sunday, March 3rd. This should include your checkbook, bank statements, invoices that were paid and ledger if one was kept.

Prayers: Family of Rev. James Franklin Shealy, Richard Rand (brother in law of Terecia Wilson), Michael Torrence, Judy Shealy, Joyce McCall, Charles Frick, Donna Fulmer, Terecia Wilson, Barry Derrick (Brother of Clair Wicker), Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Denise Salyer (Friend of Lucy Peters), Randy Stockman (Father of Amber Koon), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson). *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: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” <sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**Psalm 19**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the

foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD.”

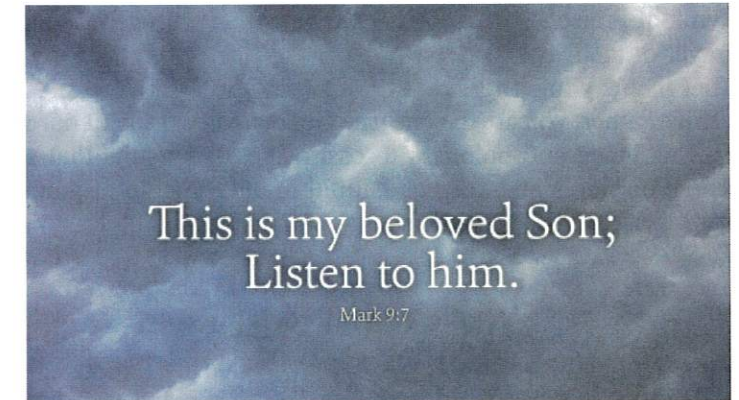
**Gospel: John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

The Law of the Lord is perfect and provides a framework for God’s people to live together with him and one another. At the heart of God’s law are the care and protection of his beloved people. These rules for living faithfully were not meant to keep humanity in shackles — on the contrary! They were given to Israel, and all people after them, so that we would have true freedom, peace, and joy.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**SERVING TODAY, March 3, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Roman Long  
**Crucifer:** Blake Ballentine  
**Bulletin Folder:** Troy Hentz  
**Lector:** Eli Kednocker  
**Greeters:** Chad & Anna Weaver  
**Nursery:** Jessica Lindler, Karen Winn  
**Altar Guild:** Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison  
**Communion:** Bill & Robin Loadholdt  
**Flowers:** No Flowers during Lent  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** Britton Havird  
**Ushers:** Danny Newton, Edwin Havird

**SERVING WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Karsyn Crumpton  
**Crucifer:** Braxton Rodgers  
**Lector:** Mary Spires  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** Britton Havird  
**Ushers:** Danny Newton, Edwin Havird

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 10, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Karsyn Crumpton  
**Crucifer:** Braxton Rodgers  
**Bulletin Folder:** Blair Cromer  
**Lector:** Sheri Wicker  
**Greeters:** Travis & Amber Koon  
**Nursery:** Morgan Kaihara, Glenda Hentz  
**Altar Guild:** Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison  
**Flowers:** No Flowers during Lent  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** Britton Havird  
**Ushers:** Danny Newton, Edwin Havird

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

**Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:****Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:**

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	4,494.00
Difference	+	\$ 971.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

March 3, 2024

*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 3rd**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion / Preschool Sunday	10:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 4th**

Prayer Shawl will not meet	
Mom's Life Group	6:30 p.m.
Worship & Music	7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 5th**

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday, March 6th**

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

**Thursday, March 7th**

Card Night	6:00 p.m.
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**Sunday, March 10th**

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ—Eat at Na'cho Margartia	5:00 p.m.

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Mid-Week Lenten Schedule

This year during our mid-week Lenten worship, are going to explore the question: what does it mean to live out our baptism in the world today?

For Christians, our way of life has at its foundation God's saving action in baptism. All that we are, and all that we do, grows out of His love given to us in baptism. During Lent, we will reflect upon who we are as God's children in baptism, and how we are to live as people forever marked with the cross of Christ. We will also be reminded that, in a world filled with pain, suffering, and uncertainty, God calls His baptized children to bring the message of hope, mercy, and grace into the lives of everyone around us. This is our ministry as baptized persons—as persons marked for living!

Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn more.

Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

February 21 - Claimed  
February 28 - Named  
March 6 - Clothed  
March 13 - Enlightened  
March 20 - Appointed

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## Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to order Easter Lilies this year, the cost is \$10.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is **TODAY** 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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