

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 499

*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. Heavenly Father, in you is mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, let us always rejoice in the limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness for repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 12:1-6

Psalm 32 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*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 "Two Sons"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *The Glory of These...* WOV Hymn 657

*The Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Lead Me Back* 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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* WOV Hymn 731

*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.

Non-chocolate candy is needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th. (More info. to come!) Please leave your donations in the Conference Room. Thank you in advance!

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.

Volunteers Needed at GAAP... 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 29th. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Danny Newton know as soon as possible at 843-810-5821 or 438dwnewton@gmail.com.

Prayers: Helen Koon, Mike Brown (Father of Jillian Long), 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: Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Psalm 32

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.** ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. **⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.** ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. **⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.** ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.** ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. **¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.** ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹... “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

SERVING TODAY, March 30, 2025

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Roman Long
Lector: Philip Armstrong
Greeters: Curtis Boland & Peyton Koon
Nursery: Joyce McCall, Glenda Hentz, Dorothy Armstrong
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, April 2, 2025

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Lector: Daniel Boland
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: Britton Havird
Ushers: Danny Newton, Edwin Havird

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 6, 2025

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Karter Crumpton
Lector: Eva Kednocker
Greeters: Carter & Jenna Lake
Nursery: Ritchie Koon, Crystal Crouch
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Communion: Charles & Kaye Shealy
Flowers: No Flowers during Lent
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance March 23: Worship: 168 Sunday School: 55

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	9,942.00
Difference	+	\$ 3,332.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

March 30, 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 30th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 31st

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, April 2nd

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

Sunday, April 6th

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

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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:

- 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

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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 Egg Hunt

EASTER STORY, EGG HUNT, CRAFTS, TREATS, AND MORE!

19 APRIL 2025 3:00

AGES 0-2	3:20
AGES 3-4	3:35
AGES 5-7	3:50
AGES 8 & UP	4:05

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SCREAMING EAGLES Fundraiser

Shealy's BAR-B-QUE PLATE \$15

EACH PLATE WILL HAVE:
BBQ PORK
FRIED CHICKEN
RICE
HASH
STRING BEANS
CORN ROLL

PREORDER ONLY!

FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2025

PICK UP AT THE PERCH FROM 4:30 - 6:30

The Perch, 97 West Church St Little Mountain

Drive Thru Service | On-site Bake Sale

Questions? Contact Jill Carahan | 815-573-2382 | screamingeaglesports.org

SCREAMING EAGLES BAKE SALE

ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO BUILDING THE NEST!

Friday April 11, 2025
4:30-6:30PM

THE PERCH
97 WEST CHURCH ST
LITTLE MOUNTAIN SC

Please contact Jenny Bowers for tickets.
803-331-5620