

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
3rd 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. Holy One, you are the fountain of living water. Stir within us a renewed sense of your mercy, given through your grace in the waters of baptism. Give us this living water always; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95:1-9 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 5:1-8

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

*The Holy Gospel John 4:5-26

*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 "Living Water" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *There's a Wideness in God's...* Hymn 290

*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: *I Know a Fount* 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 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Hymn 423

*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

Lutheran Men will meet on March 15th at 7:30am for breakfast. Pastor David Nuottila will be joining us to share about the NALC Congo Missions.

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: 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, Molly Kednocker, 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 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalm 95:1-9

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel: John 4:5-26

⁵So {Jesus} came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

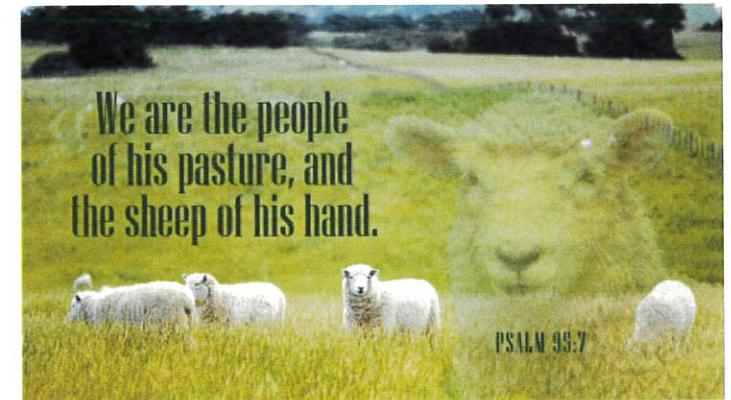
⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

The story from Exodus for today points to humanity's perpetual lack of faith as the Israelites complain about a lack of water in the wilderness. God commanded Moses to strike a rock and water gushed forth, filling all Israel's needs for refreshment and life. In the Gospel, a woman comes to faith in Jesus when he asks her for a drink during an exchange at Jacob's well. She soon discovers Living Water in him.

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*"Preaching, Teaching, and Serving
in Christ's Name"*



SERVING TODAY, March 8, 2026

Acolyte: Anna Mae Kednocker
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Wyatt & Addi Koon
Lector: Allen Williams
Greeters: Janet Fulmer & Dana Dorroh
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Lent-No Flowers
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Tanner Shell, Josh Long

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

SERVING WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2026

Acolyte: Kadence Derrick
Crucifer: Natalie Winn
Lector: Becky Chapman
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Usher Chair: Darin Boland
Elevator: Scotty Kednocker
Ushers: Tanner Shell, Josh Long

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, 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

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

Attendance March 1 : Worship: 163 Sunday School: 48

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:
Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,804.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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 8th

Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
Teens for Christ 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 9th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.
Property Committee 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th

GLASS 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th

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 12th

Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15th

Lutheran Men 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.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 4 – *Not During the Festival*

March 11 – *He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus*

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.