

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* Hymn 148

\*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 Acts 5:29-42

Psalms 148 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

\*The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

\*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 Kyle Page

\*The Hymn of the Day *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* Hymn 543

\*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

\*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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hymn 315

\*Sending and Charge

\*Doxology Hymn 564

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***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.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*  
*By Allen & Cindy Farr*

**Council Meeting** has been moved to Sunday, April 19 at 7:30a.m.

**Lutheran Men** will meet on April 19 at 8:00 a.m. Brad Shealy will present the program.

**Happy Mountaineers** will have their monthly meeting on April 23 and it will be an outing to Newberry Museum. Plans are to board the church bus at 10 AM; tour the Museum and enjoy lunch at Mig's before returning to the church. Lee Attaway will be driving us. **THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN US ON THIS OUTING.** Just gather behind TLC at 10 AM.

Prayers: Laura Layton (Daughter of Steve & Leslie Layton), Pat Collins, Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Ann Herrington, 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, 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.*

**First Reading: Acts 5:29-42**

<sup>29</sup>Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

**Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>**And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

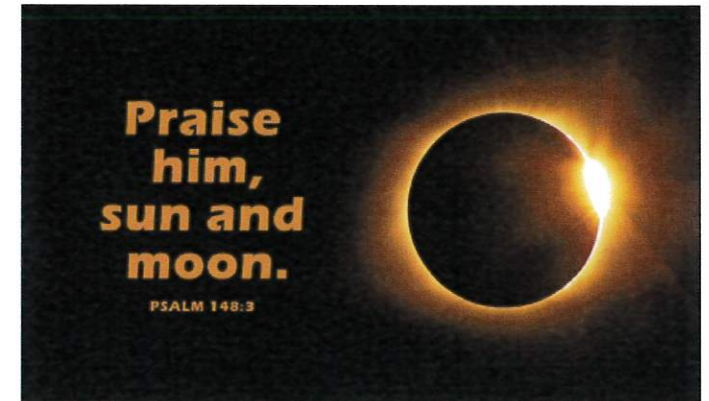
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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in Christ’s Name”*





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY  
3 | Golden Age Sunday

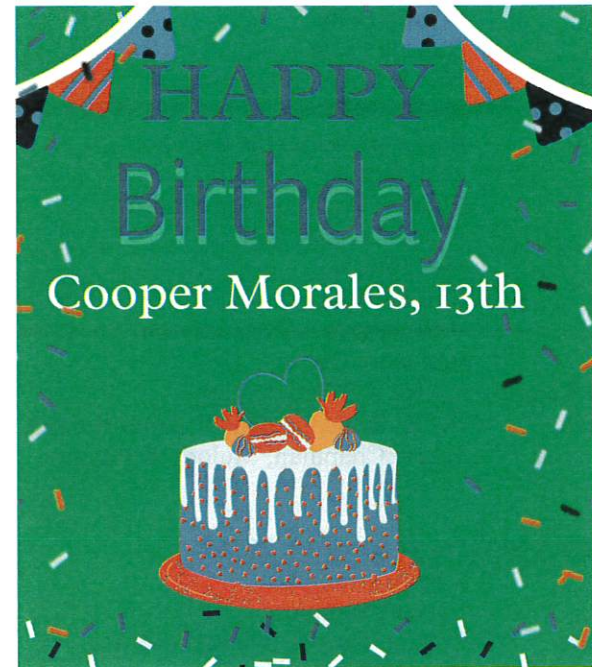
MAY  
17 | Graduate Sunday

MAY  
24 | Confirmation Sunday

JUNE  
15-19 | Vacation Bible School

JULY  
19-24 | Solid Rock Day Camp

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### Are you Graduating?

If so, please let the church office know by May 3rd...  
Graduate Sunday is May 17th.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL PRICE \_\_\_\_\_





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