

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
3rd Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Blessed Assurance* WOV Hymn 699

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrie page 57

*Hymn of Praise page 58

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Living God, Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-14 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-25

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13-35

*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 "Inattentional Blindness" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *I Love to Tell the Story* Hymn 390

*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 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* WOV Hymn 674

*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.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
 By Jesse & Rebecca Farr*

Social Ministry Committee members and Golden-age Sunday volunteers will meet on Wednesday, April 22 in the conference room to discuss plans related to Golden-age Sunday.

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.

Golden-age Sunday: If you have already celebrated your 75th birthday or will be 75 this year, you are a Golden-ager. Each year a booklet is published containing short biographies of our golden-agers. If yours needs to be updated, please submit changes to Marie. If you are a first time golden-ager, biographies usually include prior occupation, family, hobbies, whatever you would like to include. Changes and new submissions should be given to Marie before April 24.

The **Music and Worship Committee** would like to donate the piano in the sanctuary to anyone in the congregation or community. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who would like to learn to play the piano. This would be delivered free of charge by Steinway Piano Company when they deliver the new piano to our church. If anyone is interested, please contact Donna Fulmer at 803-422-7407.

Prayers: Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Ann Herrington, Dot Abrams, Stuart & Pam Dalton, 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.*

Sunday, April 19, 2026

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First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Psalm 116:1-14

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴**Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶**The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸**For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰**I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”;**

¹¹I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

¹²**What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?**

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a

sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus’ followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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You were redeemed...
with Christ’s precious blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19

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



SERVING TODAY, April 19, 2026

Acolyte: Karsyn Crumpton
Crucifer: Karter Crumpton
Bulletin Folder: Colson, Dustin, & Natalie Winn
Lector: Carlotta Chapman
Greeters: Scotty & Melissa Kednocker
Nursery: Audrey Caldwell, Glenda Hentz
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: Jesse & Rebecca Farr
Usher Chair: Steve Bush
Elevator: Cameron Kaihara
Ushers: Frank Lake, Brad Stokes
Golf Cart: Ritchie Koon
TLC On-Call Team: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 26, 2026

Acolyte: Eden Stoudemire
Crucifer: Ella Stoudemire
Bulletin Folder: Karibeth Zwart
Lector: Daniel Boland
Greeters: Frank & Lin Lake
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: JP, Mary Jane, & Jase Zwart
Usher Chair: Steve Bush
Elevator: Cameron Kaihara
Ushers: Frank Lake, Brad Stokes
Golf Cart: Dean Rodgers
TLC On-Call Team: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance April 12: Worship: 92 Sunday School: 35

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 6,659.00

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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, April 19th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 20th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, April 21st

Stewardship Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 22nd

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Social Ministry	6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 23rd

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

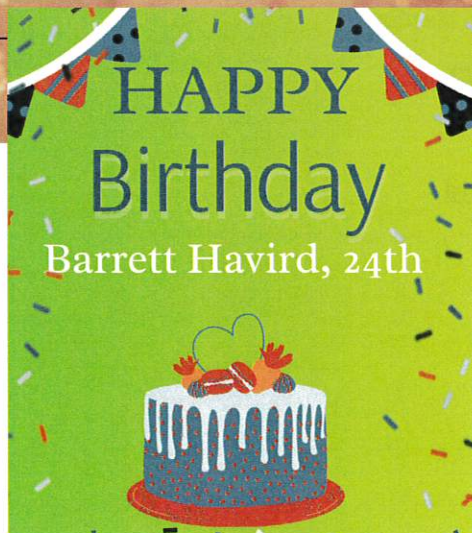
Sunday, April 26th

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

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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



Are you Graduating?

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

Golden Age Sunday

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
ARE INVITED!**

WE NEED TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE!! If you are 75 or older, OR WILL TURN 75 ANYTIME IN 2026, you are a HOLY TRINITY GOLDEN AGER and will be honored at the Sunday, May 3, worship service. There will be a home cooked meal following the service and we need to know how many will attend. Invite your family to join us for this special day when the folks who continue to be the bedrock of our congregation are honored. EVERYONE, INCLUDING GOLDEN AGERS, needs to return the slip below with your name and number attending by Sunday, April 26. Drop it in the offering plate, by the church office OR call the office with the number attending.

Tell us about yourself! If you need to update a biography or submit a first time biography, please do so to the office by April 24. If needed, forms are on tables outside the office and in the elevator room of the church to get you started.

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All volunteers, golden agers, church members, & visitors, please be sure to turn in your number attending as well.

THERE WILL BE _____ ATTENDING THE MEAL ON
GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY.

NAME _____