

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Little Mountain, South Carolina  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn      *The Lord's My Shepherd*      Hymn 451

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness      page 56

\*Apostolic Greeting      page 57

\*Kyrie      page 57

\*Hymn of Praise      *Glory to God in the Highest*      page 58

\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

C. Shepherding God, you have brought us into your holy flock out of great love and mercy. Grant that we might likewise show forth your love in truthful words and through our compassionate acts of love; through 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 4:1-12

Psalms 23      see bulletin

The Second Lesson      1 John 3:16-24

\*The Gospel Acclamation      *Alleluia, Lord to whom...*      page 62

\*The Holy Gospel      John 10:11-18

\*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      "Faithful Church Members – Part 1"  
 Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day      *The King of Love...*      Hymn 456  
 \*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:      *The Good Shepherd*      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      *Savior, Like a Shepherd*      Hymn 481  
 \*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.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Everette Shealy  
 By Judy Shealy & Family*

**Lutheran Men** will meet this evening at 6:30 for a meal with a program by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chaplain. All men of the church are encouraged to attend for local community engagement and our church support/service needs.

**Help will be appreciated TODAY to set up TLC for Golden-age Sunday.** This will be done immediately after worship service. Thank you for your assistance. Ritchie Koon, Social Ministry Chairman

**Happy Mountaineers** will meet, Thursday, April 25, 10 AM, in Trinity Life Center. Following devotions and any business, we will have a special activity we had such fun with last year; an ART LESSON!! All members are encouraged to attend and any visitors are welcomed to try us out. EVERYONE IS WELCOME but if you don't attend regularly, please let Janet Fulmer know you're coming so we'll be sure to have enough materials on hand. DEVOTIONS: Ann Sanders MEAL: Hotdogs with all the trimmings, baked beans, slaw and dessert

**The community is invited to join Screaming Eagle Athletics, our local special needs organization on April 22, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** for our first ball game at The Nest. There will be free hot dogs. Pelicans will be selling snow cones and Screaming Eagle merchandise will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair and come have fun. Enter at The Cotton Press or by the helipad.

Prayers: Rebecca Bennet (Friend of Hannah Drafts), Family of Ariel Brown, Family of Junior Alewine, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin. *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 21, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**First Reading: Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**Psalm 23 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own and they know him. The shepherd, as opposed to the hired hand, will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for the sake of those he loves. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**SERVING TODAY, April 21, 2024**

**Acolyte:** TBA  
**Crucifer:** Daniel Williams  
**Bulletin Folder:** Zack Henson  
**Lector:** Ted Arnold  
**Greeters:** Steve & Leah Bush  
**Nursery:** Sheri Wicker, Robin Loadholdt  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Flowers:** Judy Shealy  
**Usher Chair:** Phillip Allison  
**Elevator:** Larry Grooms  
**Ushers:** Kevin Crumpton, Eli Kednocker

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 28, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Tabitha Armstrong  
**Crucifer:** Daniel Williams  
**Bulletin Folder:** Eva Kednocker  
**Lector:** Helen Koon  
**Greeters:** Bart & Carlotta Chapman  
**Nursery:** Rebecca Edwards, Joyce McCall  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Flowers:** Kevin & Sharon Shealy  
**Usher Chair:** Phillip Allison  
**Elevator:** Larry Grooms  
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance April 14:   Worship: 153   Sunday School: 46

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,592.00
Difference	\$	939.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

April 21, 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, April 21st**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 22nd**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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**Wednesday, April 24th**

Leviticus Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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**Thursday, April 25th**

Happy Mountaineers	10:00 a.m.
Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 28th**

Confirmation	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Golden Age Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Golden Age Meal	
Joint Youth Gathering—St. Peter	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.



### Notice of Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 21, 2024

All eligible\* voting members of Holy Trinity are invited and expected to participate in this meeting to vote on establishing the position of “Director of Youth and Education Ministries” during 10:30am worship on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. A position description and list of criteria has been made available in the bulletin and April edition of The Herald, but contact the church office if you are in need of either document.

Please prayerfully consider God’s will for us and for the children’s, youth, and educational ministries of our congregation.

(\*Voting Members are those members who have communed in the congregation and made a contribution of record in the current or preceding calendar year.)

### GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY

If you are 75 or older, OR WILL TURN 75 ANYTIME IN 2024, you are a HOLY TRINITY GOLDEN AGER and will be honored on Sunday, April 28, 2024. There will be a meal following the 10:30 AM service. This will be a home cooked meal. Invite your family to join us for this special day when the folks who continue to be the bedrock of our congregation are honored. We need to know how many will be attending so sufficient food will be prepared. EVERYONE, INCLUDING GOLDEN AGERS, needs to return the slip below with your name & number attending by Sunday, April 21. Just drop it into the offering plate or by the church office. You may also call the church office with the number attending at 803 345 2841.

Tell us about yourself! If you need to update a biography or submit a biography for the first time, please do so to the office by April 17. If needed, forms are on the tables outside the office and in the front of the church.

THERE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENDING THE MEAL ON GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 19TH



If you are graduating High School, College or Technical School, we would like to celebrate with you! Please email your information to the church office at [office@holyltc.org](mailto:office@holyltc.org) by May 5th.

Information needed includes: school you attended, degree earned, activities in which you participated, honors received and future plans.

A colorful promotional graphic for Solid Rock Day Camp. It features a yellow circle with "\$50 Registration Fee", a purple circle with "JUNE 9-14", and the text "SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP". Below this, there are three polaroid photos of children at camp. At the bottom, a blue banner lists activities: "WORSHIP & MUSIC, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, & JESUS - CENTERED FUN". The footer includes "St. Peter & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and "Email Marie for the link if you did not receive it."/>

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\*\*\*Your spot for day camp is not reserved until you have paid the \$50 registration fee. \*\*\*



**FRIDAY MAY  
10TH 6-9PM**

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
LAUGHS, FUN, AND  
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES  
AT OUR 1ST FAMILY &  
FRIENDS GAME NIGHT!**



Please Bring:  
Dish/Snack to share  
Favorite game (labeled with your name)

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Trinity Life Center*

# VBS



*"For Where Your Treasure Is,  
There Your Heart Will Be Also"*

*Matthew 6:21*

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Register Here!

June 17 - 21  
Meal: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Program: 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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What is a disciple?  
 Who are disciples?  
 Disciple  
 Discipleship  
 Disciple-making  
 What is discipleship?  
 How can I be a disciple?

## Jesus' Plan for Making Disciples

Our previous discussion focused on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) with Jesus commanding us to "Make Disciples." Three participles were used to explain how this command was to be followed - 1) Going 2) Baptizing and 3) Teaching. Let's look at these closer.

### 1. Going

Go to people, Jesus expects us to "go out." We are expected to "go out" and reach others who know nothing or very little about Jesus. Christians are not doing the work of the church if we are not winning souls to Christ or witnessing to the message of the gospels.

If the church is to grow by making disciples, its people must be willing to reach out into the world community or local areas as Christ's witnesses. That is why Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit whose fruit includes love and peace (Galatians 5:22) will give you boldness and opportunity to speak on His behalf.

Evangelism can be defined as sharing the good news of Christ's substitutionary death and resurrection and His free offer of forgiveness for sin and eternal life to all who come to Him by faith to receive it. The church should encourage and equip believers to effectively share their faith with unbelievers as well as believers!

### 2) Baptizing

Helping people identify with Christ.

Jesus said that part of making disciples was baptizing those to whom we have gone and who have accepted Christ. He was not saying to simply get people wet! The primary meaning of the Greek word baptism is "identification"!

When we put our trust in Christ, we become so completely identified with Him that His death and resurrection to new life become our death and resurrection. Many Christians struggle in their daily lives because they don't understand their new ID. They don't realize that being "in Christ" is such a radically new way of life that whatever happens to Christ happens to US.

### 3) Teaching

Teach people Biblical truth.

Once people have believed the gospel and have been ID with Christ, we must teach them "to observe all that I commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus said the goal is that people "observe," or obey, all that He commanded us. Unfortunately, many Christians want to audit the Christian life. They want the information without incurring any course responsibility. Thus accountability must be a key component of our instruction since obedience is the goal.

The goal of biblical teaching to combine information and knowledge with skill in applying the truth to daily life. Making disciples is a process of spiritual development. God wants to take the negatives in our lives and turn them into positives so that we come out looking like His Son.

Many people will say they don't know enough scripture to teach others. In general, your actions can speak louder than words. If the "seed" or "idea" is planted, God will cultivate and do the rest.

"Go & Make Disciples!"

The Discipleship Team

