

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
5th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Golden Agers

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* WOV Hymn 690

*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. Life-giving God, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, you abide in us, even as we abide in you. Help us to grow in Christ so that we may be sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 150 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 John 4:7-21

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

*The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

*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 2"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *I Love to Tell the Story* Hymn 390
*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: *Jesus is Alive! Alleluia!* 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 *Blessed Assurance* WOV Hymn 699

*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
By Kevin & Sharon Shealy

Golden Agers: Today it is our privilege to recognize and honor those members who have turned 75 or will be turning 75 years of age by the end of this year! We hope that you will take time to read the biographical summaries of our Golden Agers. This is a special group of people whose faithful service to our Lord has touched many people in our church and community. This morning we will recognize our Golden Agers during worship and honor them at our congregational dinner by serving them first.

Prayers: Rebecca Bennett (Friend of Hannah Drafts), Family of Ariel Brown (Friend of Owen Linton), 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.*

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 150

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

²**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴**Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

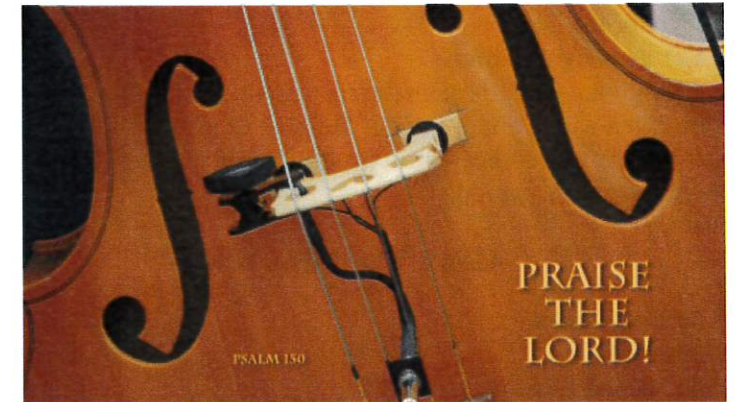
⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.]

Gospel: John 15:1-8

¹{Jesus said,} “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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

SERVING TODAY, April 28, 2024

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Eva Kednocker
Lector: Joe Boland
Greeters: Bart & Carlotta Chapman
Nursery: Rebecca Edwards, Paula Frick
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Kevin & Sharon Shealy
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Larry Grooms
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Eli Kednocker

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

Acolyte: Tabitha Armstrong
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Ava Kate Weaver
Greeters: David & Pam Bush
Nursery: Jennifer Shealy, Morgan Kaihara
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Communion: Donna Fulmer & Eva Kednocker
Flowers: Brian & Kim Stiver
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Tanner Shell
Ushers: Don Berley, David Rodgers

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

Attendance April 21: Worship: 156 Sunday School: 50

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,340.00
Difference	\$	1,191.00

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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 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.

Monday, April 29th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30th

Stewardship/ Finance 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1st

Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Cub Scouts Banquet—TLC 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd

Carolinas Mission Region Convocation 4:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th

Carolinas Mission Region Convocation 7:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th

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



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Carolinas Mission Region

2024 Carolinas Mission Region Convocation

Here at Holy Trinity
Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4

Please keep our "Convocation Team" and all delegates, guests, presenters, and NALC staff in your prayers as we meet for our annual CMR Convocation. HTLC is honored to host this special occasion in 2024. We also look forward to welcoming Bishop Dan Selbo to Holy Trinity for the first time.

"COME AS YOU ARE?" Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, May 8th
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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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@holtylc.org by May 5th.

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



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)

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VBS



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

Matthew 6:21

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June 17 - 21

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



Register Here!

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