

**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 *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* Hymn 131
- \*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56
- \*Apostolic Greeting page 57
- \*Kyrie page 57
- \*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 60
- \*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

C. Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 4:32-35
- Psalm 148 see bulletin
- The Second Lesson 1 John 1:1-2:2
- \*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62
- \*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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.*

The Sermon

Kyle Page

- \*The Hymn of the Day *Now the Green Blade Rises* Hymn 148
- \*The Creed page 65
- \*The Prayers
- \*The Peace  
*(We Sit)*

**We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God**

- The Offering
- The Anthem
- \*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 66
- \*The Offertory Prayer page 67
- \*The Great Thanksgiving page 68
- \*The Eucharistic Prayer page 70
- \*The Lord's Prayer page 71

**Communion:** *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*  
*We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.*

- Lamb of God* page 72
- \*Post Communion Blessing
- \*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 72
- \*Post Communion Prayer page 74

**God Sends Us Into The World**

- \*Blessing page 74
- \*Sending Song *God, My Children, with My...* WOV Hymn 721
- \*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**

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*  
*By Daniel & Ashley Boland*

**Stewardship Minute**

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Golden Age Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, April 28,** at the morning worship and meal following. At this time, we will honor all members age 75 and older AND those who will turn 75 before the end of 2024. If you will be a first time Golden Ager, please notify the church office by Wed., April 17. Plan to invite your family to join us for the event. Submit an updated, if necessary, or first time biography to the office by April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like an invitation sent to someone, please let Mary Spires know by April 15.

**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: Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, 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 7, 2024

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

**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**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 John 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too

may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

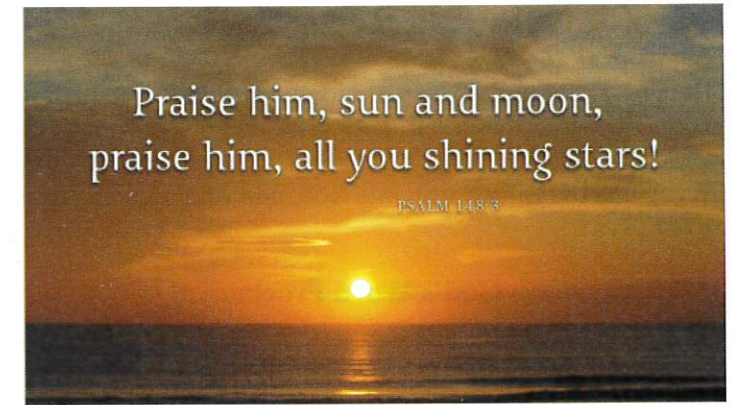
<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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



**SERVING TODAY, April 7, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Dustin Winn  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Roman Long  
**Lector:** Lin Lake  
**Greeters:** James & Debra Wieters  
**Nursery:** Melissa & Eva Kednocker, Karen Winn  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Communion:** Jackie & Mike Riddle  
**Flowers:** Daniel & Ashley Boland  
**Usher Chair:** Phillip Allison  
**Elevator:** Mike Riddle  
**Ushers:** Curtis Hardy, Braxton Rodgers

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Keaton Lindler  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Kaylee Hentz  
**Lector:** Jake Loadholdt  
**Greeters:** Dave & Dawn Rodgers  
**Nursery:** Morgan Shealy, Jessica Lindler  
**Altar Guild:** Connie Frick, Karen Winn  
**Flowers:** Mary Jane, JP, & Keribeth Zwart  
**Usher Chair:** Phillip Allison  
**Elevator:** Mike Riddle  
**Ushers:** Curtis Hardy, Braxton Rodgers

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

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	15,171.00
Difference	+	\$ 8,640.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

April 7, 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 7th**

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

**Monday, April 8th**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 10th**

Leviticus Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
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**Thursday, April 11th**

Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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**Sunday, April 14th**

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

**\$50**  
Registration  
Fee

**SOLID ROCK**  
**DAY CAMP**

**JUNE**  
**9-14**

**WORSHIP & MUSIC, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS,  
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, & JESUS - CENTERED FUN**

**St. Peter & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Email Marie for the link if you did not receive it.**

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

What is a disciple?  
Who are disciples?  
How can I be a disciple?  
What is discipleship?

## Disciple Discipleship Disciple-making

### 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 work 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