

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
4th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed...* Hymn 501

*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, draw us into the pasture of your grace, make us whole through the blood of the lamb, and keep us mindful that through your gift eternal life in Christ we shall not want; 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 20:17-35

Psalm 23 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

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

*The Holy Gospel John 10:22-30

*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 "Do You the Shepherd Calling?"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *The King of Love...* Hymn 456
*New Member Reception page 198
*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 Lead Us* 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 honor of our mothers, Lib Boland & Becky McCartha
By Joe & Wanda Boland

This morning we receive Bradley, Madison, Brynleigh, & Jett Cumalander into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY...MAY 18TH

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@holyltlc.org by May 11th.

Happy Mountaineers will meet Thursday, May 22 @ 10 a.m., in the TLC. We will carpool to Lever's Strawberry Farm to pick up strawberries. 🍓

The prices are as follows:

1/2 gallon - \$12.00

1 gallon - \$20.00

You Pick

1/2 gallon - \$10.00

1 gallon - \$18.00

Please let Janet Fulmer know how many gallons you would like by May 22nd. She will call Lever's to let them know how many gallons we need so they can have them ready for pick up. Ann Sanders will have devotions.

Volunteers Needed at GAAP in May... Holy Trinity has agreed to provide volunteers to work at the GAAP food pantry when a month has 5 Saturdays in it. In 2025, the next 5th Saturday" will be **May 31st**. May 31st will be here before we know it. For that reason, we are looking to sign up volunteers now to help that day **5 - 6 volunteers** are needed to staff the pantry. The volunteer hours are **9:45am to 12 noon**. Teenagers needing service hours are also welcome to join us. The GAAP pantry is located at **501 O'Neal St in Newberry**. If you are willing to volunteer May 31st, please let Danny Newton know at 843-810-5821 or 438dwnewton@gmail.com.

Prayers: Lib Boland, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Lee Lewis (Friend of Becky Boland), Helen Koon, Mike Brown (Father of Jillian Long), Faye Shealy, Kaye Shealy, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Hannah Drafts, Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Molly Kednocker, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley, Jonell Shealy. *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 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶**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: Revelation 7:9-17

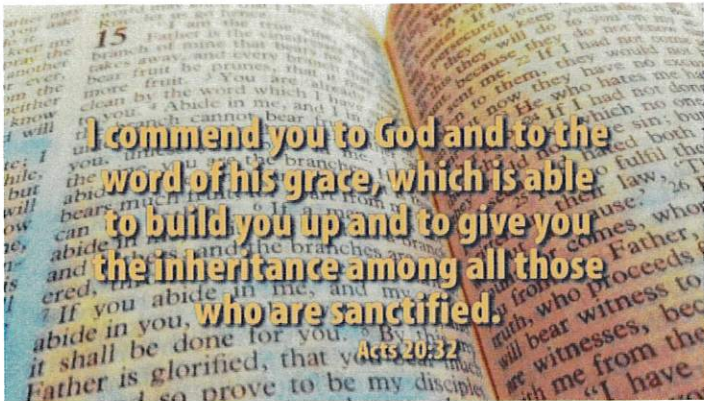
⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Gospel: John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

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

SERVING TODAY, May 11, 2025

Acolyte: Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Dustin Winn
Lector: Bobby Chapman
Greeters: Mike & Jackie Riddle
Nursery: Karen Winn, Crystal Crouch
Altar Guild: Holly Havird & Wanda Havird
Flowers: Joe & Wanda Boland
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Mike Riddle
Ushers: Scott Bell, Braxton Rodgers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 18, 2025

Acolyte: Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Cooper Morales
Lector: Phillip Allison
Greeters: Kevin & Wendy Shealy
Nursery: Christie Allison, Ritchie Koon
Altar Guild: Holly Havird & Wanda Havird
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Larry Grooms
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Eli Kednocker

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

Attendance May 4: Worship: 257 Sunday School: 55

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	8,484.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,874.00

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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, May 11th**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	

Monday, May 12th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, May 13th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 14th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Community Meal	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18th

Confirmation	9:15 a.m.
Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Graduation Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.



Fighting Homelessness One Day at a Time

GAAP and its sister organization (Love Thy Neighbor) are taking steps to fight homelessness in Newberry County. Both of these organizations are located in the basement and cafeteria of the O'Neal St UMC. The parsonage at that church has been vacant for some time. Thus, their congregation is now allowing 4 homeless people to move into the parsonage for a 3-month period. During that time, these people work to save money for an apartment. That church is also assisting them in securing the necessary documents to help get jobs, collect benefits available, etc. In lieu of rent during their stay, these folks do work around the church, parsonage, and assist with GAAP and Love Thy Neighbor activities.

Once these men move to an apartment, they are starting with nothing. GAAP and Love Thy Neighbor are working to gather anything needed to help them start up a home again. These items include furniture, bedding, slightly used towels, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, etc, etc, etc.

How can you help? If you have any household items that you are willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. (The only item not being collected at this time is clothing.) If you can assist, please contact Danny Newton at 438dwnewton@gmail.com or 843-810-5821. He can help arrange the pickup of items. Monetary donations are also useful to help purchase needed items.

