

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 7th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *A Hymn of Glory (v. 1-4, 7)* Hymn 157

*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. Gracious God, your deep desire for you people is that we may be one as you are one. Teach this gathering of Christ's followers to live each day out of our true identity —children of God and one in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 1 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 John 5:9-15

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

*The Holy Gospel John 17:11b-19

*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 "Witnesses to the World"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hymn 158

*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: *He Is Lord* 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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns (v. 1-4)* Hymn 170

*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
 Kayleigh Jane's 16th Birthday
 By JP, Mary Jane, Keribeth, & Jase Zwart*

Happy Mother's Day: Today we celebrate and give God thanks for the gift of our mothers: The ones who helped us see God in our biggest failures and greatest joys.

Happy Mountaineers will meet, Thursday, May 23, 10 AM, in Trinity Life Center. Following devotions and any business, we will carpool to Lever's for strawberries. They will be ready and waiting for us. All members are encouraged to attend and any visitors are welcomed to ride with us. We'll return to the church for a pizza lunch. DEVOTIONS: Lib Boland MEAL: pizza

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

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 ASAP.

Prayers: Molly Kednocker, Rebecca Bennett (Friend of Hannah Drafts), 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, May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying^[a] with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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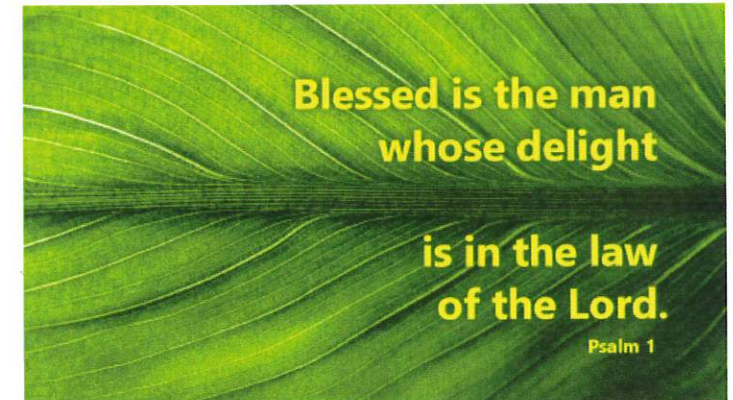
Gospel: John 17:11b-19

^{11b}{Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,} “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the scripture lessons focus on the task at hand for the newly formed church. The eleven disciples need to find a replacement for the one who betrayed Jesus. This will be the beginning of their apostolic ministry to the world. We are reminded of Jesus’ prayer for his followers before his death; a prayer that asks for the protection of his closest friends as they go out into the world without him at their side. They will not be alone, however. They will soon have the Holy Spirit.

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



SERVING TODAY, May 12, 2024

Acolyte: Zack Henson
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Karsyn Crumpton
Lector: Helen Koon
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: Glenda Hentz, Amy Collins
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Mary Jane, JP, & Keribeth Zwart
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Tanner Shell
Ushers: Don Berley, David Rodgers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

Acolyte: Zack Henson
Crucifer: Troy Hentz
Bulletin Folder: Knowlton Lindler
Lector: Becky Chapman
Greeters: Don Berley & Faye Shealy
Nursery: Joyce McCall, Christie Allison
Communion: Scotty & Eli Kednocker
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Robbie Wicker
Ushers: Rodger Winn, Will Attaway

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

Attendance May 5: Worship: 152 Sunday School: 51

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,693.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,162.00

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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 12th

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 13th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.
TLC Guidelines Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14th

Circle of Joy 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15th

Herald Articles Due 9:00 a.m.
Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 16th

Property / Building Committee 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19th

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

Carolinas Mission Region (CMR) 2024 Convocation Report

Congregations of the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC gathered on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th here at Holy Trinity for our annual convocation. Around 100 people attended the event, representing 38 congregations of the NALC in North and South Carolina. Pastor Randy and Kyle Page were voting delegates representing Holy Trinity.

Friday night's activities included mission presentations from groups including NALC Disaster Response, Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries, Congo Mission International, and others. We enjoyed a delicious BBQ meal catered by Shealy's Barbeque.

Saturday's festivities included worship and Holy Communion, with Bishop Dan Selbo preaching. Our choir led a moving anthem, "We Are the Church", during the service, which also saw Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder officially installed as the Director of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

During the business sessions, the CMR budget and various motions were considered. A change to the CMR Constitution was discussed and ultimately tabled until next year's convocation. Elections were held for the Regional Council and the position of Dean for the South Carolina Mission District. Pastor Dawn Rister (St. Paul, Pomaria) was elected as Dean of the SC Mission District and will begin serving a three-year term.

Ordination and congregation anniversaries were also recognized. Convocation concluded with a Service of the Word and the installation of our new Regional Council.


SPECIAL THANKS to all those who served during the weekend's festivities – the convocation would not have been possible without you! Many of the guests and visitors were vocal about their appreciation of the warm welcome, generous hospitality, and helpfulness offered by our convocation team.

Summer Lunch Program through GAAP

Newberry County is only providing a very limited summer lunch program for youths this summer. GAAP is hoping to fill the empty lunch gaps. Multiple churches have been asked to provide 1 type of lunch food.

Holy Trinity has been asked to provide canned Ravioli or SpaghettiOs (with or without meatballs).

If available, cans with a pull off tab/top are preferred. Any donations you can provide between mid-May until mid-August will be greatly appreciated. Your donations can be put in the appropriate donation box in the breezeway heading towards the TLC. Thank you!



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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