

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

7th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Graduate Recognition

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymn 170

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56

*Apostolic Greeting page 57

*Kyrie page 57

*Hymn of Praise page 58

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 68:1-10 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

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

*The Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

*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 "You Are My Witnesses"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Day by Day* WOV Hymn 746

*The Apostles' Creed page 65

*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem

*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 *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 369

*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. Please sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Spyros & Mavy Lezimis

Brett will have his student recital today at 5 in the sanctuary.

Card night / Game night will be Thursday, May 28th @ 6 pm in the TLC. Bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to a night of fellowship and fun!

The photo sessions for the pictorial directory will be in the Trinity Life Center on Wednesday, May 20th – Friday, May 22nd from 2:00 p.m. until 8:36 p.m. and on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Today is the deadline for making appointments. Last-minute appointments can be arranged if requested.

Happy Mountaineers will meet Thursday, May 28, 10 AM in TLC. Following devotions and a brief business meeting, Chris Crouch, Holy Trinity Director of Youth & Education Ministries, will be guest speaker. ALL members and any visitors are invited to join us. Lunch WILL BE PROVIDED. DEVOTIONS: Lucy Peters

Prayers: Family of John Frick, Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Dot Abrams, Stuart & Pam Dalton, Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), Travis Spires, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), Becky Boland, David McCall, Scott & Cheri Bell, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *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, Last-minute will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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

⁴ And 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But 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.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and 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 68:1-10

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

²**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!**

⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶**God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

¹⁰**your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

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GospelTopia

VBS 2026

starts
June 15



ends
June 19

YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS...

SUMMER ROAD TRIP

Summer!

Sunday School!



Coming May 24th to the TLC. Ending July 12th

B.Y.O.C.

Bring Your Own Car

FOLLOWING GOD'S ROAD MAP