

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
6th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *This Joyful Eastertide* WOV Hymn 676

*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. Heavenly Father, we give you thanks that you love us with an everlasting love. Grant us your peace so that in times of trouble we may always remember that your Son has overcome the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

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

*The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

*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 "Whom Will You Serve?"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *I'm So Glad Jesus...* WOV Hymn 673

*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: *Love One Another* 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 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* WOV Hymn 674

*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 Bob & Lucy Peters

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: Larry Velthouse (Step-Father of Robin Loadholdt), John Doke (Friend of Becky Boland), Kathy Carter (sister of Lin Lake), Wayne & Pam Shealy (Sister of Artie & Kim), David McCall, 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, 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 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**
⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city

had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants,^[a] for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

The blessings of God are there for the taking; we need only ask in faith for his providence and care. Even when things don’t go the way we think they ought, the Lord never leaves us. Jesus informed his followers that they have direct access to the Father and if they need anything they should ask for it in his name. It will be granted, he assured them (and us), because the Father loves him, and he loves us.

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

SERVING TODAY, May 25, 2025

Acolyte: Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Daniel Williams
Lector: Becky Chapman
Greeters: Tony & Wendy Shell
Nursery: Erica Carter, Jessica Lindler
Altar Guild: Holly Havird & Wanda Havird
Flowers: Bob & Lucy Peters
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Larry Grooms
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Eli Kednocker

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, June 1, 2025

Acolyte: Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Karter Crumpton
Lector: Roman Long
Greeters: Rod & Kim Steffy
Nursery: Peyton Boland, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Communion: Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Tanner Shell
Ushers: JP Zwart, David Rodgers

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

Attendance May 18: Worship: 180 Sunday School: 52

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,578.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,032.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

May 25, 2025

*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 25th**

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

Monday, May 26th

Church Office Closed	
Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27th

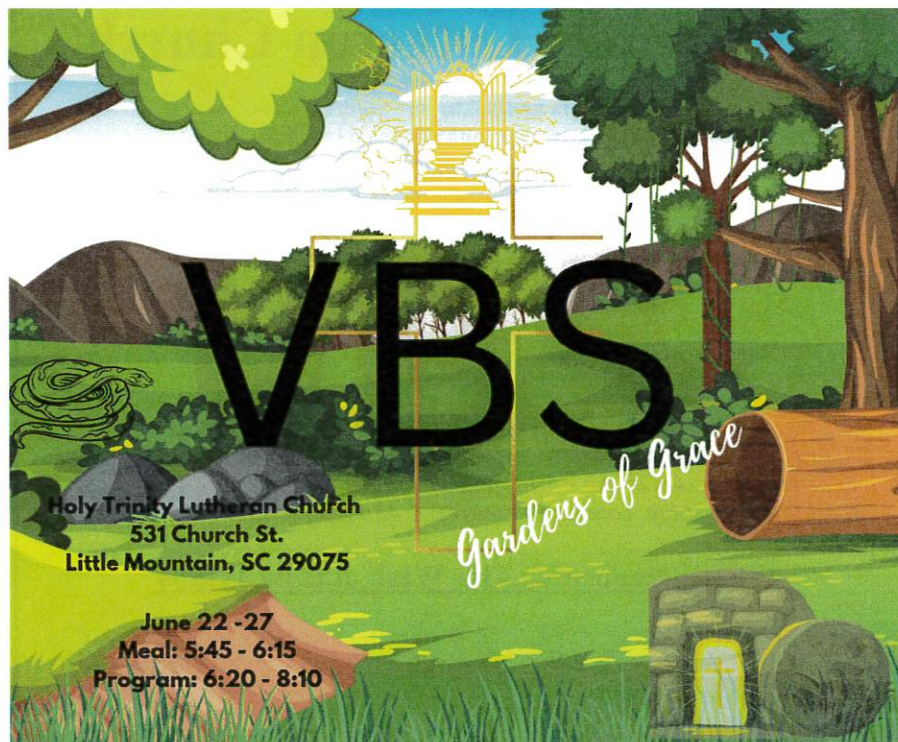
GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, May 28th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1st

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



Sign UP!

Your Children
for registration,
songs and
website



for volunteering
teachers and
leaders



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.

CLOTHING DRIVE will run from May 16 through Monday, May 26. Please leave clean, usable donations in bags or boxes in the connector between Parish Bldg. and TLC; outside the nursery. All donations will go to SC Dept. of Mental Health. Adult and children's clothes, hats, coats, socks and shoes are all needed.