

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Recognition of Golden Agers

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the...* Hymn 448

\*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 God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, 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 6:1-9; 7:2a; 51-60

Psalm 146 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10

\*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 "You Can't Serve Two Masters" Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *What a Fellowship...* WOV Hymn 780

\*The Apostles' Creed page 65

\*The Prayers

\*The Peace

(We Sit)

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

The Offering

The Anthem *Veni Jesu Amor Mi (Come Jesus My Love)* Youth

\*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 66

\*The Offertory Prayer page 67

\*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

\*The Eucharistic Prayer page 69

\*The Lord's Prayer page 71

*Lamb of God* page 72

**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.*

\*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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* WOV Hymn 651

\*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 John & Connie Frick*

**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.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday at 2 pm in TLC. Annette Shealy is leader and Audrey Caldwell is hostess. Hope to see you there.

The **Music and Worship Committee** would like to donate the piano in the sanctuary to anyone in the congregation or community. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who would like to learn to play the piano. This would be delivered free of charge by Steinway Piano Company when they deliver the new piano to our church. If anyone is interested, please contact Donna Fulmer at 803-422-7407.

Prayers: Family of Quay & Charlotte Roseman, Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Ann Herrington, 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, members will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2a</sup> And Stephen said:

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

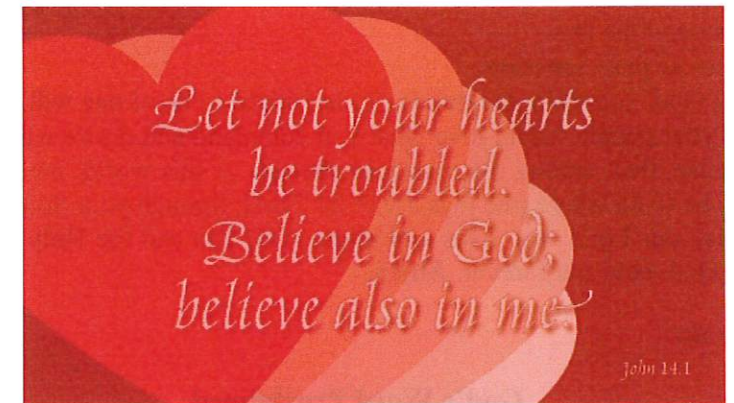
**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants,<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup>You 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. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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



**SERVING TODAY, May 3, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Meekin Stokes  
**Crucifer:** Colton Mitchell  
**Bulletin Folder:** Joanie & Houston Billingsley  
**Lector:** Chris Crouch  
**Greeters:** Phil & Alice Martinez  
**Nursery:** Karen Winn, Ann Newton  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Communion:** Jessica Lindler, Sheri Wicker  
**Flowers:** John & Connie Frick  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** Britton Havird  
**Ushers:** Britton Havird, Edwin Havird  
**Golf Cart:** Johnny Cumalander  
**TLC On-Call Team:** Spyros & Mavy Lezimis  
**Cleaning Team:** Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong, Stuart Dalton

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 10, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Anna Mae Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Eli Kednocker  
**Bulletin Folder:** Karsyn & Karter Crumpton  
**Lector:** Bobby Chapman  
**Greeters:** Karen Winn & Lucy Peters  
**Nursery:** unstaffed  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Flowers:** Phil & Alice Martinez  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** Britton Havird  
**Ushers:** Danny Newton, Edwin Havird  
**Golf Cart:** Kevin J. Shealy  
**TLC On-Call Team:** Spyros & Mavy Lezimis  
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance April 26:   Worship: 154    Sunday School: 51

*Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:*

Amount Received Last Sunday                   \$ 4,928.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

May 3, 2026

*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 3rd**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship/ Holy Communion / Golden Age Sunday / Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.

**Monday, May 4th**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 5th**

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
Preschool Graduation	6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 6th**

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

**Thursday, May 7th**

Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
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**Sunday, May 10th**

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

## NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

SUNDAY, MAY 3 before worship. The purpose is to vote on options for pew refurbishment. All active members (who have communed and contributed in 2025 & 2026) are eligible to vote.

\*\*Please take a look at the pew in the TLC which has been refurbished to give you an idea of what we are possibly looking to do.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

MAY 3	Golden Age Sunday
MAY 17	Graduate Sunday
MAY 24	Confirmation Sunday
JUNE 15-19	Vacation Bible School
JULY 19-24	Solid Rock Day Camp

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### Are you Graduating?

If so, please let the church office know by May 3rd... Graduate Sunday is May 17th.



**SUMMER  
ROAD TRIP**

Summer! .....

Sunday School!

Coming May 24<sup>th</sup> to the TLC. Ending July 12<sup>th</sup>

**B.Y.O.C.**  
Bring Your Own Car

FOLLOWING GOD'S ROAD MAP

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Appointments are being scheduled today and each Sunday until May 17<sup>th</sup>. You may also get in touch with Judy Bedenbaugh or Donna Fulmer via telephone. Please do your part and schedule an appointment. We are working hard on this project and we want a directory of which to be proud.