

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**The Holy Trinity**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and Meditation	
Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	
(* Please stand as able)	
*Gathering Hymn	<i>God, Whose Almighty Word</i> Hymn 400
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*Prayer of the Day	

**P. Let us pray together.**

**C.** Majestic Trinity, strengthen us in our faith, defend us from all evil and temptation, and bring us into the everlasting presence of your love; 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	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8	see bulletin
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*The Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Lord to whom...</i> page 82
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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 "Still A Mystery... Still Good News"  
 Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	Hymn 557
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**We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God**

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**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		
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**God Sends Us Into The World**

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**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 and in memory of Harry & Barbara Nivens  
 By Dean & Barbie Rodgers*

**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.

**This morning we receive Trey & Lauren Daniels into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family, Trey & Lauren!**

Prayers: Stanley Lindler, Allen Farr, 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 31, 2026**

**The Holy Trinity**

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup>**what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22a</sup>Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool." <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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

**SERVING TODAY, May 31, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Taylor Lake  
**Crucifer:** Aubrey Curtis  
**Bulletin Folder:** Hudson, Roman, & Wilder Long  
**Lector:** Joe Boland  
**Greeters:** Lane & Caroline Attaway  
**Nursery:** unstaffed  
**Altar Guild:** Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander  
**Communion:** Ted Arnold, Donna Fulmer  
**Flowers:** Dean & Barbie Rodgers  
**Usher Chair:** Spyros Lezimis  
**Elevator:** James Wieters  
**Ushers:** David Bush, Troy Hentz  
**Golf Cart:** Bobby Chapman  
**TLC On-Call Team:** Spyros & Mavy Lezimis  
**Cleaning Team:** Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong, Stuart Dalton

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, June 7, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Dorothy Armstrong  
**Crucifer:** Eva Kednocker  
**Bulletin Folder:** Colson, Dustin, & Natalie Winn  
**Lector:** Tabitha Armstrong  
**Greeters:** Kevin & Kim Crumpton  
**Nursery:** Caitlin Attaway, Melissa & Eva Kednocker  
**Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker  
**Communion:** Pam & Stuart Dalton  
**Flowers:** Marty & Paula Frick  
**Usher Chair:** Phillip Allison  
**Elevator:** Mike Riddle  
**Ushers:** Rowdy Stoudemire, Braxton Rodgers  
**Golf Cart:** Benjamin Corley  
**TLC On-Call Team:** Steve & Leah Bush  
**Cleaning Team:** Darin & Becky Boland, Ryan & Jana Padowicz, Amanda Drafts

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

Attendance May 24:   Worship: 148    Sunday School: 44

*Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:*

Amount Received Last Sunday                   \$ 3,858.00

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

May 31, 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 31st**

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

**Monday, June 1st**


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

**Sunday, June 7th**

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

HAPPY  
**Birth**day

ERIN LINTON, 25TH  
BRYSON AULL, 28TH  
KAYDEN BATES, 30TH



**SUMMER ROAD TRIP**

Summer! ..... Sunday school!



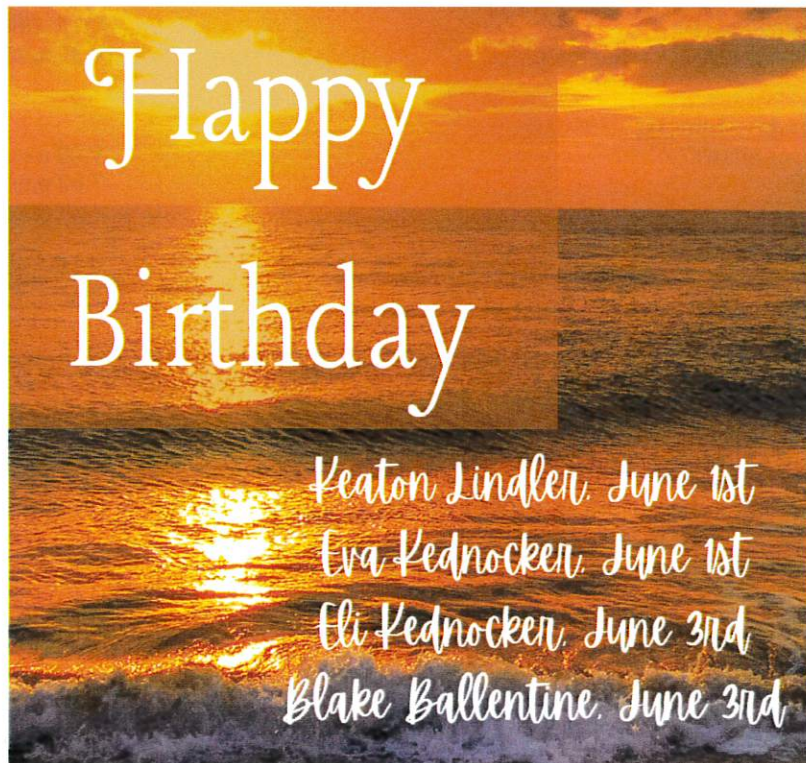
Coming May 24<sup>th</sup> to the TLC! Ending July 12<sup>th</sup>

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

FOLLOWING GOD'S ROAD MAP

Happy  
Birth

Keaton Lindler, June 1st  
Eva Kednocker, June 1st  
Eli Kednocker, June 3rd  
Blake Ballentine, June 3rd



**GospelTopia**  
VBS 2026

starts  
June 15



ends  
June 19

YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS...