

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements / Vision & Benevolence Update

(* Please stand as able)

- *Gathering Hymn *Rise, Shine, You People* Hymn 393
- *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77
- *Apostolic Greeting page 78
- *Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 79
- *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Life-giving God, we call out to you for peace, life, and salvation. Hear our cries, defend us from all evil, and restore our hope; 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 Isaiah 65:1-9
 - Psalm 3 see bulletin
 - The Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-4:7
 - *The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83
 - *The Holy Gospel Luke 8:26-39
 - *The Gospel Response page 83
- (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 the Little Children” as the children come forward.

- The Sermon “Do You Have A Problem With Jesus?”
Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymn 415
- *The Creed page 85
- *The Prayers
- *The Lord’s Prayer
- *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
- The Anthem: *Jesus Loves Me* played by Brayden Lambert
- *The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* page 96
- *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 97
- *Sending Song *Go, My Children, with My...* WOV Hymn 721
- *Sending and Charge
- *Doxology Hymn 564
- Congregational Meeting

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 Allen & Linda Chapman

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If you have any **musical talents** to share through the summer, please contact Brett Lindler at 803-924-0798.

There will be an adult VBS class June 23-26.

NALC Convocation...Delegates are needed for the NALC Bi-Annual Convocation, which will be held August 6-8 in Pittsburgh, PA. All expenses are covered for those who attend. More information may be found at <https://lutheranweek.com/>. Please contact Pastor Randy with interest or questions.

Prayers: Tourie & Hunter Corbett (Niece of Patsy Frick), 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), Kaye Shealy, 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: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.” ⁸Thus says the LORD: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.”

Psalm 3

¹O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
²**many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”**
³But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
⁴**I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill.**
⁵I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
⁶**I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**
⁷Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
⁸**Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you

are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

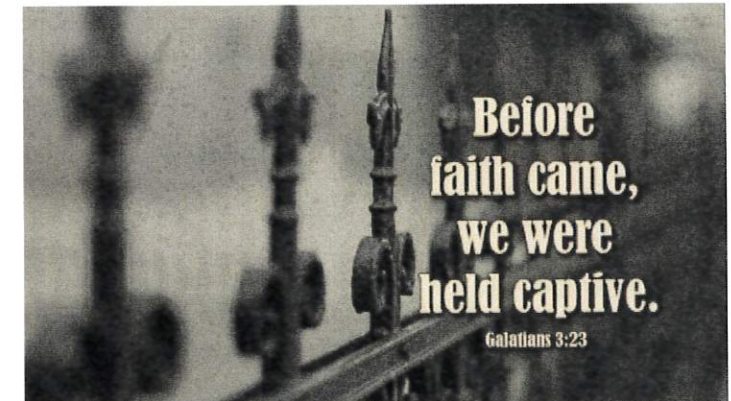
¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶{Jesus and his disciples} sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

SERVING TODAY, June 22, 2025

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Brayden Lambert
Lector: Helen Koon
Greeters: Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Nursery: Christie Allison, Crystal Crouch,
 Dorothy Armstrong
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Flowers: Allen & Linda Chapman
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Robbie Wicker
Ushers: Blake Derrick, Will Attaway

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, June 29, 2025

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Lin Lake
Greeters: Daniel & Ashley Boland
Nursery: Ritchie Koon, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley
Altar Guild: Kara Cumalander, Christie Allison
Flowers: Helen & Ritchie Koon
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance June 15: Worship: 171 Sunday School: 40

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,059.00
Difference	+	\$ 449.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

June 22, 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, June 22nd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.
VBS Orientation	5:45 p.m.

Monday, June 23rd

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
VBS Meal	5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
VBS	6:20 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24th

VBS Meal	5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
VBS	6:20 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25th

VBS Meal	5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
VBS	6:20 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Thursday, June 26th

VBS Meal	5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
VBS	6:20 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Friday, June 27th

VBS	5:45 p.m.
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Sunday, June 29th

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

Sign UP!

Your Children
for registration,
songs and
website

VBS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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June 22 - 27
Meal: 5:45 - 6:15
Program: 6:20 - 8:10

Garden of Grace

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Notice of Congregational Meeting

All eligible voting members of Holy Trinity are invited to join us for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 22nd. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote on a change to the Carolinas Mission Region Constitution (see below) and to receive updates regarding the 2025 Vision and our Benevolence to date. The congregation will also vote on the disposition of the church bus* and parsonage. If you feel strongly about any of these matters, plan to attend. Please speak to a council member or Pastor Randy if you have questions or concerns about the meeting.

Ratification Vote for CMR Constitution Article 7.02

The Carolina Mission Region has voted to modify its current constitution to expand voting privileges to 2 lay delegates per congregation, regardless of size. This is applicable only to Convocations of the Mission Region and Mission Districts, not the biennial NALC Convocations. Below is the text of the current Article and the amendment approved at the May 2-3, 2025 Carolinas Mission Region Convocation held at Christ's Lutheran Church in Stanley, NC. This change must be ratified by a majority vote of NALC congregations in North & South Carolina.

Current Article 7.02

7.02 Delegates with voting privileges at a Convocation of the Carolinas Mission Region, or any Convocation of a member Mission District (see Art. 7.05), shall be the ordained ministers of the Mission Districts that comprise the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC and the official lay delegates of the congregations of the Mission Districts in the Carolinas. Each congregation of the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC shall elect one lay delegate to the Convocation for every 400 baptized members, or fraction thereof, of such congregation. In the event that the total number of lay delegates elected pursuant to the preceding sentence is less than the total number of ordained clergy, the Regional Council of the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC (or, in the case of a specially called Mission District Convocation, the Regional Council representatives of the Mission District in question) shall apportion additional lay delegates based on the relative size of the congregations in the member Mission Districts.

Proposed change to Article 7.02

7.02 Those with voting responsibilities at a Convocation of the Carolinas Mission Region, or any Convocation of a member Mission District, shall be the ordained ministers of the Mission Districts that comprise the Carolinas Mission Region of the NALC and the official lay delegates of the congregations of the Mission Region and Mission Districts. Each congregation may send up to two lay delegates to the annual CMR Convocation and Mission District Convocations. Lay persons chosen by their congregations to represent them at the Convocation are delegates. Clergy and delegates have voice and vote.

SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Registration includes
t-shirt, snacks &
supplies!

Questions?
Contact Alan Avant or
Whitney Kibler

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6-8pm**

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Play
Sing
Praise