

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymn 503

*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. Beckoning God, you call us to follow your Son and experience abundant and everlasting life. Teach us to lead lives of obedience and love, bearing forth the fruit of the Spirit, and walking in newness each day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God’s Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Psalm 16 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83

*The Holy Gospel Luke 9:51-62

*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 “The Cost of Following Jesus”
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *In the Morning...* WOV Hymn 777
*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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
Dorothy Armstrong

*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 *Be Thou My Vision* WOV Hymn 776

*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 Helen & Ritchie Koon

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Faith Circle will be enjoying lunch at J.R. Cash's in Chapin Tuesday. Please meet us there at 11:15 or at the church at 11:00 a.m. Please call or text Ann Sanders if you will not be going by Monday night at 803-537-7791.

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

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, 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.*

Sunday, June 29, 2025

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

^{9b}Behold, the word of the LORD came to {Elijah}, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Psalm 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

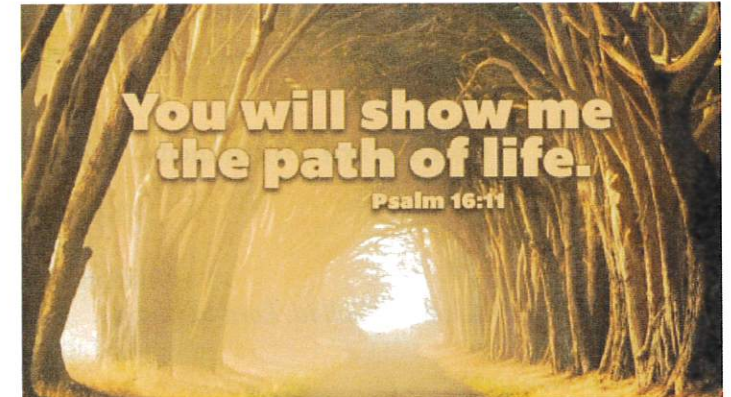
¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for {Jesus} to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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



SERVING TODAY, 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
Elevator: Robbie Wicker
Ushers: Blake Derrick, Will Attaway

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 6, 2025

Acolyte: Eva Kednocker
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Eva Kednocker
Lector: Hudson Long
Greeters: Greg & Rudell Murray
Nursery: Peyton Boland, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Communion: Betty & Johnny Cumalander
Flowers: Travis & Mary Spires
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Daniel Boland, Greg Murray

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

Attendance June 22: Worship: 135 Sunday School: 47

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	8,943.00
Difference	+	\$ 2,333.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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 29th

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

Monday, June 30th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, July 1st

Faith Circle	11:00 a.m.
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Friday, July 4th



Sunday, July 6th

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

Community

"Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another; they can become one. But they can continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ."^[1]

We all desire it, look for it wherever we go, and miss it when we can't seem to find it, the "it" being community. You may have experienced the desire for community if you've moved to a new place or begun a new journey like college or starting a career, but even if you've lived in the same place your whole life, you seek it. It's no accident. The Triune God created us in his image and that means he created us to be in fellowship with him and with our neighbors. He created us to be in community.

Jesus' death and resurrection paved the way for true community with God and our neighbor. However, we only have community in so far as Christ remains at our center. Apart from him, community breaks down as the members give in to sin and selfish desires, turning away from their neighbors and inward toward isolation.

True community stands firm over and against sin, selfishness, and isolation because it is grounded in Christ and is oriented outward and toward others. Such community is characterized by love and service toward each member because we no longer focus on our wants but on the needs of one another. Such community becomes "one" as brothers and sisters live as the body of Christ in the world and share their gifts and talents in a God-pleasing manner. In this way, the community lives in peace, even when the world seems dark and fraught with danger, because it is anchored in the perfect love of Jesus Christ which casts out fear.

For the Christian community, we give thanks to God. Community is his gift; may we cherish it and invite others to be a part of something so wonderful.

^[1] Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, 23-24.

Results from June 22nd Congregational Meeting

CMR Constitution Changes

Approved

106 - yes 1 - no

Parsonage Disposition

Approved to sell

91 - yes 12 - no

Bus Disposition

Not approved to sell

47 - yes 58 - no

