

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
6th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *God of Our Fathers* Hymn 567

*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. Holy and compassionate God, grant us grace to find in you our strength and hope in the face of all adversity, that we might not be overcome by trials, but bear witness to the light of hope that you shine in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Galatians 5:1-15

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

*The Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

*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 "What Freedom Really Means"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Leaning on the...* WOV Hymn 780
New Member Reception page 128
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *We Gather Together* 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 *A Mighty Fortress* Hymn 229

*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 Tony & Wendy Shell

This morning we receive Peyton Koon into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

CLOTHING DRIVE, sponsored by Happy Mountaineers, ENDS TODAY, Sunday, June 30. Leave CLEAN USABLE clothing, shoes, hats, caps, etc. in bags or boxes at the end of the hall outside the OLD KITCHEN. Donations go to SC Dept of Mental Health and will be picked up in the morning

Faith Circle will be eating at Higher Ground on **Tuesday, July 9th**. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. or you can meet us at about 11:20 at Higher Ground. We decided at the last meeting to bring baby supplies (diapers, wipes, baby food or cereal, formula, etc.) for GAAP in stead of taking up an offering.

Happy Mountaineers WILL NOT MEET in June OR July. Watch Sunday bulletins for news about the August meeting which will be the annual "4 Churches Meeting" to be held at Mt. Tabor.

Revelation Bible Study will NOT meet in June. We will resume on Thursday, July 11th beginning with Chapter 11.

Prayers: Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Buff), Zackary Slice (Friend of Bobbie & Maxton King), Jamie Holtzclaw (step son of Debbie Taylor), Kednocker Family, Matt Owens (Friend of Ashley Ballentine), Kathy Carter (Sister of Lin Lake), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Fred Cumalander, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin. *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: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust — there may yet be hope; ³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹For the LORD will not cast off forever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men. ¹³Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

Psalm 30 (ESV)

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ²**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.** ³O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. ⁴**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.** ⁵For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”** ⁷By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸**To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:** ⁹“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!”** ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹²**that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1-15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified^[a] by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹²I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! 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.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave^[a] to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

God is faithful in all things. Scripture recalls many instances in which God’s faithfulness took the form of restoration of the body. Sometimes we have to wait for the Lord to act, but our waiting is never in vain. A woman who’d had a bleeding disorder for a dozen years reached out to touch Jesus’ garment and was healed simply by the physical connection. As believers, we reach out to Christ in faith.

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



SERVING TODAY, June 30, 2024

Acolyte: Aubrey Curtis
Crucifer: Connor Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Cooper Morales
Lector: Sheri Wicker
Greeters: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Nursery: Jessica Lindler, Joyce McCall
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Bobbie King
Flowers: Tony & Wendy Shell
Usher Chair: Frank Lake
Elevator: TBA
Ushers: James Sligh, Brian Stiver

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 7, 2024

Acolyte: Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer: Connor Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Margaret Livingston
Lector: Eva Kednocker
Greeters: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Nursery: Glenda Hentz, Amber Koon
Altar Guild: Wanda & Holly Havird
Communion: Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy
Flowers: Travis & Mary Spires
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman

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

Attendance June 23: Worship: 162 Sunday School: 44

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	9,787.00
Difference	+	\$ 3,256.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

June 30, 2024

*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 30th

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

Monday, July 1st

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday, July 4th

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 7th

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



What is a disciple?
 Disciple
 Discipleship
 Disciple-making
 Who are disciples?
 What is discipleship?
 How can I be a disciple?

Jesus' Plan for Making Disciples

Jesus tells us to take up our cross and follow Him!

Fully committing to God as a disciple does not come without a cost.

To start with, God's kingdom must come first. His will must come first. If not, then you are not a disciple. When it comes down to issues of authority, priorities and decisions, Christ must be #1 when faced with any problems requiring careful thought, Christ must be asked first to reach those decisions. Discipleship demands a willingness to put God's rule first.

Jesus wants us to identify with Him such that if we are being accused of being a Christian, we say "I'm guilty." If we are accused of loving and following the Lord Jesus Christ, we accept the charge! "You're right! I'm one of His!"

That is one of the things it means to take up your cross, to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It means to be on public display, to be identified with Jesus Christ in every area of your life. If others don't want to be identified with you because of that, it's right! You will identify with Christ! Jesus is saying, "Follow me!" Following Him brings fullness, satisfaction, and victory!

Being a disciple demands a commitment. It means placing God's rule over every area of your life allowing Him to govern every single word, choice, entertainment option, songs you listen to, your time, talents, and treasures! ALL of it! Are you there?

Now do you see why there are a lot of Christians but so few REAL disciples. Being a true disciple is full time, no-holds-barred commitment of everything that makes you who you are! It should not be done on a part time basis but that is what most of us do. It's that word Commitment!

It means saying No to your desires and plans for your life when they conflict with God's perfect will. It involves funneling all your decisions through His grid. There is no divisions between the sacred and the secular for a behavior. Everything is sacred because God bought your life with a price. He governs every single word.

Living as a disciple who visibly and verbally represents Christ requires that you relinquish all claims on every aspect of your life. Being a disciple costs! If you are a true disciple, Satan is coming after you! Satan is going to throw His army against you no matter what you do because we are in a war! Since that's true. You had better count the cost if you truly want to be ALL IN as a disciple!

Are you ALL IN, HALF WAY, or ALL OUT?

Please share with your friends, family, and other community members!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is currently looking for a Director of Youth and Education Ministries. The ideal candidate will profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, have a firm working knowledge of the Bible, and be committed to the core values of the North American Lutheran Church. They will interact well with parishioners of all ages and have experience with professional teaching and education duties. This is a full-time, salaried position with flexible office hours and the expectation that the ideal candidate will serve during the week and on weekends. For more information and to apply, visit <https://holyltc.org/about/join-our-team>.

"COME AS YOU ARE?" Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, July 10th
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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