Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina 5th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)	
*Gathering Hymn	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	Hymn 551
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		page 77
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*Hymn of Praise	Glory to God in the Highest	page 79
*Prayer of the Day		

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of mercy, through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son the depth and breadth of your mercy is profoundly revealed. By your Spirit empower us to lead lives that are faithful reflections of your own gracious mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson	Leviticus 19:9-18
Psalm 41	see bulletin
The Second Lesson	Colossians 1:1-14
*The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Lord to whom page 83
*The Holy Gospel	Luke 10:25-37
*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

"What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?"

Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day For the Fruit of All... WOV Hymn 760 *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: Let There Be Peace on Earth Joe Boland

*The Offertory Hymn

Create in Me

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*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

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*Sending Song Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing Hymn 259

*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 and in memory of Ruby & Carl Long & Wayne Chapman By Bart & Carlotta Chapman

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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 nonmembers for two weeks.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

⁹"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. 11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am

Psalm 41

the LORD."

¹Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

²the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

³The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

⁵My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" ⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. ⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

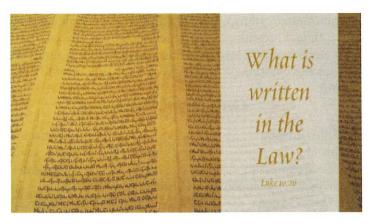
¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing — as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put {Jesus} to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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"Preaching, Teaching and Serving in Christ's Name"



SERVING TODAY, July 13, 2025

Acolyte: Crucifer: Eva Kednocker

Bulletin Folder:

Cooper Morales
Joanie Billingsley
Danny Newton

Lector: Greeters:

Jerry & Annette Shealy

Nursery:

Joyce McCall, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton

Lindler

Altar Guild: Flowers:

Sheri & Robbie Wicker Bart & Carlotta Chapman

Usher Chair: Elevator:

Kevin J. Shealy Daniel Curtis

Ushers:

Daniel Boland, Greg Murray

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 20, 2025

Acolyte:

Brayden Lambert

Crucifer:

Roman Long Kaylee Hentz

Bulletin Folder: Lector:

Mary Spires

Greeters:

Charles & Kaye Shealy

Nursery:

Jennifer Shealy, Karen Winn

Altar Guild: Flowers: Sheri & Robbie Wicker Bobby & Laurie Chapman

Usher Chair: Elevator: Kevin J. Shealy Ray Cumalander

Ushers:

James Sligh, Brian Stiver

TLC On-Call Team:

Frank & Lin Lake

Cleaning Team:

Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland,

Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

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

Attendance July 6: Worship: 163 Sunday School: 44

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs - General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025 \$ 6,610.00

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,155.00

Difference + \$ 535.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 13, 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, July 13th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 20th

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Solid Rock Day Camp Ice Cream Social at St. Peter 4:00 p.m.



Little Mountain Reunion Come join in on the parade fun!

Once again, Holy Trinity will have a float in the Little Mountain Reunion Parade (Saturday, August 2)! Any and all are welcome to ride or walk alongside the float.

Wear your red Holy Trinity t-shirt and help us toss candy and hand out cold waters.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in participating or have questions. Candy donations are also welcome. Please leave them in the Conference Room marked "Parade".

The Day with Others

"...brethren who dwell together in unity come together early in the morning for common praise of their God, common hearing of the Word, and common prayer."

One of the great things I came to appreciate about seminary is that each day began with morning worship. It is good for us to gather as a community for praise of God, Scripture reading, and prayer. It is a gift to be able to not only worship in the morning, but to worship throughout the day! It is admittedly more difficult outside of the seminary to gather in such a way on a regular basis. It is difficult, but it is <u>not</u> impossible.

Sometimes the gathering may be a small group that meets before school or before work. It may be a family reading Scripture and praying over breakfast before heading their separate ways for the day. It may be meeting at the church with friends for a short worship service. A regular pattern of worship may look a variety of different ways, but Bonhoeffer lists three essentials for the "Day with Others": praise, God's word, and prayer.

No matter how we gather, it is a joy for the Christian community to share praise of God collectively. We may do this through spoken words like, for example, saying a verse or two of our favorite hymn. It may be sharing a God-sighting. It may be remembering one of the many ways God provided for you or answered a specific prayer.

Together, let us find ways to delve into God's Word. As we read, Scripture pours over us and reads our hearts and minds, refreshing and sustaining us, convicting and challenging us, and pointing us always to Jesus.

In our gatherings, prayer is central. Let us join together before the Lord in confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. Let us confess the ways we have wronged or overlooked our neighbor. Let us thank God for the work he is doing in the lives of our neighbors and for us. Let us pray.

Together, in these moments, we are sustained and strengthened as a community to continue following the call of Christ.

^[1] Bonhoeffer, Life Together, 41.