

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 499

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

\*Apostolic Greeting page 78

\*Kyrie page 78

\*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 79

\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

C O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

**God's Word Proclaimed**

The First Lesson Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 119:57-64 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 8:18-27

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

\*The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

\*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 Me" as the children come forward.*

The Sermon "Theology of the Cross"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep...* Hymn 198

\*The Apostles' Creed page 85

\*The Prayers

\*The Peace

(We Sit)

**We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God**

The Offering

The Anthem: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus* Choir

\*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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Hymn 482

\*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. Please sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*  
*By Frank & Lin Lake*

**Join us for Card/Game Night on Card Night: Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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

**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>.

Prayers: Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), Evelyn Rister ( Sister of Brenda Bodie), Maisie Durham (step great niece of Shannon Corley), Family of Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Zackary Slice (Friend of Bobbie & Maxton King), Jamie Holtzclaw (step son of Debbie Taylor), Kednocker Family, Kathy Carter (Sister of Lin Lake), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Gerald & 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 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.<sup>[a]</sup> Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Psalm 119:57-64

<sup>57</sup>The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
<sup>58</sup> **I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.**  
<sup>59</sup> When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
<sup>60</sup> **I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.**  
<sup>61</sup> Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.  
<sup>62</sup> **At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your righteous rules.**  
<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.  
<sup>64</sup> **The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope

that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.  
<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because<sup>[a]</sup> the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

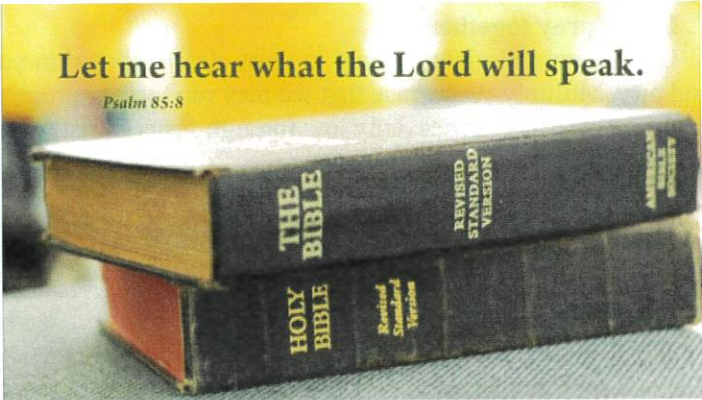
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds<sup>[a]</sup> among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants<sup>[d]</sup> of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”  
<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

When humanity becomes complacent in the ways of God, we fall into sin and disobedience. God told Amos he was setting a plumb line in Israel. The plumb line showed the reality of sin and unfaithfulness among God’s people. Even though Herod was the Jewish king, he showed no faithfulness toward God. Herod did not fear God; rather he feared that John had returned in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

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

**SERVING TODAY, July 14, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Kaylee Hentz  
**Crucifer:** David Rodgers  
**Bulletin Folder:** Blake Ballentine  
**Lector:** Daniel Boland  
**Greeters:** Daniel & Samantha Curtis  
**Nursery:** Jennifer Shealy, Amy Collins  
**Altar Guild:** Wanda & Holly Havird  
**Flowers:** Frank & Lin Lake  
**Usher Chair:** Marty Frick  
**Elevator:** Lane Attaway  
**Ushers:** TBA, Dalton Chapman

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 21, 2024**

**Acolyte:** Ava Kate Weaver  
**Crucifer:** David Rodgers  
**Bulletin Folder:** Eli Kednocker  
**Lector:** James Wieters  
**Greeters:** Dana Dorroh & Janet Fulmer  
**Nursery:** Ashley Boland, Christie Allison  
**Altar Guild:** Wanda & Holly Havird  
**Flowers:** Joe & Wanda Boland  
**Usher Chair:** Marty Frick  
**Elevator:** Lane Attaway  
**Ushers:** Louie Chapman, Robert Edwards

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

Attendance July 7: Worship: 143 Sunday School: 49

**Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:**

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	10,153.00
Difference	+	\$ 3,622.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

July 14, 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, July 14th**

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

**Monday, July 15th**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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**Tuesday, July 16th**

TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday, July 17th**

Herald Articles due	9:00 a.m.
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**Sunday, July 21st**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.



## MOM'S LIFE GROUP

2024  
UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 19	FAMILY GAME NIGHT TRINITY LIFE CENTER 6-9 PM
JUL 22	LIFE GROUP MEETING TRINITY LIFE CENTER 6:30 PM
AUG 5	LIFE GROUP MEETING TRINITY LIFE CENTER 6:30 PM
AUG 19	LIFE GROUP MEETING TRINITY LIFE CENTER 6:30 PM
AUG 26	DINNER TO BE DETERMINED 6:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
TEXT OR CALL AMBER LAMBERT 803-467-3529  
OR JILLIAN LONG 843-708-4055



FRIDAY JULY  
19TH 6-9PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
LAUGHS, FUN, AND  
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES  
AT OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS  
GAME NIGHT!



Please Bring:  
Dish/Snack to share  
Favorite game (labeled with your name)

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Trinity Life Center*

## 2024 Summer Schedule Teens for Christ

- 7/28 Big Air and Pelican's SnoBalls Outing  
Blessing Bags are Due
- 8/11 Back to School Ice Cream Sundae Social  
(Hot Dog Dinner provided.)
- 8/25 Regular Teens for Christ Meeting  
Church Scavenger Hunt

\*Details to be provided to parents via GroupMe App\*

### 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 3)**! 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 or James Wieters if you are interested in helping with the float or participating in the parade.**

## Teens for Christ is Hosting a



**When: Month of July**

**Donate: Paper, #2 Pencils, Crayola Crayons Elmer's glue sticks, Expo Markers, Pencil pouches and Marble Composition notebooks**

**Collection Boxes will be in the Narthex.**

**Supplies will be donated to Little Mountain Elementary School in August.**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

### BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Location: Trinity Life Center

Monday, August 12th

2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Enter sponsor code: (LittleMtn)

Or call Carlotta at 803-622-4168.