

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
8th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

- Silence and meditation
- Prelude
- Welcome and Announcements
(* Please stand as able)
- *Gathering Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* WOV Hymn 771
- *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. God of mercy, when this world seems overrun by the evil that surrounds us, remind us that your Son, Jesus, has conquered evil and death and triumphed over all. Help us to confront the evil that can reside within us and turn it over to your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ 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 Kyle Page

- * The Hymn of the Day *Come, Thou Fount of Every...* Hymn 499
- *The Apostles’ Creed page 85
- *The Prayers
- *The Lord’s Prayer
- *The Peace

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
- The Anthem
- *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 *Blessed Assurance* WOV 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. Please sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jessica on the anniversary of her 34th birthday on July 21st
By Larry & Renae Grooms

Pictorial Directory Update... If you did not have your picture taken but would still like to be included in the church pictorial directory, please bring a photo to the church office or email it to office@holyltc.org as soon as possible. A \$15 fee is required to include your photo in the directory. Thank you for helping us complete our church family directory!

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS WILL NOT MEET IN JULY. AUGUST meeting will be the annual “4 Church’s Meeting” on Thursday, August 20, 11:00 AM, hosted by Macedonia. Macedonia will furnish BBQ & fried chicken; bring a covered dish to share. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** and watch bulletins for further information.

Prayers: Mike Riddle, Kenny Chapman, Rebecca Edwards, Owen Shimel (grandson of Joanne Alewine), Janet Whetstone (Friend of Curtis & Diane Hardy), Jean Frick (Sister of Karen Winn & Becky Boland), Dot Abrams, Stuart & Pam Dalton, Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), Margaret Millner (Sister of Emily Clements), Travis Spires, Becky Boland, David McCall, Scott & Cheri Bell, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie Bickley. *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, Last-minute will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus 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. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. 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. ⁸Fear 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

⁵⁷The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸**I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

⁵⁹When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰**I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

⁶²**At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.**

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

⁶⁴**The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And 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. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the

Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

²⁴Jesus put another parable before {the disciples}, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants 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?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.”’”

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

SERVING TODAY, July 19, 2026

Acolyte: Karter Crumpton
Crucifer: Karsyn Crumpton
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Allen Williams
Greeters: Becky Chapman & Cindy Frick
Nursery: Jessica & Keaton Lindler, Audrey Caldwell
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Larry & Renae Grooms
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Robbie Wicker
Ushers: Scott Bell, Will Attaway
Golf Cart: Curtis Boland
TLC On-Call Team: Bill & Robin Loadholdt
Cleaning Team: Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

Acolyte: Eli Kednocker
Crucifer: Colton Mitchell
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Becky Chapman
Greeters: David & Joyce McCall
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Keith & Janet Fulmer
Usher Chair: Charles W. Frick
Elevator: Robbie Wicker
Ushers: Scott Bell, Will Attaway
Golf Cart: Bobby Chapman
TLC On-Call Team: Bill & Robin Loadholdt
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance July 12: Worship: 142 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,076.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 12, 2026

*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 19th**

Lutheran Men	7:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 20th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Sunday, July 26th

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



Blessing of the Backpacks

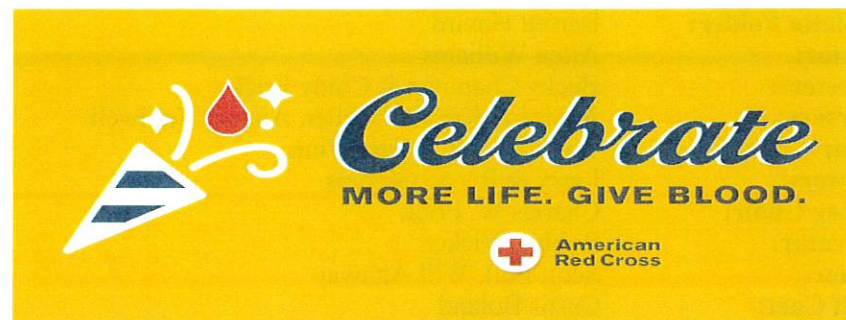
During our Children's Sermon on Sunday, August 2nd, children and adults are invited to bring their backpacks, brief cases, or personal bags to the Altar

so we may ask God to bless us this year and help us learn so that we may grow for Him.

Learn "The Story" of man's redemption through Christ every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6 PM, continuing on Aug. 11th in the parish building.



Bible study for grades 6 to 12; however, anyone is welcome.



Blood Drive

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Monday, August 3, 2026

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Trinity Life Center

531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075



Come to give blood for a \$20 amazon Gift Card by email.



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