

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 9th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast...* Hymn 230

*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 Lord, let your merciful ears be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalms 125 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 8:26-39

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

*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 "Prayer" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray...* Hymn 438

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: I Must Tell 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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* Hymn 469

*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 Joe & Wanda Boland

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://holyltlc.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: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

² **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴ **Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

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^[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,^[b] for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say

to these things? If God is for us, who can be^[c] against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.^[d] ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

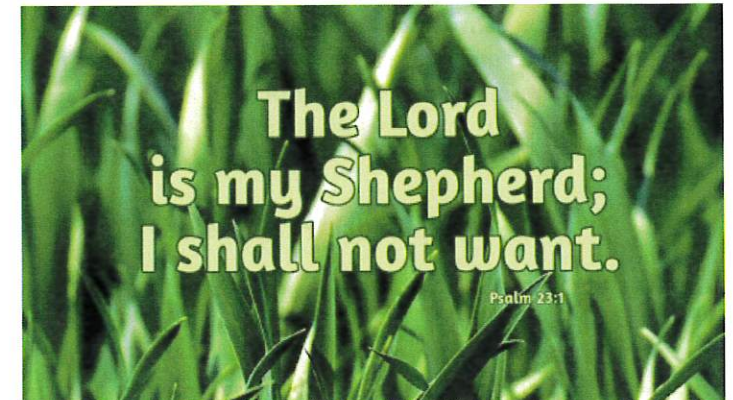
⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The “shepherds” of Israel who were supposed to be caring for God’s people sinned against God and ended up far from home, exiled in Babylon. God would bring his people home to Jerusalem even as he would also send a shepherd who would restore his people to a right relationship with him. This one is Jesus, God’s only Son, who brought peace, reconciliation, and inclusion for all in God’s kingdom.

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



SERVING TODAY, 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: Jackson Livingston
Ushers: Louie Chapman, Robert Edwards

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 28, 2024

Acolyte: Ava Kate Weaver
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Troy Hentz
Lector: Robert Edwards
Greeters: Mike & Jackie Riddle
Nursery: Paula Frick, Morgan Shealy
Altar Guild: Wanda & Holly Havird
Flowers: Chad & Anna Weaver
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 21, 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 21st

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

Monday, July 22nd

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| Prayer Shawl | 9:00 a.m. |
| Mom's Life Group | 6:30 p.m. |

Tuesday, July 23rd

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| Surviving Spouse's Life Group | 6:30 p.m. |
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Thursday, July 25th

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| Revelation Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |
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Sunday, July 28th

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| Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Teens for Christ Pelicans outing | TBA |

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.

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

MOM'S LIFE GROUP

20
24

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 19 FAMILY GAME NIGHT
TRINITY LIFE CENTER
6-9 PM

LIFE GROUP MEETING **JUL 22**
TRINITY LIFE CENTER
6:30 PM

AUG 5 LIFE GROUP MEETING
TRINITY LIFE CENTER
6:30 PM

LIFE GROUP MEETING **AUG 19**
TRINITY LIFE CENTER
6:30 PM

AUG 26 DINNER
TO BE DETERMINED
6:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
TEXT OR CALL AMBER LAMBERT 803-467-5529
OR JILLIAN LONG 843-708-4055

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.

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
Enter sponsor code: (LittleMtn)
Or call Carlotta at 803-622-4168.



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