

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 *Be Thou My Vision* WOV Hymn 776

*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. Almighty God, through your Son's death and resurrection you draw all creation into your eternal reign. Grant us the grace to recognize the signs of your reign that surround us every day and the faith to proclaim your coming kingdom to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalms 125 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 8:28-39

*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 "Praying As We Ought"

Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *Children of the Heavenly Father* Hymn 474

*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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Hymn 439

*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 our parents and in honor of our children and grandchildren
By Keith & Janet Fulmer

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), 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.*

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} “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.

²As 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.

⁴Do 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 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, 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 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. 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, ³⁹nor 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{Jesus said to the disciples,} “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. ⁴⁵Again, 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. ⁴⁷Again, 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. ⁵¹Have 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.”

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WE ARE MORE
THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM
WHO LOVED US.**

ROMANS 8:37

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



SERVING TODAY, July 26, 2026

Acolyte: Eva Kednocker
Crucifer: Eli Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: TBA
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, Spyros Lezimis
Golf Cart: Bobby Chapman
TLC On-Call Team: Bill & Robin Loadholdt
Cleaning Team: Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

Acolyte: TBA
Crucifer: Natalie Winn
Bulletin Folder: Kaylee Hentz
Lector: Eva Kednocker
Greeters: Pam Dalton, Audrey Caldwell
Nursery: Erica Carter, Glenda Hentz
Altar Guild: Erica Carter, Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Communion: Andrew & Megan Diegel
Flowers: Julie & Hayden Haltiwanger
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Daniel Boland, Sam Hutchinson
Golf Cart: Ritchie Koon
TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy, Melody Williams
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

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

Attendance July 19: Worship: 128 Sunday School: 39

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 8,458.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 26, 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 26th**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Scouts "God & Family" Class	4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 27th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, July 28th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, August 2nd

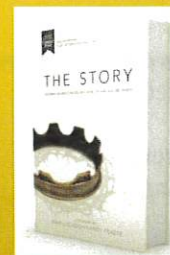
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion / Blessing of Backpacks	10:30 a.m.



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 in the Parish building, continuing on August 11th.



Bible study for students in grades 6 -12; however, anyone is welcome.

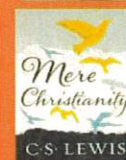
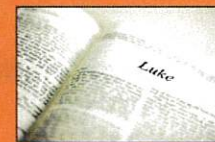
HAPPY Birthday

LOGAN FRICK, 29TH



Let's Kick it Off!!!

If you are now participating in or at all interested in anything to do with Sunday school, please join us in the TLC at 9:30 AM on August the 9th to kick off a new school year. Those students still in school and moving up will get to meet their new teachers and classmates and then guided to their new classrooms. The Christian Education Committee will be providing pastries and drinks before classes start that morning. Mr. Brett has agreed to provide some music.



A video study of Luke in the Parlor.

Study of Job in the Disciples Bible Study.

Classes usually start at 9:15 AM on Sundays.

In the conference room.



Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



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
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