

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn      *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*      Hymn 566

\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness      page 77

\*Apostolic Greeting      page 78

\*Hymn of Praise      *This is the Feast...*      page 81

\*Prayer of the Day

**P. Let us pray together.**

**C.** Almighty God, you send us out into your world to be beacons of your love and grace. May our lives always bear witness to your redeeming grace made known in the cross; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

## God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson      Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-7      see bulletin

The Second Lesson      Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

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

\*The Holy Gospel      John 8:31-36

\*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      "What Freedom Really Means"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day      *My Life Flows on in...*      WOV Hymn 781

\*The Apostles' Creed      page 84

\*The Prayers

\*The Peace

(We Sit)

## We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem      *Rain Down On Me*      Choir

\*The Offertory Hymn      *Let the vineyards...*      page 86

\*The Offertory Prayer      page 87

\*The Great Thanksgiving      page 88

\*The Eucharistic Prayer      page 90

\*The Lord's Prayer      page 91

*Lamb of God*      page 92

**Communion:** *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

*We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.*

\*Post Communion Blessing

\*Post Communion Canticle      *Thank the Lord...*      page 92

\*Post Communion Prayer      page 94

## God Sends Us Into The World

\*Blessing      page 95

\*Sending Song      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*      Hymn 221

\*Sending and Charge

\*Doxology      Hymn 564

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**Before Worship: Speak to the Lord**

**During Worship: Let the Lord speak to you**

**After Worship: Speak to each other**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Steven Massingale on the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
his birth, July 4, 1977, and Betsy Guice on the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of her death, August 2007,  
by Travis and Mary Spires*

**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.

If you have any **musical talents** to share through the summer, please contact Brett Lindler at 803-924-0798.

Prayers: Tourie & Hunter Corbett (Niece of Patsy Frick), John Doke (Friend of Becky Boland), 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 non-members for two weeks.*

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

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**First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; <sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” <sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. <sup>13</sup>As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

**Psalms 66:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup>**sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”**

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

<sup>6</sup>**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,**

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations — let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

\*The Book of Common Prayer verse numbers for this psalm are different from the numbering in the ESV.

**Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit

reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

<sup>14</sup>But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

<sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup>From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave<sup>[a]</sup> to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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The Scriptures for today emphasize the reality of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Either the Gospel and the person who proclaims it are accepted, or the Word and the messenger are rejected. There is no in between. As followers of Christ, we are called to share the message of salvation and offer a sign of peace to every person we come in contact with — but we won’t always receive a blessing in return.

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*You reap  
what you sow.*

Galatians 6:7



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



### SERVING TODAY, July 6, 2025

**Acolyte:** Eva Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Cooper Morales  
**Bulletin Folder:** Eva Kednocker  
**Lector:** Hudson Long  
**Greeters:** Greg & Rudell Murray  
**Nursery:** Peyton Boland, Jenna & Taylor Lake  
**Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker  
**Communion:** Betty & Johnny Cumalander  
**Flowers:** Travis & Mary Spires  
**Usher Chair:** Kevin J. Shealy  
**Elevator:** Daniel Curtis  
**Ushers:** Daniel Boland, Greg Murray

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 13, 2025

**Acolyte:** Eva Kednocker  
**Crucifer:** Cooper Morales  
**Bulletin Folder:** Joanie Billingsley  
**Lector:** Danny Newton  
**Greeters:** Jerry & Annette Shealy  
**Nursery:** Joyce McCall, Jessica, Keaton, & Knowlton  
Lindler  
**Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker  
**Flowers:** Bart & Carlotta Chapman  
**Usher Chair:** Kevin J. Shealy  
**Elevator:** Daniel Curtis  
**Ushers:** Daniel Boland, Greg Murray

**TLC On-Call Team:** Frank & Lin Lake

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

Attendance June 29: Worship: 107 Sunday School: 43

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	4,662.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,948.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

July 6, 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 6th

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

#### Monday, July 7th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 8th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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#### Wednesday, July 9th

Community Meal	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
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#### 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.



## Community

*"Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another; they can become one. But they can continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ."*<sup>[1]</sup>

We all desire it, look for it wherever we go, and miss it when we can't seem to find it, the "it" being community. You may have experienced the desire for community if you've moved to a new place or begun a new journey like college or starting a career, but even if you've lived in the same place your whole life, you seek it. It's no accident. The Triune God created us in his image and that means he created us to be in fellowship with him and with our neighbors. He created us to be in community.

Jesus' death and resurrection paved the way for true community with God and our neighbor. However, we only have community in so far as Christ remains at our center. Apart from him, community breaks down as the members give in to sin and selfish desires, turning away from their neighbors and inward toward isolation.

True community stands firm over and against sin, selfishness, and isolation because it is grounded in Christ and is oriented outward and toward others. Such community is characterized by love and service toward each member because we no longer focus on our wants but on the needs of one another. Such community becomes "one" as brothers and sisters live as the body of Christ in the world and share their gifts and talents in a God-pleasing manner. In this way, the community lives in peace, even when the world seems dark and fraught with danger, because it is anchored in the perfect love of Jesus Christ which casts out fear.

For the Christian community, we give thanks to God. Community is his gift; may we cherish it and invite others to be a part of something so wonderful.

<sup>[1]</sup> Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, 23-24.

## Results from June 22nd Congregational Meeting

CMR Constitution Changes

Approved

106 - yes    1 - no

Parsonage Disposition

Approved to sell

91 - yes    12 - no

Bus Disposition

Not approved to sell

47 - yes    58 - no

**COME AS YOU ARE?**

**Community Meal**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Trinity Life Center**

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**

**Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.**

**No charge for meal.**  
**No reservations needed.**  
**Stop in on your way home from work.**

**Bring your family and friends.**

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