

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 7th 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
- *Kyrie page 78
- *Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 81
- *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy God, grant us grace to find in you our strength and hope in the face of all adversity, that we might not be overcome by trials, but bear witness to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

- The First Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-5
- Psalm 123 see bulletin
- The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
- *The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83
- *The Holy Gospel Mark 6:1-13
- *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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "How Will You Act Today?"
 Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day Listen, God is Calling WOV Hymn 712
- *The Apostles' Creed page 85
- *The Prayers
- *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
- The Anthem *Send Us, Lord, to Every Nation*
- *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.*

The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns during Communion: LBW 212, 198, 203, 230, 197

- *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

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Steven Massingale on the 47th anniversary of his birth, July 4, 1977, and Betsy Guice on the upcoming 17th anniversary of her death, August 2007
 By Travis & Mary Spires*

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.

Join us for Mom's Life Group this Monday, 7/8 @ 6:30pm in the TLC to discuss the Topic of the night: "One who is wise can go up against the city of the mighty and pull down the stronghold in which they trust." - Proverbs 21:22

Call or text Amber Lambert (803) 467-5529 or Jillian Long (843) 708-4055 for more information.

Faith Circle will be eating at Higher Ground on **Tuesday, July 9th**. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. or you can meet us at about 11:20 at Higher Ground. We decided at the last meeting to bring baby supplies (diapers, wipes, baby food or cereal, formula, etc.) for GAAP in stead of taking up an offering.

Surviving Spouses Life Group will meet on July 9th at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Revelation Bible Study will resume on Thursday, July 11th beginning with Chapter 11.

Prayers: Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), 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, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), 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.*

Sunday, July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹{The Lord GOD} said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Psalm 123 (ESV)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
²**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.**
³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
⁴**Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — ⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded

with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

¹{Jesus} went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belts — ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

When God calls us into faith, he not only equips us with all we need for the journey, he offers his grace in the midst of trials. The Lord will speak to us through his holy Word. By faith we are called to rely on God’s grace alone and not our own strength, intellect, or worldly wisdom. God’s love is enough, and he will work that which is needed within us to accomplish his kingdom plans. If we listen, we will hear.

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



SERVING TODAY, July 7, 2024

Acolyte: Kaylee Hentz
Crucifer: Connor Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Margaret Livingston
Lector: Eva Kednocker
Greeters: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Nursery: Glenda Hentz, Amber Koon
Altar Guild: Wanda & Holly Havird
Communion: Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy
Flowers: Travis & Mary Spires
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, 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: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman

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

Attendance June 30: Worship: 166 Sunday School: 49

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,883.00
Difference	+	\$ 1,352.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 7, 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 7th

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

Monday, July 8th

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

Tuesday, July 9th

Faith Circle	11:00 a.m.
Surviving Spouses Life Group	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10th

Community Meal	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
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Thursday, July 11th

Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, July 14th

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

Disciple
Discipleship
Disciple-making

What is a disciple? Who are disciples?
What is discipleship? How can I be a disciple?

Jesus' Plan for Making Disciples

Jesus tells us to take up our cross and follow Him!

Fully committing to God as a disciple does not come without a cost.

To start with, God's kingdom must come first. His will must come first. If not, then you are not a disciple. When it comes down to issues of authority, priorities and decisions, Christ must be #1 when faced with any problems requiring careful thought. Christ must be asked first to reach those decisions. Discipleship demands a willingness to put God's rule first.

Jesus wants us to identify with Him such that if we are being accused of being a Christian, we say "I'm guilty." If we are accused of loving and following the Lord Jesus Christ, we accept the charge! "You're right! I'm one of His!"

That is one of the things it means to take up your cross, to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It means to be on public display, to be identified with Jesus Christ in every area of your life. If others don't want to be identified with you because of that, it's right! You will identify with Christ! Jesus is saying, "Follow me!" Following Him brings fullness, satisfaction, and victory!

Being a disciple demands a commitment. It means placing God's rule over every area of your life allowing Him to govern every single word, choice, entertainment option, songs you listen to, your time, talents, and treasures! ALL of it! Are you there?

Now do you see why there are a lot of Christians but so few REAL disciples. Being a true disciple is full time, no holds barred commitment of everything that makes you who you are! It should not be done on a part time basis but that is what most of us do. It's that word Commitment!

It means saying No to your desires and plans for your life when they conflict with God's perfect will. It involves funneling all your decisions through His grid. There is no divisions between the sacred and the secular for a behavior. Everything is sacred because God bought your life with a price. He governs every single word.

Living as a disciple who visibly and verbally represents Christ requires that you relinquish all claims on every aspect of your life. Being a disciple costs! If you are a true disciple, Satan is coming after you! Satan is going to throw His army against you no matter what you do because we are in a war! Since that's true, you had better count the cost if you truly want to be ALL IN as a disciple!

Are you ALL IN, HALF WAY, or ALL OUT?

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>.

“COME AS YOU ARE?” Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, July 10th
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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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)

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