

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Little Mountain, South Carolina  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn                      *How Firm a Foundation*                      Hymn 507

\*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.** Holy One, refine us by the fire of your love so that we find ourselves able to stand firm in the faith. Bring us to that day when we shall stand with the great cloud of witnesses in your eternal presence; 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                      Jeremiah 23:16-29

Psalm 119:81-88                      see bulletin

The Second Lesson                      Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

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

\*The Holy Gospel                      John 6:22-35

\*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

Kyle Page

\*The Hymn of the Day    *O Bread of Life from Heaven*                      Hymn 222

\*The Creed                      page 85

\*The Prayers

\*The Lord’s Prayer

\*The Peace

(We Sit)

**We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God**

The Offering

The Anthem:                      *In Remembrance of Me*                      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                      *Let Us Break Bread Together*                      Hymn 212

\*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.

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*  
*By Ted Arnold*

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**Children’s choir will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Pastor Randy will be out of the office this week (Monday, August 11-Sunday, August 17) and returning on Monday the 18th.

Pastor's laptop and email are not working currently. Should you need to email Pastor Randy between now and when repairs are completed, please email him at [pastordrafts@gmail.com](mailto:pastordrafts@gmail.com).

**HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS** will meet Thursday, August 28, in TLC. We will be hosting the annual “4 Churches Meeting” which will begin at 11:00 AM. This is a covered dish meal and ALL HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS are encouraged to attend. Please plan to arrive by 10:15. Any questions, please contact Mary Spires.

**Volunteers Needed at GAAP in August...** Holy Trinity has agreed to provide volunteers to work at the GAAP food pantry when a month has 5 Saturdays in it. In 2025, these dates are March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to volunteer **August 30<sup>th</sup>**, please let Danny Newton know as soon as possible at 843-810-5821 or [438dwnewton@gmail.com](mailto:438dwnewton@gmail.com).

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

Prayers: Clair Wicker, Becky Boland, Jerry Shealy, Jimmy Henson (Father of Josh Henson), Family of Marilyn Plampin, Warren Fulmer, Pam & Stuart Dalton, Wayne & Pam Shealy (Sister of Artie & Kim), David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), 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.*



**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.” <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**Psalm 119:81-88**

<sup>81</sup>My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.  
<sup>82</sup>**My eyes long for your promise; I ask, “When will you comfort me?”**  
<sup>83</sup>For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.  
<sup>84</sup>**How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?**  
<sup>85</sup>The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law.  
<sup>86</sup>**All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**  
<sup>87</sup>They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.  
<sup>88</sup>**In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3**

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith

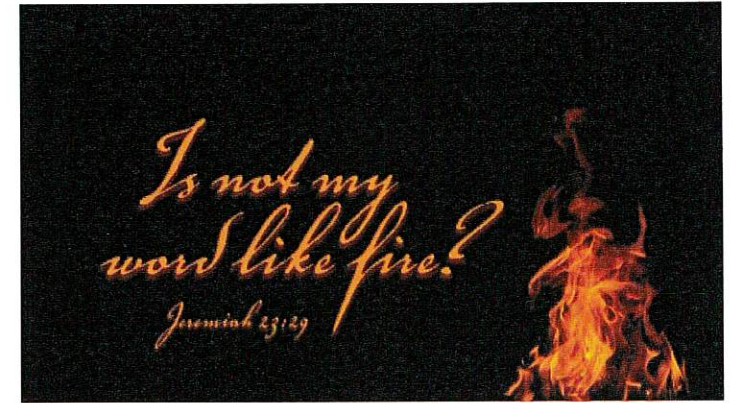
Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**Gospel: John 6:22-35**

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### SERVING TODAY, August 17, 2025

**Acolyte:** Logan Frick  
**Crucifer:** Eli Kednocker  
**Bulletin Folder:** Eli Kednocker  
**Lector:** Daniel Boland  
**Greeters:** Phillip & Christie Allison  
**Nursery:** Peyton Boland, Karen Winn  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Flowers:** Ted Arnold  
**Usher Chair:** Marty Frick  
**Elevator:** Jackson Livingston  
**Ushers:** Louie Chapman, Robert Edwards

**TLC On-Call Team:** Faye Shealy & Melody Williams  
**Cleaning Team:** Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland,  
Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 24, 2025

**Acolyte:** Logan Frick  
**Crucifer:** Eli Kednocker  
**Bulletin Folder:** Natalie Winn  
**Lector:** Ann Sanders  
**Greeters:** Erica Carter, Houston Billingsley  
**Nursery:** Joyce McCall, Jessica, Keaton, &  
Knowlton Lindler  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Flowers:** Emily Clements  
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with  
someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance August 10: Worship: 177 Sunday School: 50

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,779.00
Difference	-	\$ 831.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

August 17, 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, August 17th

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

#### Monday, August 18th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Blood Drive	2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, August 20th

Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.
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#### Sunday, August 24th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.





There has been interest in a children's choir amongst members of the congregation. If you are under the age of eighteen and are interested in joining, please reach out to Brett Lindler or the church office.



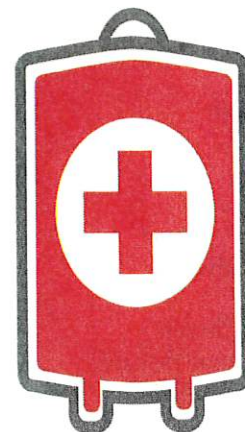
## First Communion Instruction

Sundays – September 21, 28 & October 5  
9:15a.m. (Conference Room)

Here at Holy Trinity, parents and guardians help determine when a child is ready to receive Holy Communion.

- This 3-session class is designed for children who are preparing to commune for the first time. Any child who already communes but would like a refresher on significance of Holy Communion is also welcome to attend.
- Parents or guardians may attend all classes with their child and must attend the beginning of the first class on September 21st.
- First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, during 10:30a.m. worship.
- If you have questions about your child's readiness, please contact Pastor Randy to pick up a copy of "Holy Communion: Discerning Your Child's Readiness." Please note: children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above who have not had First Communion instruction are strongly encouraged to attend.

You may register for this class by contacting Pastor Randy or by calling the church office. Please register no later than Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!



**Give blood.**  
*Help save lives.*



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**Monday, August 18, 2025**  
**2:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Trinity Life Center  
531 Church Street Little Mountain, SC 29075

Come give for a \$15 e-gift card &  
successful donations get A1C testing.



For an appointment, please scan or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
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