

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

13th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *When Israel Was in Egypt's...* WOV Hymn 670

*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, your mercy endures forever, revealed through your Son's life, death, and resurrection. Make us boldly declare Jesus as Lord and proclaim his redeeming work to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 56:1-6

Psalms 138 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 11:33-12:8

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

*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 "Who Do You Say I Am?"

Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 369

*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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Hymn 293

*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 honor of our 52nd wedding anniversary*

By Curtis & Diane Hardy

Prayers: Kollynns Hill, Kay Richardson, Cody & Tori Hutto (Son-in-law & Daughter of Scott & Cheri Bell), Kelli Robinson (Daughter of Charles & Kaye Shealy), Kenny Chapman, Rebecca Edwards, Owen Shimel (grandson of Joanne Alewine), Janet Whetstone (Friend of Curtis & Diane Hardy), Dot Abrams, 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, August 23, 2026

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First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Psalm 138

¹I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For

who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

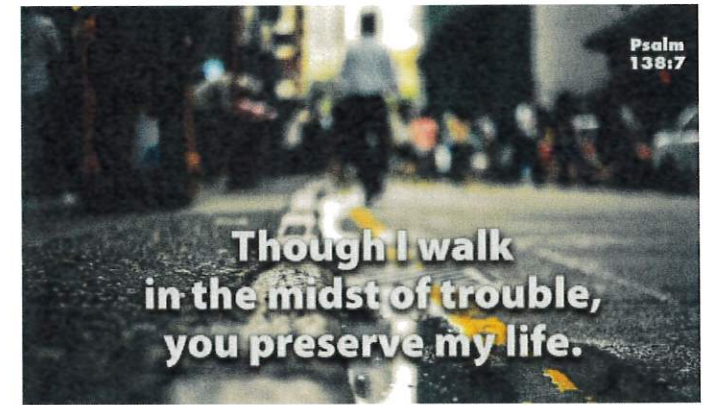
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

SERVING TODAY, August 23, 2026

Acolyte: Logan Frick
Crucifer: Landon Frick
Bulletin Folder: TBA
Lector: Helen Koon
Greeters: Charles & Kaye Shealy
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Erica Carter, Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Curtis & Dianne Hardy
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Ray Cumalander
Ushers: James Sligh, Brian Stiver
Golf Cart: Kevin Shealy
TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy, Melody Williams
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 30, 2026

Acolyte: Kadence Derrick
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Knowlton & Keaton Lindler
Lector: Mary Spires
Greeters: Sam & Sara Hutchinson
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Erica Carter, Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Ray Cumalander
Ushers: James Sligh, Brian Stiver
Golf Cart: Phillip Allison
TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy, Melody Williams
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance August 16 : Worship: 140 Sunday School: 39

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 5,765.15

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

August 23, 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, August 23rd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	4:00 p.m.

Monday, August 24th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, August 25th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 26th

Preschool Open House	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 27th

Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, August 30th

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



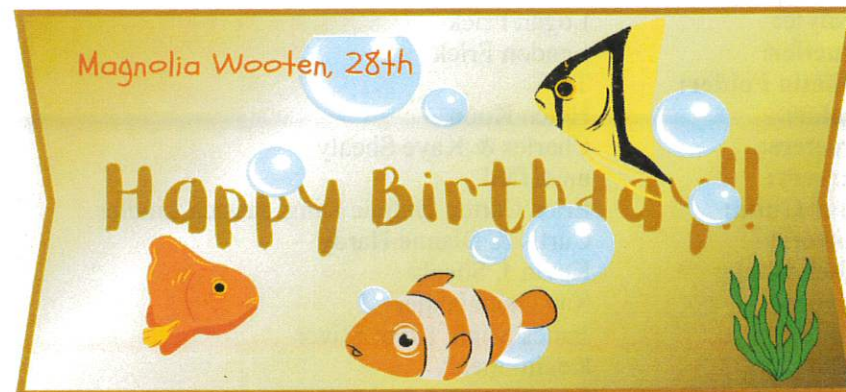
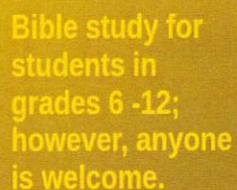
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
September 26, 2026
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Local catch with french fries,
hush puppies and cole slaw

Proceeds to Lutheran Men
\$10 per plate donation
eat in or take out

Please see a Lutheran Men
member for tickets.

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 Studies

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our morning Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. We will begin with the Book of Ruth. We look forward to seeing everyone as we study the Word of God verse by verse! We meet in the church parlor.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The evening Bible study will begin Thursday, September 10. This Bible study will be held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying the book of Ezekiel! We look forward to studying this OT prophet. Everyone, please come! We will plan to meet in the parlor.

