

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

**We Prepare for Worship**

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(\* Please stand as able)

\*Gathering Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Hymn 245

\*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. Mighty God, sanctify us by your Holy Spirit that our lives may be pleasing to you and we may enter through the narrow door. Grant us the joy of your salvation; 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 66:18-23

Psalms 50:1-15 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:4-24

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

\*The Holy Gospel Luke 13:22-30

\*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 "The Door Is Narrow, But It's Open"

Pastor Randy Drafts

\*The Hymn of the Day *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn 543

\*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: Brett Lindler

\*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 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Hymn 250

\*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 Emily Clements*

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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).

**Bazaar** will be held on November 1st. Time to start getting your items ready. If you have any questions, please call Ann Sanders or Lin Lake.

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. *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, August 24, 2025**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

**Psalm 50:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**  
<sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.  
<sup>4</sup>**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**  
<sup>5</sup>“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”  
<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**  
<sup>7</sup>“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.  
<sup>8</sup>**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**  
<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.  
<sup>10</sup>**For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**  
<sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.  
<sup>12</sup>**“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.**  
<sup>13</sup>Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup>**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,**  
<sup>15</sup>and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:4-24**

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as

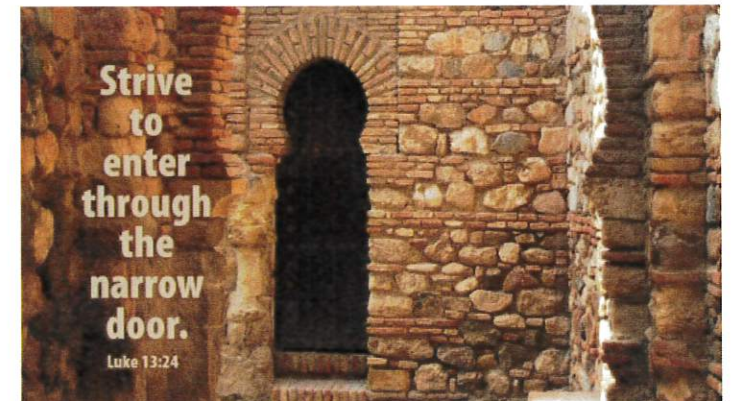
sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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



**SERVING TODAY, 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  
**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 31, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Karter Crumpton  
**Crucifer:** Blair Cromer  
**Bulletin Folder:** Karsyn Crumpton  
**Lector:** Kaye Shealy  
**Greeters:** Darin & Becky Boland  
**Nursery:** Glenda Hentz, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley  
**Altar Guild:** Karen Winn, Connie Frick  
**Flowers:** Bruce & Susan Crawford  
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance August 17:   Worship: 146   Sunday School: 43

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

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,807.00
Difference	-	\$ 803.00

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**Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

August 24, 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 24th**

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

**Monday, August 25th**

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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**Tuesday, August 26th**

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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**Wednesday, August 27th**

Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.
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**Thursday, August 28th**

Happy Mountaineers "4 Churches Meeting"	11:00 a.m.
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**Sunday, August 31st**

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





## 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!



## LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

September 27, 2025  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Local catch with french fries,  
hush puppies and cole slaw

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

Please call the church office for  
tickets, if you have not been  
offered a ticket.

**CONFIRMATION**  
For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Beginning September 14, 2025  
4:15pm  
Meet in the Conference Room  
*Parents, please plan to attend  
the first 15 minutes or so.*



The blood drive was a success.  
Holy Trinity collected 32 units.

Thank you to everyone who  
helped.

**EVENING  
BIBLE  
STUDY**

We will be resuming our evening Bible study starting **September 11, 2025**, on the book of Daniel. Again, the study will be on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Time will remain the same at 7 PM. Hope everyone can join on this interesting book of Daniel.

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Coming soon to your church classrooms, a curriculum unlike any Holy Trinity has attempted before; four years of lessons already planned for those in the nursery to those in the parlor...SEED!

SEED (Sola Electronic Education Database) is a subscription-based, electronic resource found on the SOLA Publishing website. All teachers would have access to the website via a username and a password. There, they will discover lesson plans tailored to different ages for use each Sunday for the next four years. The first lesson is about the most famous sinners in the Bible, Adam and Eve. Not only that, but every age group would be studying the same lesson simultaneously; parents would no longer have to ask what their child learned in Sunday School that day because they would have studied it too. If this interests you, either as a teacher or a pupil, classes begin at 9:15 AM every Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.