

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
14th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* Hymn 370

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 79

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Merciful God, you bestow the riches of your grace upon your sons and daughters. Grant that we may faithfully serve you in this life and rejoice in your eternal glory; 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 29:11-19

Psalm 14 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:22-33

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-35

*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 Me" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "Count the Cost"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Rise Up, O Saints of God* Hymn 383

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(*We Sit*)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* 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 *The Church's One Foundation* Hymn 369

*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 Anniston Lever's 1st Birthday
By Robbie & Sheri Wicker*

If anyone borrowed the scissors from the prayer shawl room, please return them.

Flood Bucket Build: Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12th here at Holy Trinity to assemble Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. We will be working in conjunction with other local NALC congregations. We will begin our time together in worship and lunch will be served following the build. *A sign-up sheet for supplies and participants will be made available on Sunday, August 18th.* Please sign up to bring specific items needed for the Flood Buckets. We will also be collecting gift cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart - *please write the date purchased on each card), quilts/blankets, and Bibles.

Prayers: Imelda Perez (Aunt of Mavy Lezimis), Oliver Dominick, (Brother of Mary Ruth Chapman), Family of Tommy Newton (brother of Danny Newton), Family of Alice Shealy, Santania Rodgers (daughter in law of Dean & Barbie Rodgers), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Fred Andrieni (Laurie Chapman's brother-in-law), Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), Zackary Slice (Friend of Bobbie & Maxton King), Kednocker Family, 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, 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.*

First Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the LORD said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 14 (ESV)

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.
²**The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.**
³They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.
⁴**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?**
⁵There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
⁶**You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.**
⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his

people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:22-33

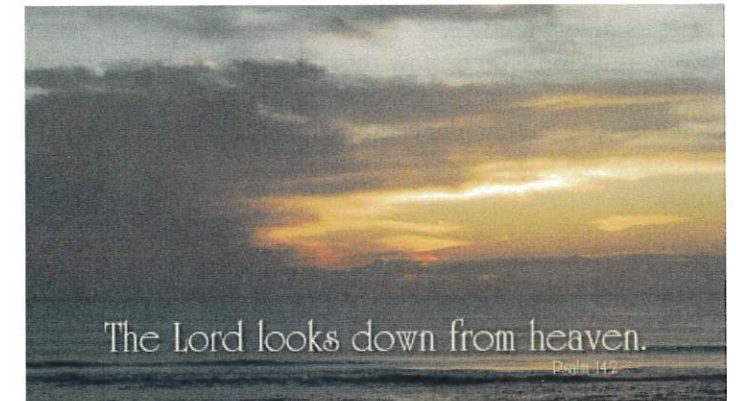
²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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*"Preaching, Teaching and Serving
in Christ's Name"*

SERVING TODAY, August 25, 2024

Acolyte: TBD
Crucifer: Blake Ballentine
Bulletin Folder: Natalie Winn
Lector: TBA
Greeters: Tony & Wendy Shell
Nursery: Morgan Kaihara, Joyce McCall
Altar Guild: Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander
Flowers: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Johnny Cumalander
Ushers: Matthew Linton, Aaron Lambert

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 1, 2024

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Blake Ballentine
Bulletin Folder: Roman Long
Lector: Eli Kednocker
Greeters: Philip & Lauren Armstrong
Nursery: Morgan Shealy, Julie Haltiwanger
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Communion: Kevin J. Shealy & Ann Sanders
Flowers: James & Debra Wieters
Usher Chair: Bill Loadholdt
Elevator: Alex Attaway
Ushers: Blake Derrick, Scott Bell

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

Attendance August 18: Worship: 209 Sunday School: 51

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	6,578.00
Difference	+	\$ 47.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

August 25, 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, August 25th

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

Monday, August 26th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, August 27th

GLASS—Surviving Spouses Life Group	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 28th

Preschool Open House	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Sunday, September 1st

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



LET THE
GAMES BEGIN!

Who: Teens for Christ

What: Wacky Olympic Games (ex: Synchronized dancing, Silly Shot Put, Relay Race, etc.)

When: 8/25/2024 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Why: Celebrating the end of the 2024 Summer Olympics in our own wacky way!

PLEASE JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING OUR

SUNDAY school

KICK-OFF

"JOIN GOD'S TEAM"

September 15th at 9:15am in TLC

Breakfast Provided

Sunday School Teachers will be recognized at the start of 10:30 worship.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Mom's Life Group

1st Annual

Girls Night Out Gala

Join us for a night of fun to celebrate sisterhood and celebrate El Roi: The God Who Sees Me.

September 7, 2024, 6:00 pm

Dress up & come celebrate being a woman. Our speaker will be Brooke Pizzati coming in from Honduras where her family are missionaries.

Tickets are \$10
Text or call Jillian Long at 843 708 4055 for a ticket.



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FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Sundays – September 22, 29, & October 6
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 22nd.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6th, 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 3rd 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 15th to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!