

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

²**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

³Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

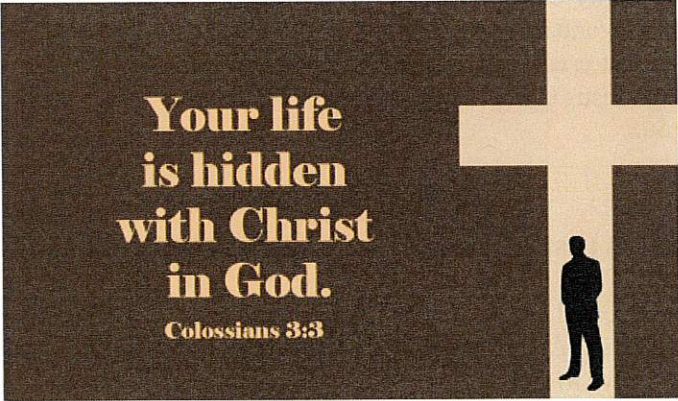
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

A life lived without God at the center is an empty life indeed. We may have enough grain to fill multiple barns and silos, but if we are rich in possessions and poor toward God, then all is in vain. The Christian life is characterized by seeking the things of Christ, not the things of this world. Only the things of God offer us new life and life abundant. We are warned to guard against the idolatry of possessions.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
8th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* Hymn 327

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 81

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Almighty God, you clothe us in the righteousness of Christ making us rich beyond all measure. Give us the wisdom to turn away from those things that create in us greed and draw us to find our treasure in you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Psalms 100 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-11

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 12:13-21

*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 "Set Your Mind on the Things Above"
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Take My Life, that I May Be* Hymn 406
*The Apostles' Creed page 84
*The Prayers
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem *Trust in the Lord* Choir

*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.

*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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* Hymn 359

*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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
by Louie & Velvet Chapman

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.

Congratulations to Lane & Caroline Attaway & big sister Collins on the birth of their son, Easton Lane Attaway, on July 25, 2025. He was 8lbs, 4 oz and 20 inches long.

Happy Mountaineers members are asked to meet very briefly after service in the back of the church.

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 29th. If you are willing to volunteer **August 30th**, please let Danny Newton know as soon as possible at 843-810-5821 or 438dwnewton@gmail.com.

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

Prayers: 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.*

SERVING TODAY, August 3, 2025

Acolyte: Karsyn Crumpton
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Houston Billingsley
Lector: Zack Henson
Greeters: Britton & Holly Havird
Nursery: Erica Carter, Ritchie Koon
Altar Guild: Karen Winn, Connie Frick
Communion: Chris Crouch, Ted Arnold
Flowers: Louie & Velvet Chapman
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

Acolyte: Karsyn Crumpton
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Blair Cromer
Lector: Philip Armstrong
Greeters: Charles & Cindy Frick
Nursery: Crystal Crouch, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Karen Winn, Connie Frick
Flowers: Frank & Lin Lake
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman

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

Attendance July 27: Worship: 166 Sunday School: 44

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	6,155.00
Difference	-	\$ 455.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

August 3, 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 3rd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Backpack Blessing	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	1:00 p.m.

Monday, August 4th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, August 6th

Stewardship / Finance	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, August 10th

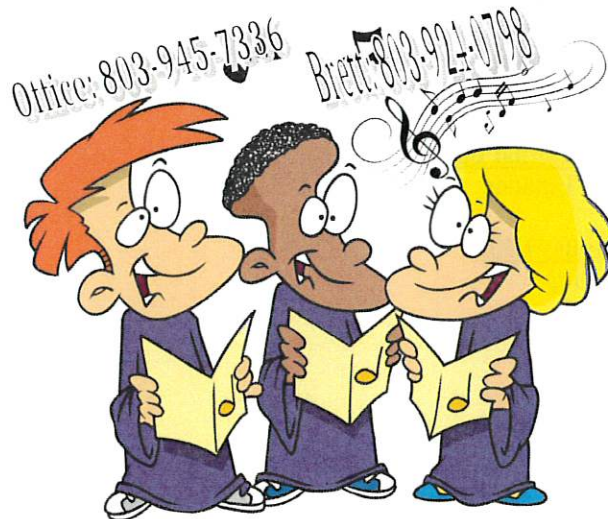
Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks

During our Children's Sermon on Sunday, August 3rd, children and adults are invited to bring their backpacks, brief cases, or personal bags to the Altar so we may ask God to bless us this year and help us learn so that we may grow for Him.



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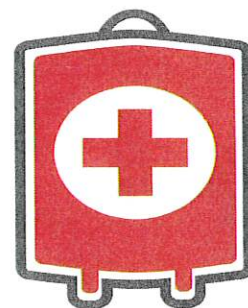
There has been interest in a children's choir amongst members of the congregation. If you are under the age of eighteen and are interested in joining, please reach out to Brett Lindler or the church office.

Results from July 27th Congregational Meeting

Option 1 - \$52,000
Approved
97

Option 2 - \$9,928
Not approved
1

Option 3 - \$42,834
Not approved
5



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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

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