

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 *Bind Us Together* WOV Hymn 748

*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 God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
(*We Sit*)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 12:9-21

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

*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 "The Cross Is The Only Way"
Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 377
*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 *Go, My Children, With My...* WOV Hymn 721
*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 memory of
Bruce Caldwell and loved ones
By Audrey Caldwell*

FAITH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in TLC. Ann Sanders is leader and hostess. Hope to see you there.

HOMEcoming will be celebrated Sunday, October 11 and the entire congregation is encouraged to attend. If you'd like an invitation sent to family or friends, please give names and addresses to the church office by September 23.

Prayers: Allen Williams, Kollynn 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, 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 30, 2026

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First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Psalm 26

¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

⁴ **I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ **O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰ **in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹² **My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

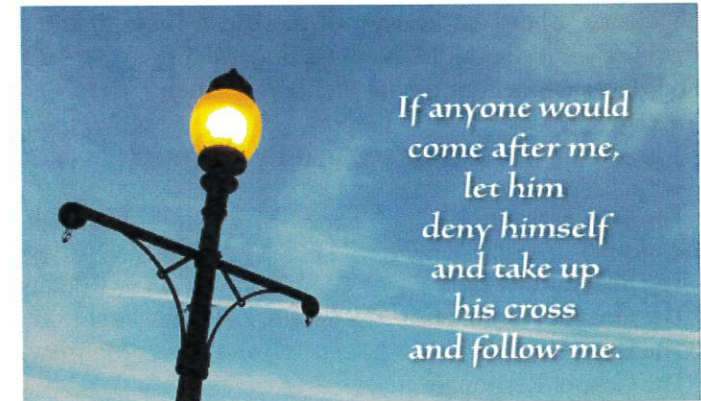
⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SERVING TODAY, 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
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Barrett Havird
Bulletin Folder: Hudson, Roman, Wilder Long
Lector: TBA
Greeters: Ray & Kara Cumalander
Nursery: Julie Haltiwanger, Melissa & Eva Kednocker
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Communion: Johnny & Betty Cumalander
Flowers: Joe & Wanda Boland
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman
Golf Cart: Curtis Boland
TLC On-Call Team: Frank & Lin Lake
Cleaning Team: Wendy Shealy, Daniel, Ashley, & Everett Boland, Julie Haltiwanger, Helen Koon

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

Attendance August 23: Worship: 169 Sunday School: 54

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 5,075.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

August 30, 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 30th**

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

Monday, August 31st

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 1st

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 2nd

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, September 3rd

Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, September 6th

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



LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

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

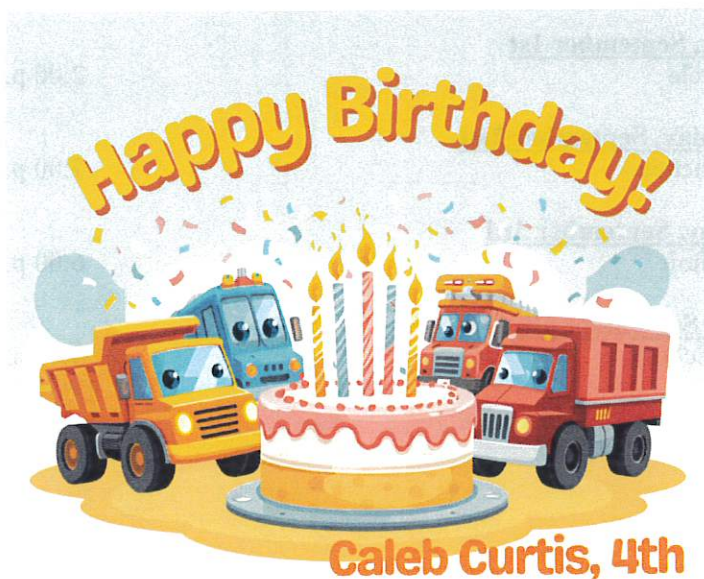
Local catch with french fries,
hush puppies and cole slaw

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

Please see a Lutheran Men
member for tickets.

Blood Drive Results

Thank you so much for your help with the recent blood drive.
We collected 36 pints of blood.
That is a big help for the Red Cross and those in need of blood.
Our next blood drive is Dec. 14, 2026, 2:00-6:00 pm.



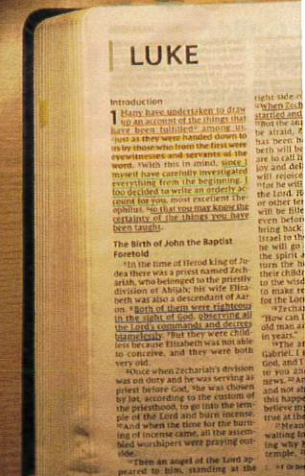
Bible Studies

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.





“Come As You Are” Community Meal



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center**

**Wednesday, September 9
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.**

**Please join us for a time of food and
fellowship and get to know your
neighbors.**

**No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.**

Bring your family and friends.