

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
12th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(* Please stand as able)
*Gathering Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Hymn 126
*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 and sovereign God, through the gracious gift of baptism you forgive our sins, give us life in Christ, and grant us a place at your heavenly banquet. By the power of your Holy Spirit create in us humble hearts and an attitude of mutual love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
(* We Sit)

God’s Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Proverbs 25:2-10
Psalm 131 see bulletin
The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-17
*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83
*The Holy Gospel Luke 14:1-14
*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 “Where Would Jesus Sit?”
Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast...* Hymn 230
*New Member Reception page 198
*The Prayers
*The Lord’s Prayer
*The Peace
(* We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering
The Anthem: *The Church’s One Foundation* Dorothy Armstrong

*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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* WOV Hymn 771
*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 Bruce & Susan Crawford

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This morning we receive Kay Richardson into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

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.

Bazaar willll 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), Warren Fulmer, 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.*

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First Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill reputation have no end.

Psalm 131

¹O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. **²But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.** ³O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate

in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

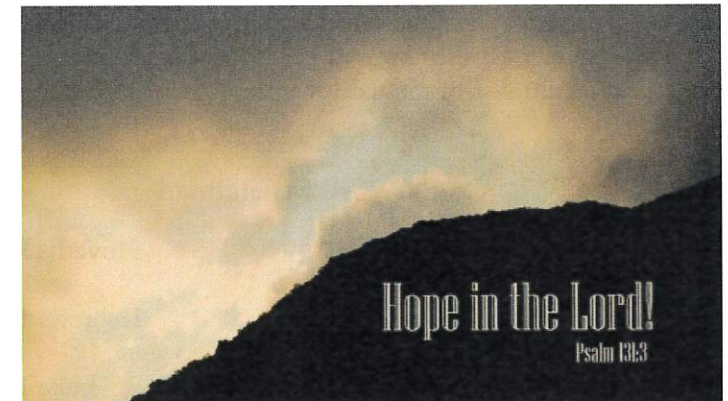
Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

We don't say it often in our American culture where class systems are allegedly non-existent, but in previous times it could be heard as a parent instructed a child or a servant to "Know your place." In the Kingdom of God, the last shall be first and the first shall be last. Humility is the mark of discipleship. Only the humble will be elevated to positions of honor; the faithful are ones who go to the end of the line.

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



SERVING TODAY, 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
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, September 7, 2025

Acolyte: Karter Crumpton
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Houston Billingsley
Lector: Daniel Williams
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: Ritchie Koon, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Communion: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Charles E. Frick
Ushers: Christopher Corley, Bill Loadholdt

TLC On-Call Team: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Cleaning Team: Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Philip & Lauren Armstrong

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

Attendance August 24: Worship: 151 Sunday School: 43

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,181.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,429.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

August 31, 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 31st**

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

Monday, September 1st

Church Office Closed	
Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 2nd

Faith Circle	2:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 3rd

Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, September 7th

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 5th, 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 14th to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!



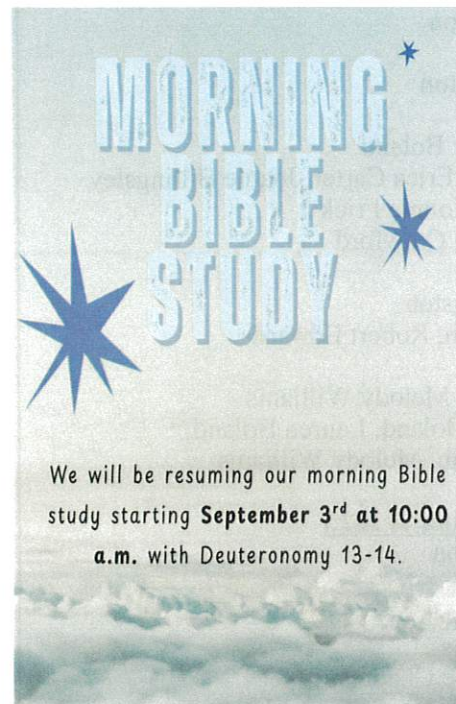
LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

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

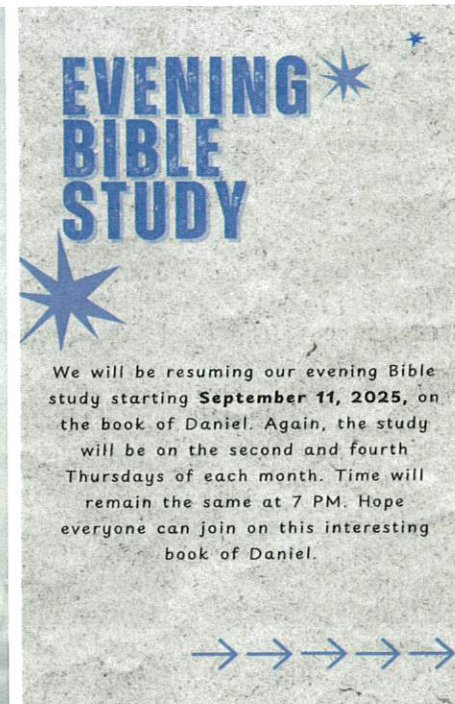
Local catch with french fries,
hush puppies and cole slaw

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.



We will be resuming our morning Bible
study starting **September 3rd at 10:00**
a.m. with Deuteronomy 13-14.



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.

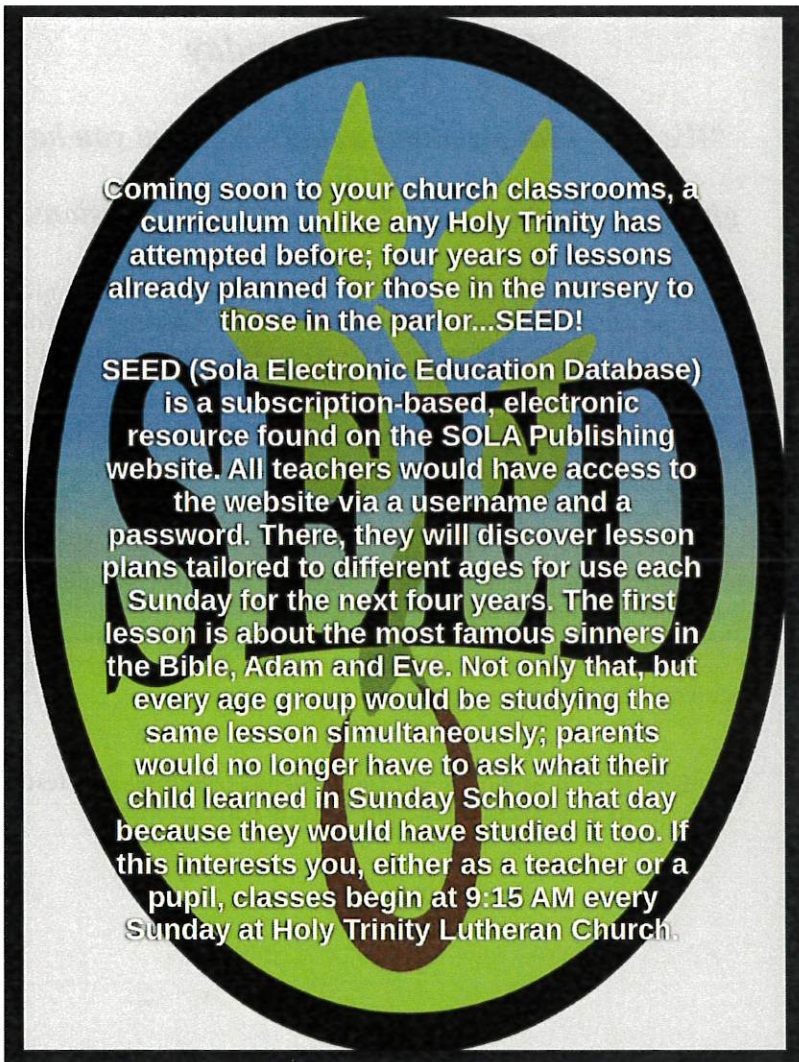


CONFIRMATION

For 7th and 8th Graders
Beginning September 14,
2025
4:15pm

Meet in the Conference
Room

*Parents, please plan to
attend the first 15 minutes
or so.*



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.

Stewardship Sunday

***“We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have
first
given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions...”***

Stewardship is an individual's response to the blessings God has given to all His people and how we can best share those blessings to with our neighbors. Today (September 7th), surveys will be made available to each of our families before the start of Worship. You will also receive an emailed copy and a copy will be available on the church website. Please complete the survey and return it by September 30th. You may place your survey in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk with your children about the importance of giving back to the Lord. We ask that you please help your children complete the form. The completed surveys will be used to help church leaders connect members with ministries they have gifts for, as well as to complete the servant list, volunteer calendars, and committee appointments for the coming year.

May God bless us as we use our time, talents, treasures, and testimony to preach, teach, and serve in Christ's name.