

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
11th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* WOV Hymn 731

*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 God, in the midst of the storms of life, Jesus brings eternal peace and calms our fears. Grant us peace and send us forth to be signs of his peace in the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Job 38:4-18

Psalms 18:1-6 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Romans 10:5-17

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

*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 Hand That Holds Us"

Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *My Life Flows on in...* WOV Hymn 781

*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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymn 503

*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

By Robbie & Sheri Wicker

Thank you to our guest pianist Michael Dosen for playing for us this Sunday.

Pastor Randy will be out of the office Monday, August 10, through Sunday, August 16. He will return all non-emergency calls, texts, and emails beginning Monday, August 17.

Lutheran Men will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 7:45 a.m.

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS' AUGUST meeting will be the annual "4 Church's Meeting" on THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 11:00 AM, hosted by Macedonia. Macedonia will furnish BBQ & fried chicken; bring a covered dish to share. If you'd like to carpool from the church, let Ann Sanders know. All members are encouraged to attend.

Prayers: Cody & Tori Hutto (Son-in-law & Daughter of Scott & Cheri Bell), Kelli Robinson (Daughter of Charles & Kaye Shealy), Mike Riddle, Kenny Chapman, Rebecca Edwards, Owen Shimel (grandson of Joanne Alewine), Janet Whetstone (Friend of Curtis & Diane Hardy), Dot Abrams, Meredith Williams (Daughter of Phil & Alice Martinez), 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.*

First Reading: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Psalms 18:1-6

¹I love you, O Lord, my strength.

²**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

³I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴**The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

⁶**In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in

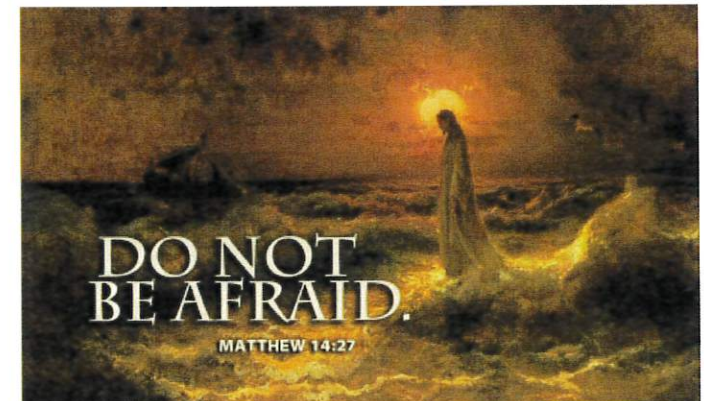
your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

SERVING TODAY, August 9, 2026

Acolyte: Wyatt Koon
Crucifer: TBA
Bulletin Folder: Eva, Eli, & Anna Mae Kednocker
Lector: Pam Dalton
Greeters: Daniel & Ashley Boland
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Erica Carter, Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Robbie & Sheri Wicker
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Daniel Boland, Sam Hutchinson
Golf Cart: Dean Rodgers
TLC On-Call Team: Faye Shealy, Melody Williams
Cleaning Team: Joe & Wanda Boland, Lauren Boland, Laurie Chapman, Melody Williams

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Acolyte: Anna Mae Kednocker
Crucifer: Eva Kednocker
Bulletin Folder: Wyatt & Addi Koon
Lector: Cindy Frick
Greeters: Jerry & Annette Shealy
Nursery: Samantha & Aubrey Curtis, Karen Winn
Altar Guild: Erica Carter, Bobbie King, Jessica Lindler
Flowers: Ted Arnold
Usher Chair: Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator: Allen Williams
Ushers: Louie Chapman, Robert Edwards
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance August 2 : Worship: 168 Sunday School: 43

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 7,143.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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 9th**

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School Kick-Off	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Scouts "God & Family" Class	4:00 p.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Monday, August 10th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, August 11th

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, August 13th

Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
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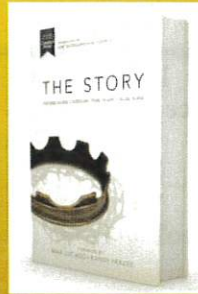
Thursday, August 14th

Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday, August 16th

Lutheran Men	7:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Learn "The Story" of man's redemption through Christ, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6 PM in the Parish building, continuing on August 11th.



Bible study for students in grades 6 -12; however, anyone is welcome.

I Can Do
ALL THINGS
through
Christ
who
Strengthens Me
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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Happy Birthday!!



KOLLYNS HILL, 13TH