

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

16th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

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*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. Renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for 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 Genesis 50:15-21

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The Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

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

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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(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 "When Grace Doesn't Add Up"

Pastor Randy Drafts

* The Hymn of the Day *Lord of All Hopefulness* Hymn 469

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*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

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*Sending Song *All Creatures of Our God and King* Hymn 527

*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 Johnny & Betty Cumalander

Sunday School Teacher Needed... We are seeking a third Sunday school teacher to assist in sharing the gospel with first and second graders. Presently, Mrs. Karen Winn and Mrs. Holly Havird are rotating with one another. It would be great to have at least one more person join the rotation. Please contact Mrs. Karen or Mrs. Holly for more information if you believe that teaching is something you might enjoy doing or that God is calling you to try. If you're not sure whether you're qualified to teach Sunday school, please talk to Chris Crouch. He will confirm that you are perfect for the role.

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.

Happy Mountaineers will meet Thursday, Sept. 24, 10:00 AM, in TLC. After devotions and a brief business meeting, we'll drive to The Boland House for a tour. Lunch will be provided and we'll eat there either inside or outside depending on the weather. All members are encouraged to attend and newcomers are welcome to join us.

DEVOTIONS: Lib Boland MEAL: will be provided

Any **Altar & Parament** donations would be greatly appreciated for some items that need to be purchased.

Stewardship... "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. Surveys will be made available to each of our families. 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.

COMPUTER NEEDED FOR GAAP... The computer used at GAAP recently died and went to computer heaven. There are no replacement computers available. GAAP uses the computer to track each client when they get food. The tracking helps us know the quantity of food GAAP needs to purchase each week based on the number of folks we serve. We also use the computer as a backup to order food each week from Harvest Hope and Walmart.

If anyone has a laptop computer that they would like to donate to GAAP, please let Danny Newton (843-810-5821) know. It can be an old one as long as it still works and can access the internet. You would also be able to claim the donation as a tax write-off.

Prayers: Lucy Peters, Allen Williams, Kollynns 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, September 13, 2026

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First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm 103:1-12

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴**who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶**The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²**as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the

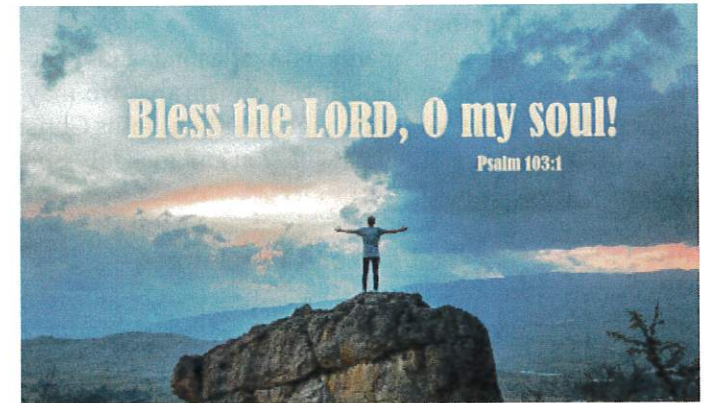
servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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



SERVING TODAY, September 13, 2026

Acolyte: Karter Crumpton
Crucifer: Karsyn Crumpton
Bulletin Folder: Cooper & Harper Morales
Lector: Sheri Wicker
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: unstaffed
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: Johnny & Betty Cumalander
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Josh Long, Dalton Chapman
Golf Cart: Bobby Chapman
TLC On-Call Team: Frank & Lin Lake
Cleaning Team: Kim Steffy, Karen Winn, Stuart Dalton
Philip & Lauren Armstrong

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Acolyte: Colson Winn
Crucifer: Dustin Winn
Bulletin Folder: Ella & Eden Stoudemire
Lector: Betty Cumalander
Greeters: Glenda Hentz, Judy Shealy
Nursery: Ann Newton, Caitlin Attaway
Altar Guild: Wanda Havird, Holly Havird
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Marty Frick
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance September 6: Worship: 130 Sunday School: 49
Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:
Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 8,591.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 13, 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, September 13th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Stewardship Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 14th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th

Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18th

Hot Wheels Racing	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, September 20th

Lutheran Men	8:00 a.m.
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.



HOT WHEELS RACING

All ages are welcome! September 18th, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Bring your three fastest **HOT WHEELS** and race them against others.
Prizes for: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place.



Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the time, and if possible, to bring a light snack or drink to share. Other activities include another short game and a short Bible lesson. Being a first time event duration is unknown but expected to be no more than an hour and a half.

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.



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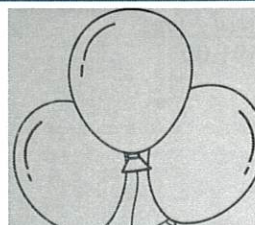


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When: October 4th
**Where: Mount Tabor
Lutheran Church**
Time: 11:00-12:00 PM

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Happy Birthday

Joannie Billingsley, 19th