

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 499

*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. Heavenly Father, you desire that all people might come to the knowledge of your mercy through your Son, Jesus. By your steadfast love and everlasting mercy bring us into your kingdom and teach us to live lives that embody your marvelous saving work; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm 119:169-176 see bulletin

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-10

*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 "Lost and Found"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *There's a Wideness in God's...* Hymn 290

*New Member Reception page 198

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* Choir

*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 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus...* WOV Hymn 734

*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 Benje & Shannon Cromer*

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This morning we receive Ryan, Jana, & Wyatt Padowicz into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

Congratulations to Micah & Emily Wooten on the birth of their daughter, Magnolia Rae Wooten, on August 28, 2025.

Happy Mountaineers will meet Thursday, Sept. 25, @ 10 a.m., in the TLC. Little Mountain Mayor Jana Jayroe will be our guest speaker. All members are encouraged to attend. Devotions: Lucy Peters
Meal: Will be provided

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 will be held on November 1st. Time to start getting your items ready. If you have any questions, please call Ann Sanders or Lin Lake.

Prayers: Dot Abrams, Family of Sylvia Taylor, 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.*

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

¹⁷⁵Let me live, and | I will praise you,*
and let your | judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a sheep | that is lost;***
search for your servant, for I do not forget | your
commandments.

Psalms 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

¹⁷⁰Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

SERVING TODAY, September 14, 2025

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Bulletin Folder: Keaton Lindler
Lector: Cindy Frick
Greeters: Chris & Crystal Crouch
Nursery: Christie Allison, Erica Carter, Joanie Billingsley
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Flowers: Benjie & Shannon Cromer
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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 21, 2025

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Donna Fulmer
Greeters: Janet Fulmer & Dana Dorroh
Nursery: Crystal Crouch, Peyton Boland,
 Dorothy Armstrong
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Flowers: James & Gail Sligh
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Johnny Cumalander
Ushers: Matthew Linton, Bill Dupuis

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

Attendance September 7: Worship: 158 Sunday School: 40

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,207.00
Difference	+	\$ 597.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 14, 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, September 14th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:15 p.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 15th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, September 17th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 18th

SC Mission District Meeting	
Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21st

1st Communion	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.



First Communion Instruction

Sundays – September 21, 28 & October 5
9:00 a.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!



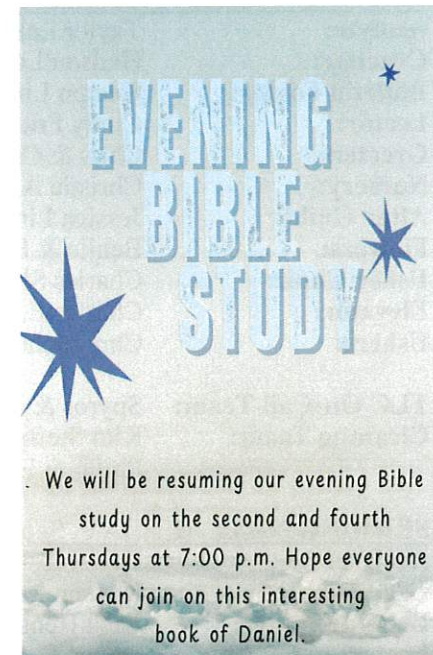
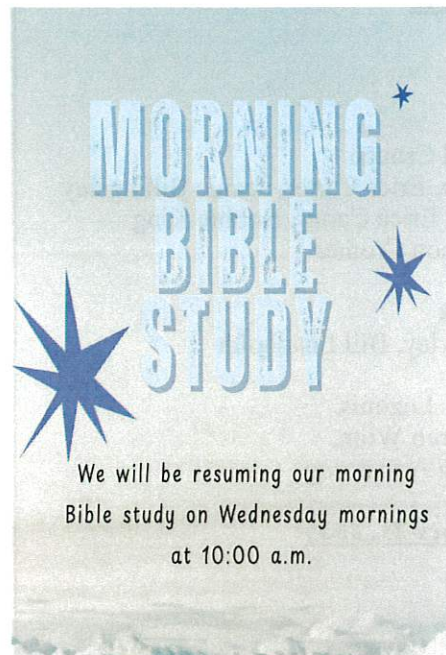
LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

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.



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.

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.**