

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 17th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sunday School Teacher Installation

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* Hymn 248

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

*Kyrie page 78

*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 79

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith, love, and hope. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Revelation 7:9-12

Psalm 100:1-5 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Acts 11:1-18

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

*The Holy Gospel John 14:25-31a

*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 "Don't Stand in God's Way"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *When Peace, Like a River* Hymn 346

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Holy Ghost, with Light Divine* 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 *Jesus, Still Lead On* Hymn 341

*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 Clair Wicker

The **2024 Annual Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. We will set up for the bazaar on Friday, November 1st. So it's that time to start getting your craft items ready. It's lots of fun so please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to help and attend. More information and a volunteer sheet will follow this month.

Happy Mountaineers will meet THURSDAY, Sept. 26, 10 AM, in TLC. Following devotions and business we will drive up the street to tour the Boland House. Lunch will be a picnic at the Boland House, weather permitting, so bring something (sandwiches, cookies, chips, etc.) to share. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Newcomers are welcome!! **DEVOTIONS: Mary Spires LUNCH: picnic**

Prayers: Oliver Dominick, (Brother of Mary Ruth Chapman), Santania Rodgers (daughter in law of Dean & Barbie Rodgers), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Gerald & Jonell Shealy. *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: Revelation 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Psalm 100:1-5

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
² **Serve the LORD with gladness!**
Come into his presence with singing!
³ Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading: Acts 11:1-18

11 Now the apostles and the brothers^[a] who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party^[b] criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that

very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Gospel: John 14:25-31a

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

God has promised to hear our prayers and respond. He speaks to us and desires that we would hear him. Some hear the Word of God and respond in faith while some fail to hear anything. The Lord, however, hears all of our cries for mercy. He responds by bringing healing and wholeness to his people in ways we don't even realize we need. Through faith we call on the name of the Lord.

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



SERVING TODAY, September 15, 2024

Acolyte: Eva Kednocker
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Jillian Long
Greeters: Phillip & Christie Allison
Nursery: Ashley Boland, Paula Frick
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Clair Wicker
Usher Chair: Bill Loadholdt
Elevator: Tony Shell
Ushers: Curtis Hardy, Bart Chapman

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

Acolyte: Eva Kednocker
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Eva Kednocker
Lector: Cindy Frick
Greeters: David & Pam Bush
Nursery: Christie Allison, Glenda Hentz
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Bill Loadholdt
Elevator: Tony Shell
Ushers: Curtis Hardy, Bart Chapman

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

Attendance September 8: Worship: 133 Sunday School: 43

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	6,299.00
Difference	-	\$ 232.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 15, 2024

*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 15th

Sunday School Kick-Off	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Lutheran Men	6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 16th

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

TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 18th

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

Thursday, September 19th

Circle of Joy	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, September 22nd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, September 22nd, immediately following worship.

The purpose of this meeting is to address issues that have arisen at the parsonage and in the church basement. Your presence at the meeting is welcomed and appreciated as we seek to take action to resolve these matters. Thank you in advance.

"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. Time and Talent Surveys are available in the narthex. A copy will also 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.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Sundays - September 22, 29, & October 6
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 22nd.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6th, 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 15th to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!

FLOOD BUCKET BUILD

Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12th here at Holy Trinity to assemble Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. Please sign up to bring specific items needed for the Flood Buckets on the sheet in the narthex.

These items include:

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 rags
- 1 Comet or scouring cleanser
- 1 Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair of rubber gloves
- 1 pair of leather gloves
- 1 pair of cotton gloves

We will also be collecting gift cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart - *please write the date purchased on each card), quilts/blankets, and Bibles. If you would like to participate in the build, please also sign up in the narthex so that we can make sure we have enough food for lunch. **THANK YOU FOR SERVING THOSE IN NEED!**



Please join us for

Homecoming

SEPTEMBER | 29 | 2024

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

In thanksgiving to God for the ministry we share, you and your family are invited to join us for our Homecoming Celebration. Our Pastor, Rev. Randell Drafs, will lead our celebration. Former Holy Trinity Pastor, Rev. Leon Rawl, will share God's word with us.

Please bring a covered dish for the meal following our worship service. Please leave your dish in Trinity Life Center before our worship service.