

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
15th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* Hymn 383

*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. Mighty and merciful God, strengthen and uphold your church, that we may choose life. By your Spirit, guide us to walk in the ways of your Son; through Jesus Christ, our 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Philemon 1-21

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

*The Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-35

*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 "Count the Cost"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymn 503
*The Creed page 85
*The Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *I Am a Promise* Youth 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 *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 377

*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 James & Gail Sligh

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Today we are accepting free-will donations for the Mid-Carolina High School Marching Band, the Rebel Regiment. These donations will be used to provide snacks and meals to the band members during football games and competitions, pay for travel expenses, and offset the costs of instrument repair and uniforms. Additionally, we would like to send messages of support and encouragement to these young people to show them Christian love. Please see Julie Haltiwanger to sign a card or create your own. I pray that through these gifts, each student will see God at work and grow closer to Him. Thank you for your support!

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

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: Jimmy Sanders, Libby Williamson (Aunt of Jillian Long), 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God^[a] that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules,^[b] then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Psalms 1

¹ Blessed is the man^[a]
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² **but his delight is in the law^[b] of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ **The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of

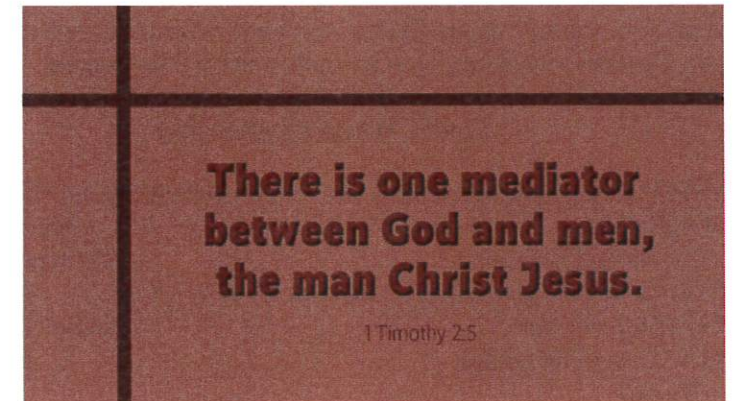
the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.^[a] ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus,^[b] whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant^[c] but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

SERVING TODAY, September 21, 2025

Acolyte: Taylor Lake
Crucifer: Hudson Long
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Joe Boland
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

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Christie Allison
Greeters: Maxton & Bobbie King
Nursery: Karen Winn, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Flowers: Clair Wicker
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance September 14: Worship: 160 Sunday School: 50

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,636.00
Difference	-	\$ 974.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 21, 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 21st**

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

Monday, September 22nd

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Newsletter Deadline	

Tuesday, September 23rd

GLASS	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 24th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir	6:30 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25th

Happy Mountaineers	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26th

Fish Fry	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
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Sunday, September 28th

1st Communion	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Confirmation	4:30 p.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 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!



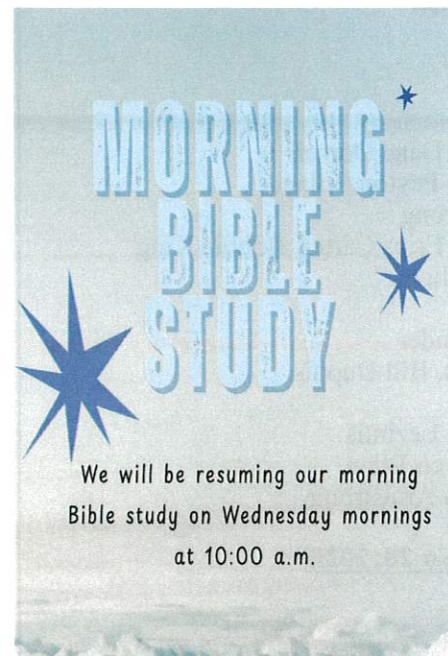
LUTHERAN MEN FISH FRY

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

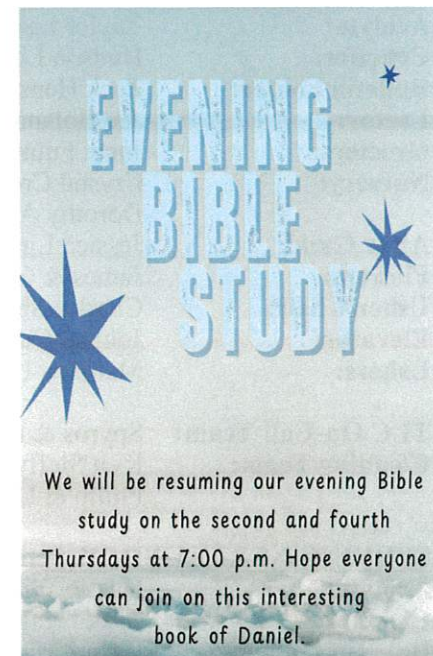
Local catch with french fries,
hush puppies and cole slaw

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 on Wednesday mornings
at 10:00 a.m.



We will be resuming our evening Bible
study on the second and fourth
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Hope everyone
can join on this interesting
book of Daniel.

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.**