

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
18th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 377

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

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

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of righteousness, by the guidance of your Spirit help us to tame our tongues, that our words may uplift our neighbors and glorify your holy name; 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 Isaiah 50:4-10

Psalms 116:1-9

The Second Lesson James 3:1-12

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

*The Holy Gospel Mark 9:14-29

*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 "Mission: Possible"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Hymn 479

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Keepers of the Faith* 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 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* Hymn 221

*Sending and Charge

*Doxology Hymn 564

Congregational Meeting

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 Spyros & Mavy Lezimis

The **Bazaar Planning Committee** will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23rd in the Conference Room.

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**

Happy Mountaineers will tour the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, Dec. 12. YES, it will be decorated for Christmas! We will take the bus; that's 36 seats; **AND THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN US.** Lunch will follow at Lizard's Thicket. The bus will depart at 9 AM. Let Janet Fulmer or Mary Spires know by Nov. 10, if you'd like to participate.

Lutheran Men Annual Fish Friday- Saturday, October 12 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. See a member for a ticket or contact the church office.

Prayers: Family of 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.*

Sunday, September 22, 2024

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First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Psalm 116:1-9

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

³Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,^[a] and set on fire by hell.^[b] ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers,^[c] these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

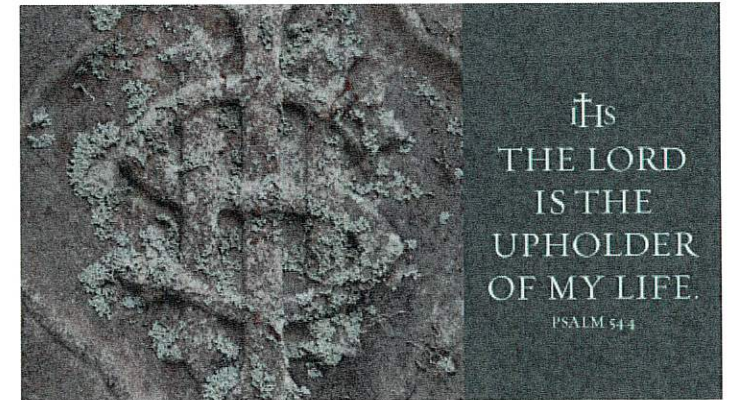
Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can!’ All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out^[a] and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”^[b]

Idolatry, disobedience, and pride run deep amongst human beings. The prophets of old warned God’s people to be humble and meek before Him. As the disciples argued among themselves over which of them was greatest, Jesus interjected the very image of greatness: a little child whom he pulled onto his lap. To be great in the kingdom is to put oneself last while serving and promoting others to be first.

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



SERVING TODAY, 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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

Acolyte: Roman Long
Crucifer: Cooper Morales
Bulletin Folder: Barrett Havird
Lector: Donna Fulmer
Greeters: Britton & Holly Havird
Nursery: Melissa & Eva Kednocker, Emily Wooten
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Gail & James Sligh
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 15: Worship: 164 Sunday School: 60

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	6,874.15
Difference	+	\$ 343.15

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 22, 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 22nd

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
First Communion Instruction	9:15 a.m.
Worship / Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 23rd

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Bazaar Planning Committee	10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 24th

GLASS-- Surviving Spouse Life Group	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 25th

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

Thursday, September 26th

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

Sunday, September 29th

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
First Communion Instruction	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Homecoming	

A special congregational meeting has been called TODAY, 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

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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 Drafts, 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.