

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Little Mountain, South Carolina
 14th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

- Silence and Meditation
- Prelude
- Welcome and Announcements
- Hymn Dedication
 (* *Please stand as able*)
- *Gathering Hymn *God Himself Is Present* Hymn 249
- *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56
- *Apostolic Greeting page 57
- *Kyrie page 57
- *Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 60
- *Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

- The First Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21
- Psalm 26 see bulletin
- The Second Lesson Romans 12:9-21
- *The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62
- *The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28
- *The Gospel Response page 63
(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 "Following the Suffering Messiah"
 Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day *Jesus Calls Us...* Hymn 494
- *The Creed page 65
- *The Prayers
- *The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
- The Anthem *Wherever He Leads I'll Go*
- *The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 66
- *The Offertory Prayer page 67
- *The Great Thanksgiving page 68
- *The Eucharistic Prayer page 70
- *The Lord's Prayer page 71

Communion: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table! We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.*

- Lamb of God* page 72
- *Post Communion Blessing
- *Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 72
- *Post Communion Prayer page 74

God Sends Us Into The World

- *Blessing page 74
- *Sending Song *Bind Us Together* WOV Hymn 748
- *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

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Christopher & Nichole Winn

(~) Denotes a hymn that was recommended through the recent Congregational Hymn Survey.

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.

Children's Bulletins based on the readings for the day are available on the table in the elevator room. You may also request one from an usher.

Stewardship Minute
"Be wise and attend to obeying. Let Christ manage the providing."
 - Charles Spurgeon

If you are willing to keep the Nursery next year please let Shannon Corley know. Even if your name is on the list this year please let me know if you are willing to continue next year.

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the TLC. Mary Spires is the leader and Ann Sanders is the hostess.

Children's Choir... There will be a meeting on September 10th at 2:30 p.m. in the TLC for all parents of 1st-5th grade students regarding information for a children's choir. If you are interested in having your child participate in the children's choir, please plan to attend. We will discuss rehearsal dates and times as well as curriculum content.

Prayers: Les Kinard, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Allen Williams, C.B. Mathis (brother in law of Patsy Frick), Junior Alewine, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald Shealy, Amy Wicker (sister-in-law of Kevin E. Shealy), Marilyn Plampin, Nancy Webb (Mother of Terecia Wilson), Bob Whitlatch. *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 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;*
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.
²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;***
examine my heart | and my mind.
³For your love is be- | fore my eyes;*
I have walked faith- | fully with you.
⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,***
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.
⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;*
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,***
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
⁷Singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving*
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell***
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.
⁹Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,*
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,
¹⁰**Whose hands are full of | evil plots,***
and their right hand | full of bribes.
¹¹As for me, I will live | with integrity;*

redeem me, O LORD, and have pit- | y on me.
¹²**My foot stands on | level ground;***
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

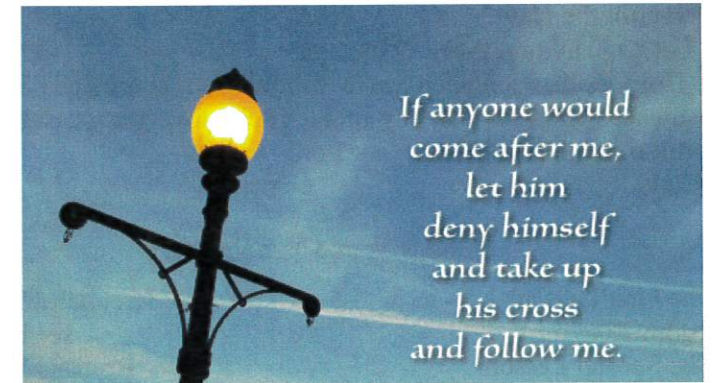
⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERVING TODAY, September 3, 2023

Acolyte: Cooper Morales
Crucifer: David Rodgers
Bulletin Folder: Blake Ballentine
Lector: Margaret Livingston
Greeters: The Armstrong Family
Nursery: Paula Frick, Jenna Lake
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Communion: Joe Boland, Sharon Shealy
Flowers: Christopher & Nichole Winn
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: Lane Attaway
Ushers: Christopher Corley, Edwin Havird

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, September 10, 2023

Acolyte: Cooper Morales
Crucifer: David Rodgers
Bulletin Folder: Blair Cromer
Lector: Phillip Allison
Greeters: Nick & Hannah Huffstetler
Nursery: Anna & Ava Kate Weaver
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: Lane Attaway
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If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2023	\$	5,739.71
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	4,740.00
Difference	-	\$ 999.71

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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*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 3rd

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 4th

Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.
Labor Day-Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5th

Faith Circle 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6th

Bible Study-Exodus 25 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 7th

Card Night 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10th

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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Manna House

We need volunteers for Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Charles Shealy for more information.



**Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.**

Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

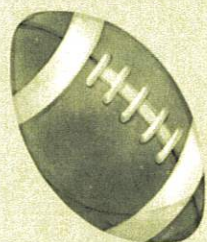


**PLEASE JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING OUR**

SUNDAY SCHOOL JAMBOREE

**BREAKFAST PROVIDED
FEEL FREE TO DRESS IN YOUR
FAVORITE SPORTS ATTIRE**

**10 SEPTEMBER
AT 9:15
HTLC**



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

**Bible Study—Exodus 25
Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00a.m.
in classroom next to the church office**

All are welcome!!

**First Communion Instruction
Sundays, September 17, 24 – 9:15a.m.**

(TLC)

**Sunday, October 1 – 9:15a.m.
(Sanctuary)**

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 17th.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1st, during 10:30a.m. worship.

If you have questions about your child's readiness, please contact Pastor Randy and/or pick up a copy of "*Holy Communion: Discerning Your Child's Readiness*" from Pastor Randy's mailbox just outside the church office door. Please note: children 3rd grade and above who haven't 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, August 27th** to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!

"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. Today (September 3rd), surveys will be made available to each of our families before the start of Worship. 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.