

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
13th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
(Please stand as able)*
*Gathering Hymn *God Himself Is Present* Hymn 249
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77
*Apostolic Greeting page 78
*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...* page 81
*Prayer of the Day
P. Let us pray together.
C. O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. Teach us to be good stewards of all you give us and help us to use our blessings carefully; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
(We Sit)

God’s Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 8:10-18
Psalm 24:1-7 see bulletin
The Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:7-11
*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 83
*The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
*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 “Count the Cost”

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Take My Life, that I May Be* Hymn 406
*The Apostles’ Creed page 84
*The Prayers
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering
The Anthem *I Have Seen Jesus in You* Choir
*The Offertory Hymn *Let the vineyards...* page 86
*The Offertory Prayer page 87

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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.

*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...* page 92
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God Sends Us Into The World

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*Sending Song *For the Fruit of All Creation* WOV Hymn 760
*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 flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones
by Audrey Caldwell

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.

CONFIRMATION for 7th and 8th Graders...Beginning September 14, 2025 at 4:15pm. Meet in the Conference Room. *Parents, please plan to attend the first 15 minutes or so.*

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: Mary Spires
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.

If you have any **musical talents** to share through the summer, please contact Brett Lindler at 803-924-0798.

Prayers: 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 8:10-18

¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Psalms 24:1-7

¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,^[a]
the world and those who dwell therein,

² **for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ **He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

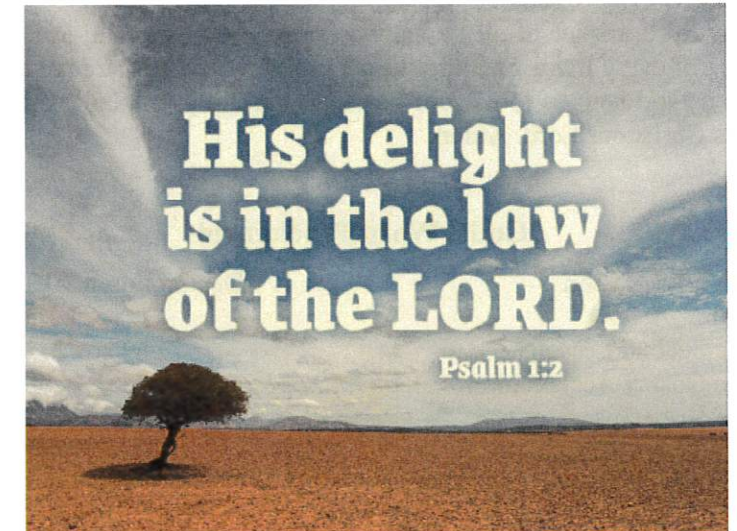
⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants^[a] and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents,^[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.^[c] You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

SERVING TODAY, September 7, 2025

Acolyte: Karter Crumpton
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Roman Long
Lector: Daniel Williams
Greeters: Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Nursery: Ritchie Koon, Jenna & Taylor Lake
Altar Guild: Jessica Lindler, Erica Carter, Bobbie King
Communion: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
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 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
Communion: Dean & Barbie Rodgers
Flowers: Benjie & Shannon Cromer
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
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*If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with
someone or contact an alternate.*

Attendance August 31: Worship: 135 Sunday School: 38

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$	6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	5,585.00
Difference	-	\$ 1,025.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 7, 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 7th**

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

Monday, September 8th

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

Faith Circle	1:00 p.m.
GLASS	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Community Meal	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Children's Choir	6:30 p.m.

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.



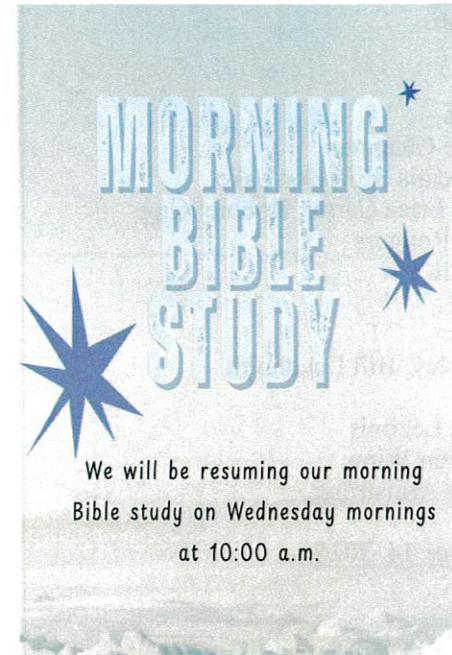
First Communion Instruction

**Sundays – September 21, 28 & October 5
9:15a.m. (Conference Room)**

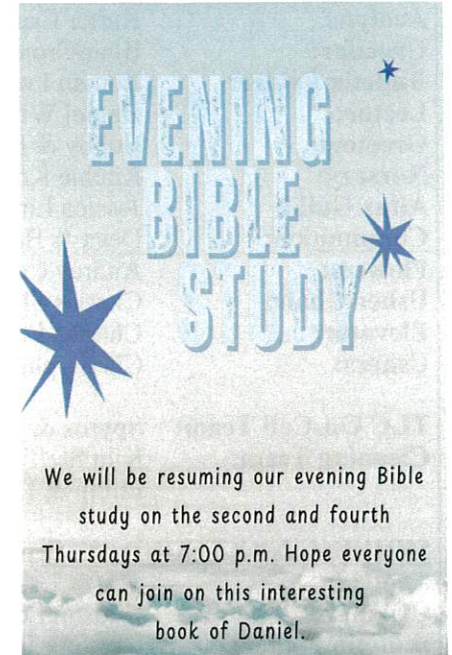
Here at Holy Trinity, parents and guardians help determine when a child is ready to receive Holy Communion.

- 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 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.

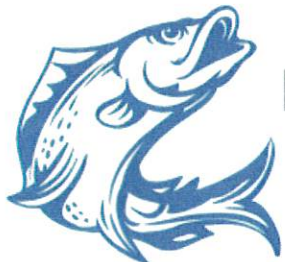
You may register for this class by contacting Pastor Randy or by calling the church office. Please register no later than Sunday, September 14th to allow us time to prepare adequate materials. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying to the table with you!



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.



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 Sunday

*"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 7th), 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.**