

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
16th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word* Hymn 400

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

*Apostolic Greeting page 78

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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. Merciful God, from generation to generation your healing and life-giving power has been made manifest. Empower us to let the glory of your mercy and forgiveness shine through the light of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146 see bulletin

The Second Lesson James 2:1-10, 14-18

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

*The Holy Gospel Mark 7:31-37

*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 "No Partiality"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Lord, Whose Love in Humble...* Hymn 423

*The Apostles' Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *Jesus Call Us* 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 *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* Hymn 433

*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 and in memory of Bruce and loved ones
By Audrey Caldwell & Family*

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: Family of Imelda Perez (Aunt of Mavy Lezimis), 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), Kednocker Family, 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water

Psalm 146 (ESV)

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have

dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

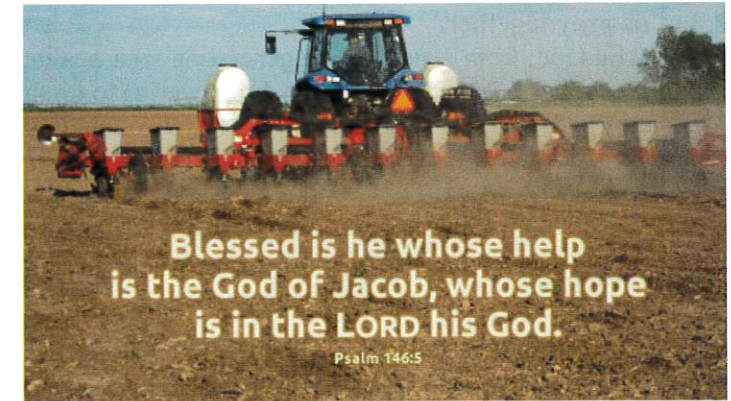
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

The Lord’s salvation changes everything for those who believe. Isaiah proclaimed that the coming of the Lord would bring healing and wholeness. This wholeness is reflected in James’ instructions to the church to show no partiality among members of the Body of Christ. All people are to be treated with equal respect. Jesus healed the daughter of a Gentile woman demonstrating the impartiality of God’s love.

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

SERVING TODAY, September 8, 2024

Acolyte: Barrett Havird
Crucifer: Zack Henson
Bulletin Folder: Keaton Lindler
Lector: Bill Loadholdt
Greeters: Scotty & Melissa Kednocker
Nursery: Amy Collins, Amber Koon
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Audrey Caldwell
Usher Chair: Bill Loadholdt
Elevator: Alex Attaway
Ushers: Blake Derrick, Scott Bell

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, 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

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

Attendance September 1: Worship: 161 Sunday School: 49

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$	6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$	7,190.00
Difference	+	\$ 659.00

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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 8th

Council Meeting	7:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 9th

Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 10th

TLC Committee	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, September 11th

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Community Meal	6:00 p.m.– 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12th

Revelation Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, September 15th

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

"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.



Teens for Christ

When: This Sunday, September 8th

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Location: TLC

Join us for Family Feud Games (HTLC Style!), Bible Study, Dinner, and Fun!

***Please note the change in start time to 5:00pm!!!**

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 IN
CELEBRATING OUR

SUNDAY school KICK-OFF

"JOIN GOD'S TEAM"

September 15th at 9:15am in TLC

Breakfast Provided

Sunday School Teachers will be recognized at the start of 10:30 worship.

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!





*Come Join Us for
Sunday School*

in the Parlor Class!

**We are studying the 4th season of
The Chosen.**

**Class begins at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday
morning.**



Please join us for

Homecoming

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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
531 Church Street, Little Mountain, SC 29075*

*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 Dratis, 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.

