

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina
3rd Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

- Silence and meditation
Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Christian Ed Presentation
(* Please stand as able)
*Gathering Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* WOV Hymn 671
*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 56
*Apostolic Greeting page 57
*Kyrle page 57
*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest* page 58
*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. God of abundance, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and reveal to us the mystery of your life, death, and resurrection through the scriptures. Embolden us to live lives that bear that truth to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

- The First Lesson Acts 3:1-11
Psalm 4 see bulletin
The Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-7
*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62
*The Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-49
*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 "Can You Believe It?" Pastor Randy Drafts

- *The Hymn of the Day *Alleluia Jesus Is Risen* WOV Hymn 674
New Member Reception page 198
*The Peace
(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

- The Offering
The Anthem: *Arise, Arise!* Choir
*The Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* page 75
*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 76
*Sending Song *Stay with Us* WOV Hymn 743
*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 and
in honor of Keribeth's 15th Birthday
By J.P., Mary Jane, Jase, & Kayleigh Jane Zwart*

This morning we receive J.P., Mary Jane, Keribeth, Kayleigh Jane, & Jase Zwart into membership here at Holy Trinity. Welcome to the family!

Stewardship Minute

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Golden Age Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, April 28, at the morning worship and meal following. At this time, we will honor all members age 75 and older AND those who will turn 75 before the end of 2024. If you will be a first time Golden Ager, please notify the church office by Wed., April 17. Plan to invite your family to join us for the event. Submit an updated, if necessary, or first time biography to the office by April 17th. If you'd like an invitation sent to someone, please let Mary Spires know by April 15.

Help will be appreciated on 4/21 to set up TLC for Golden-age Sunday. This will be done immediately after worship service. Thank you for your assistance. Ritchie Koon, Social Ministry Chairman

Happy Mountaineers will meet, Thursday, April 25, 10 AM, in Trinity Life Center. Following devotions and any business, we will have a special activity we had such fun with last year; an ART LESSON!! All members are encouraged to attend and any visitors are welcomed to try us out. EVERYONE IS WELCOME but if you don't attend regularly, please let Janet Fulmer know you're coming so we'll be sure to have enough materials on hand. DEVOTIONS: Ann Sanders MEAL: Hotdogs with all the trimmings, baked beans, slaw and dessert

The community is invited to join Screaming Eagle Athletics, our local special needs organization on April 22, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. for our first ball game at The Nest. There will be free hot dogs. Pelicans will be selling snow cones and Screaming Eagle merchandise will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair and come have fun. Enter at The Cotton Press or by the help pad.

Prayers: Family of Junior Alewine, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pann Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Patsy Frick, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin. *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: Acts 3:11-21

¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Psalms 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

³But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴**Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶**There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"**

⁷You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

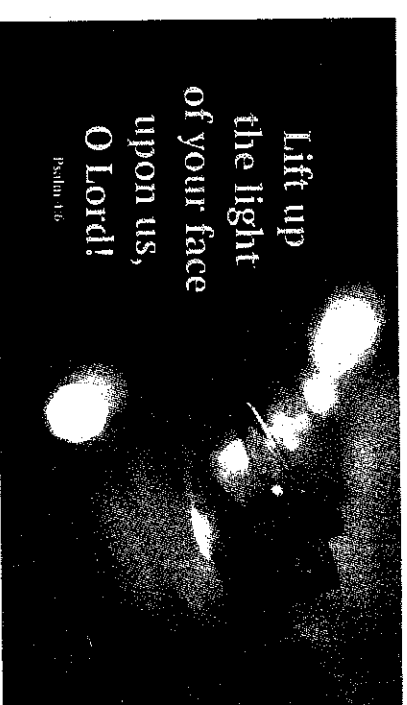
¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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Lift up
the light
of your face
upon us,
O Lord!

Psalms 136

*"Preaching, Teaching and Serving
in Christ's Name"*

SERVING TODAY, April 14, 2024

Acolyte: Keaton Lindler
Crucifer: Blair Cromer
Bulletin Folder: Kaylee Hentz
Lector: Jake Loadholdt
Greeters: Dave & Dawn Rodgers
Nursery: Morgan Shealy, Jessica Lindler
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Mary Jane, JP, Kayleigh Jane, & Jase Zwart
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Mike Riddle
Ushers: Curtis Hardy, Braxton Rodgers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

Acolyte: Keaton Lindler
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Zack Henson
Lector: Ted Arnold
Greeters: Steve & Leah Bush
Nursery: Sheri Wicker, Robin Loadholdt
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Judy Shealy
Usher Chair: Phillip Allison
Elevator: Larry Grooms
Ushers: Kevin Crumpton, Eli Kednocker

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 2024 \$ 6,531.00
 Amount Received Last Sunday \$ 5,885.75
 Difference \$ 645.25

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

April 14, 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, April 14th
 Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 VBS Planning Meeting 4:00 p.m.
 Teens for Christ 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15th
 Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.
 Mom's Life Group 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17th
 Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 21st
 Confirmation 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship / Congregational Meeting 10:30 a.m.
 Lutheran Men 6:30 p.m.

Notice of Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 21, 2024

All eligible* voting members of Holy Trinity are invited and expected to participate in this meeting to vote on establishing the position of "Director of Youth and Education Ministries" during 10:30am worship on Sunday, April 21st. A position description and list of criteria has been made available in the bulletin and April edition of The Herald, but contact the church office if you are in need of either document. An information session will be held on Sunday, April 14th, during worship to present further details about the proposed position. Please prayerfully consider God's will for us and for the children's, youth, and educational ministries of our congregation. (*Voting Members are those members who have communed in the congregation and made a contribution of record in the current or preceding calendar year.)

\$50 Registration Fee

SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP

JUNE 9-14

WORSHIP & MUSIC, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, & JESUS - CENTERED FUN

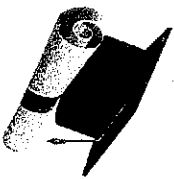
St. Peter & Holy Trinity Lutheran church

Email Maria for the link if you did not receive it.

*****Your spot for day camp is not reserved until you have paid the \$50 registration fee.*****

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

MAY 19TH



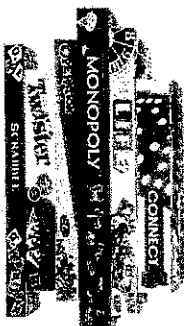
If you are graduating High School, College or Technical School, we would like to celebrate with you! Please email your information to the church office at office@holyltc.org by May 5th.

Information needed includes: school you attended, degree earned, activities in which you participated, honors received and future plans.



Save the date!
FRIDAY MAY 10TH 6-9PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHS, FUN, AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES AT OUR 1ST FAMILY & FRIENDS GAME NIGHT!



*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Holy Trinity Life Center*

If you are 75 or older, OR WILL TURN 75 ANYTIME IN 2024, you are a HOLY TRINITY GOLDEN AGER and will be honored on Sunday, April 28, 2024. There will be a meal following the 10:30 AM service. This will be a home cooked meal. Invite your family to join us for this special day when the folks who continue to be the bedrock of our congregation are honored. We need to know how many will be attending so sufficient food will be prepared. EVERYONE, INCLUDING GOLDEN AGERS, needs to return the slip below with your name & number attending by Sunday, April 21. Just drop it into the offering plate or by the church office. You may also call the church office with the number attending at 803 345 2841.

Tell us about yourself! If you need to update a biography or submit a biography for the first time, please do so to the office by April 17. If needed, forms are on the tables outside the office and in the front of the church.

THERE WILL BE _____ ATTENDING THE MEAL ON
GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY _____

NAME _____



What is a disciple?
How are disciples?
How can I be a disciple?

Disciple Discipleship Disciple-making

Jesus' Plan for Making Disciples

Our previous discussion focussed on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) with Jesus commanding us to "Make Disciples." Three parables were used to explain how this command was to be followed: 1) Calling 2) Baptizing and 3) Teaching. Let's look at these closer:

1. Calling

Go to people. Jesus expects us to "go out." We are expected to "go out" and reach others who know nothing or very little about Jesus. Christians are not doing the work of the church if we are not winning souls to Christ or witnessing to the to the message of the gospels.

If the church is to grow by making disciples, its people must be willing to reach out into the world, community or local areas as Christ's witnesses. That is why Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit whose fruit includes love and peace (Galatians 5:22) will give you boldness and opportunity to speak on His behalf.

Evangelism can be defined as sharing the good news of Christ's substitutionary death and resurrection and His free offer of forgiveness for sin and eternal life to all who come to Him by faith to receive it. The church should encourage and equip believers to effectively share their faith with unbelievers, as well as believers!

2) Baptizing

Helping people identify with Christ.

Jesus said that part of making disciples was baptizing those to whom we have gone and who have accepted Christ. He was not saying to simply get people wet! The primary meaning of the Greek word baptism is "identification!"

When we put our trust in Christ, we become so completely identified with Him that His death and resurrection to new life become our death and resurrection. Many Christians struggle in their daily lives because they don't understand their new ID. They don't realize that being "in Christ" is such a radically new way of life that whatever happens to Christ happens to US.

3) Teaching

Teach people Biblical truth.

Once people have believed the gospel and have been ID with Christ, we must teach them "to observe all that I commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus said the goal is that people "observe," or obey, all that He commanded us. Unfortunately, many Christians want to audit the Christian life. They want the information without incurring any course responsibility. Thus accountability must be a key component of our instruction since obedience is the goal. The goal of biblical teaching is to combine information and knowledge with skill in applying the truth to daily life. Making disciples is a process of spiritual development. God wants to take the negatives in our lives and turn them into positives so that we come out looking like His Son.

Many people will say they don't know enough scripture to teach others. In general, your actions can speak louder than words. If the "seed" or "idea" is planted, God will cultivate and do the rest.

"Go & Make Disciples"
The Discipleship Team

