

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

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.**^[b] *Selah*

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.’ ²² You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²³ 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.’ ²⁴ 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.’ ²⁵ 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, ²⁶ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁷ 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? ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 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”*

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Little Mountain, South Carolina
15th 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
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*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 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
Psaln 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
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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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "What Will You Risk for the Kingdom?"

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*The Hymn of the Day	Take My Life, that I May Be Hymn 406
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We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering	Lord, Help Me Be Your Servant
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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.

The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns during Communion: LBW 198, 200, 221, 223

*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

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By James & Debra Writers

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.

If anyone borrowed the scissors from the prayer shawl room, please return them.

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in Trinity Life Center. Ann Sanders is the program leader and Ann Sanders is hostess.

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 Lezinis), Oliver Dominick, (Brother of Mary Ruth Chapman), Family of Tommy Newton (brother of Danny Newton), Family of Alice Shealy, Santania Rodgers (daughter in law of Dean & Barbie Rodgers), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Fred Andrieni (Laurie Chapman's brother-in-law), Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), Kednocker Family, The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, 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.

"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 1st), 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.

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. We will be working in conjunction with other local NALC congregations. We will begin our time together in worship and lunch will be served following the build. A sign-up sheet for supplies and participants will be made available on Sunday, August 18th. Please sign up to bring specific items needed for the Flood Buckets. We will also be collecting gift cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart - *please write the date purchased on each card), quilts/blankets, and Bibles.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING OUR**

SUNDAY
advent

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!