

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina
17th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation
Prelude *God & God Alone*

Welcome and Announcements

(* *Please stand as able*)

*Gathering Hymn *Lord of Light*

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

*Apostolic Greeting

*Kyrle

*Hymn of Praise *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Steadfast God, you are slow to anger and your mercy endures forever. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 27:1-9 page 227

The Second Lesson Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...* page 62

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

*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 "It's Not Fair!" Pastor Randy Draffs

*The Hymn of the Day *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Hymn 469

*The Creed

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*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness* 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 Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Hymn 383

*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

By Spyros & Mary Lezinis

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

"When I die, if I leave behind me ten pounds ... you and all mankind [may] bear witness against me, that I have lived and died a thief and a robber." — John Wesley

HAPPY MOUNTAINEERS will meet Thursday, September 28, at 10:00, in TLC. Lunch will be provided. See Janet Fulmer if you'd like to contribute. All members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are always welcome!! DEVOTIONS: Lib Boland LUNCH: Will be provided

If you have a church related function where you need certain condiments such as ketchup, honey mustard, ect., please check the pantry before buying and use it FIRST. We would like to cut down on waste. If you have a function that you need items for and do not want them used, please LABEL them.

Please pickup any dishes you may have from the kitchen.

Prayers: Jean Alewine, 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.*

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Psalm 27:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

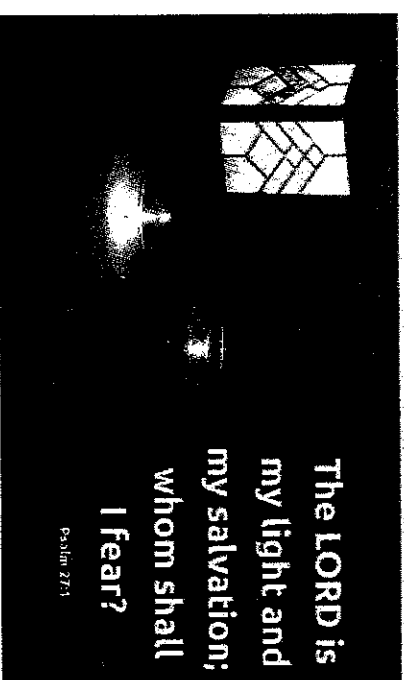
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

God’s generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry “Unfair!” because God’s ways are beyond our limited human understanding.

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The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall
I fear?

Psalm 27:1

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



SERVING TODAY, September 24, 2023

Acolyte: Dustin Winn
Crucifer: Tanner Shell
Bulletin Folder: Daniel Williams
Lector: Mary Spires
Greeters: TBA
Nursery: Melissa & Eva Kednocker, Jessica Lindler
Altar Guild: Sheri Wicker, Kim Stiver
Flowers: Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
Usher Chair: Spyros Lezimis
Elevator: Chris Crouch
Ushers: Blake Derrick, Rodger Winn

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

Acolyte: Dorothy Armstrong
Crucifer: Daniel Williams
Bulletin Folder: Tanner Shell
Lector: Ava Kate Weaver
Greeters: Phillip & Christie Allison
Nursery: Robin Loadholdt, Karen & Natalie Winn
Altar Guild: Connie Frick, Karen Winn
Flowers: Jean Alewine
Communion Assistant: Jeremy & Jessica Lindler
Usher Chair: Charles Shealy
Elevator: Daniel Curtis
Ushers: Mark Kibler, Cameron Kauhara

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	\$ 4,380.00
Difference	\$ 1,359.71

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

September 24, 2023

*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 24th
 First Communion 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Teens for Christ 5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 25th
 Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 27th
 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 28th
 Happy Mountaineers 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 1st
 First Communion 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

LIFE GROUP FOR MOMS!

Please join us for a
LIFE GROUP



2 OCTOBER
Starts at 6:30PM

Trinity Life Center
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
For more info, contact
Julian Long (843) 708-4055
Hannah Dvors (803) 429-5272



LIFE GROUP

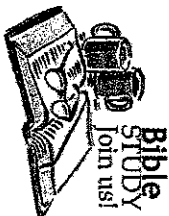


WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

More than a small group, Bible study, or time of fellowship, a life group is a Jesus-centered family on mission together. Holy Trinity's first life group is specifically for moms.

WHAT DO LIFE GROUPS DO?

Life groups do life together! They have regularly-scheduled times of meeting each month to study God's word (called "group time"), fellowship & serve together - in addition to regular Sunday morning activities.



Bible Study
Wednesday, September 27th at 10:00a.m.
in classroom next to the church office.

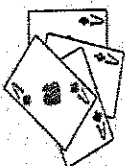
All are welcome!

"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. 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.



Join us for Card/Game Night on
Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

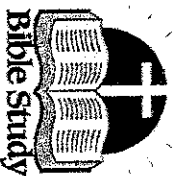
Please bring a dish to share and we will have dinner together. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Evening Bible Study

Come join us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month for a Bible study on Revelation beginning October 12th & October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. A study guide will be given and it will be a fun night of learning & fellowship.

Rev. 1:3 *"Blessed is the one who reads about the words of this prophecy & blessed are those who hear it & take to heart what is written in it because the time is near."*

We look forward to seeing you there!



Holy Trinity T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Telephone Number/Email: _____

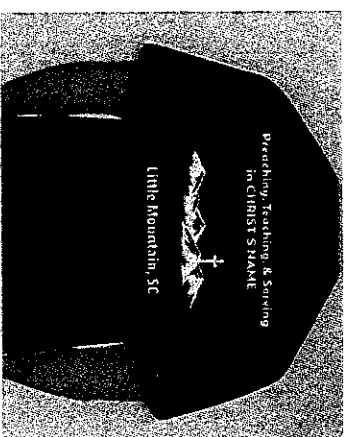
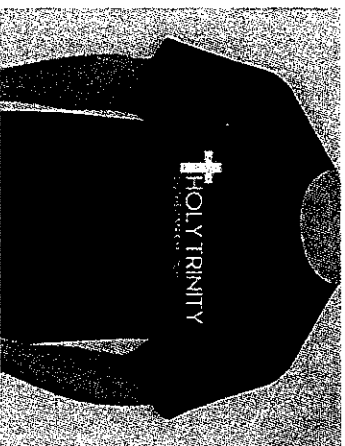
Please put the number of shirts for each size that you would like to order:

Youth	Adult
XS (Size 2-4): _____	S: _____
S (Size 6-8): _____	M: _____
M (Size 10-12): _____	L: _____
L (Size 14-16): _____	XL: _____
	XXL: _____
	XXXL: _____

Shirts are free to the congregation. However, donations are gladly welcomed. (Please make payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and indicate "t-shirt" in the memo line.)

Some have inquired about the cost of the shirts in order to make a donation. The cost is \$10 per shirt for sizes Youth XS to Adult XL; \$12 for Adult XXL; and \$14 for Adult XXXL.

Design for shirt:



Please return to the church office no later than
October 22nd.