

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ^{10a}The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

Psalms 27:7-14

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸**You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”**
⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
¹⁰**For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.**
¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
¹²**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**
¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
¹⁴**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:21-29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

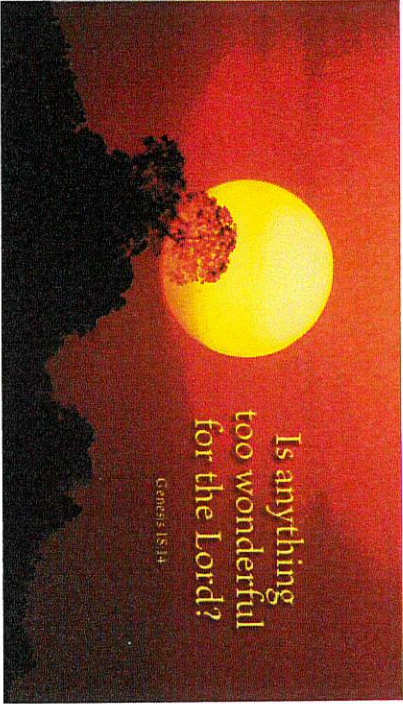
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.” ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Martha is as busy as any person can be, tending to the household chores and working hard to serve Jesus a meal. We don’t know if she enjoys her work, only that she is sorely anxious over it and resentful of her sister’s attention to Jesus. What Martha considers idleness, Jesus renames “the good portion.” Our Lord calls us to seek his face, then sit at his feet, and to be fully present with him as he is fully present.

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



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina

6th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(* Please stand as able)

*Gathering Hymn My Hope is Built on Nothing Less Hymn 293

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

*Apostolic Greeting

*Hymn of Praise Glory to God in the Highest page 78

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Gracious God, in you we find our peace, comfort, and rest. Amid the hurried pace and chattering noises of our world, you call to us lovingly to find our life in your son Jesus. Teach us to be still, to listen, and to follow, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(We Sit)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson Genesis 18:1-10a

Psaln 27:7-14 see bulletin

The Second Lesson Colossians 1:21-29

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

*The Holy Gospel Mathew 11:25-30

*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 the Little Children" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "The Yoke Is Easy, The Burden Light"

Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day Day by Day WOV Hymn 746

*The Creed page 85

*The Prayers

*The Lord's Prayer

*The Peace

(We Sit)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem: Take My Yoke Upon You 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 Dearest Jesus, at Your Word Hymn 248

*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.

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

Prayers: Tourie & Hunter Corbett (Niece of Patsy Frick), Larry Vellhouse (Step-Father of Robin Loadholdt), John Doke (Friend of Becky Boland), Kathy Carter (sister of Lin Lake), Wayne & Pam Shealy (Sister of Artie & Kim), David McCall, Eddie Stevenson (Brother-in-law of Maxton King), Lee Lewis (Friend of Becky Boland), 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, 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.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Glenn Shealy By Bobby & Laurie Chapman

Acolyte:	Brayden Lambert
Crucifer:	Roman Long
Bulletin Folder:	Kaylee Hentz
Lector:	Mary Spires
Greeters:	Charles & Kaye Shealy
Nursery:	Jennifer Shealy, Karen Winn
Altar Guild:	Sheri & Robbie Wicker
Flowers:	Bobby & Laurie Chapman
Usher Chair:	Kevin J. Shealy
Elevator:	Ray Cumalander
Ushers:	James Sligh, Brian Stiver

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Lector:	Sheri Wicker
Greeters:	Judy Shealy, Glenda Hentz
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TLC On-Call Team: Frank & Lin Lake
Wendy Shealy, Daniel & Ashley Boland,
Julie Haliwanger, Helen Koon

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

Attendance July 20: Worship: 190 Sunday School: 48

<i>Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:</i>	
Amount Needed Weekly in 2025	\$ 6,610.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$ 7,404.00
Difference	\$ 794.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

July 20, 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

<u>Sunday, July 20th</u>	
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Solid Rock Day Camp Ice Cream Social at St. Peter	4:00 p.m.

<u>Monday, July 21st</u>	
Prayer Shawl	9:00 a.m.
Solid Rock Day Camp at St. Peter	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22nd
Solid Rock Day Camp at St. Peter
GLASS
9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23rd
Solid Rock Day Camp at HTLC
9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

Solid Rock Day Camp at HTLC	9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.
Solid Rock Day Camp Closing Program	6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 25th
Solid Rock Day Camp at HTLC
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

<u>Sunday, July 27th</u>	
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship & Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Teens for Christ	5:30 p.m.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

All eligible voting members of Holy Trinity are invited to join us for a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 27th. The purpose of this meeting will be to take action on issues with the HVAC system that occurred during VBS week. Please speak to a council member or Pastor Randy if you have questions or concerns.



Little Mountain Reunion Come join in on the parade fun!

Once again, Holy Trinity will have a float in the Little Mountain Reunion Parade (Saturday, August 2)! Any and all are welcome to ride or walk alongside the float.

Wear your red Holy Trinity t-shirt and help us toss candy and hand out cold waters.

Please contact Pastor Randy if you are interested in participating or have questions. Candy donations are also welcome. Please leave them in the Conference Room marked "Parade".



Homemade Ice Cream

Little Mountain Reunion

Saturday, August 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Life Center

Ready to serve after the parade.

Proceeds go to **Water Mission**...a Christian engineering non-profit that builds safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and disaster areas.