

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, September 15, 2019
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC
9:00am Worship

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Prelude and Fugue in C

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Hayes

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

Please turn to face the cross at the doors of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God our helper,
***we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.***

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.

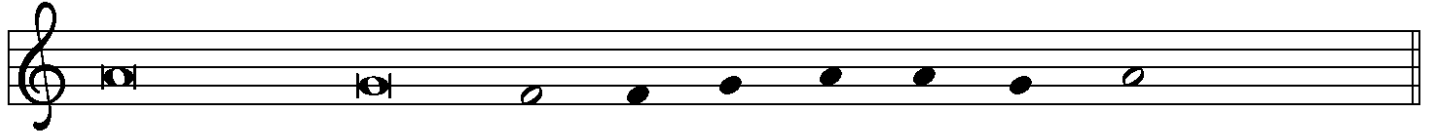
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



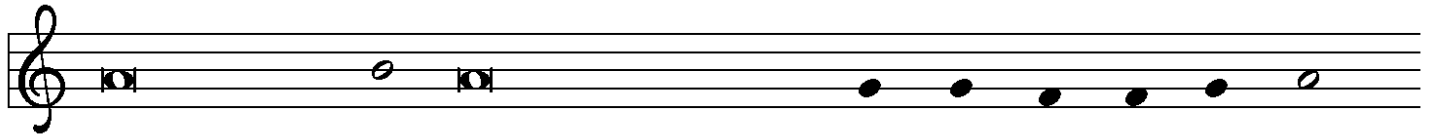
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



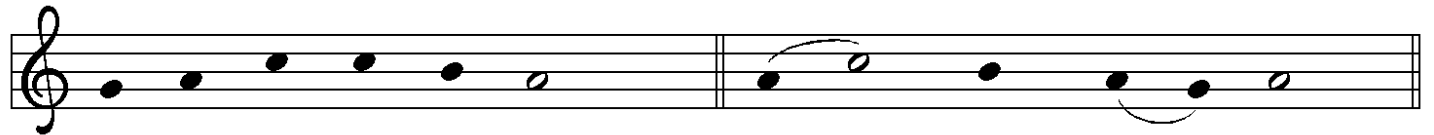
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



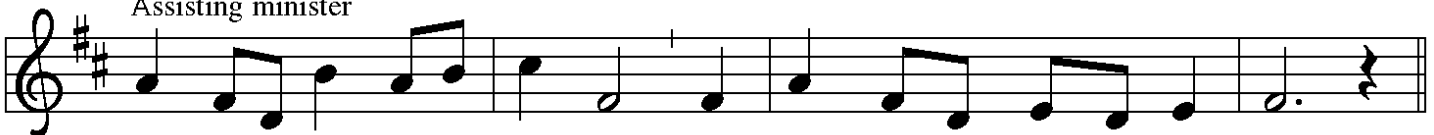
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from Exodus.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your

descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

Read responsively.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from Timothy.

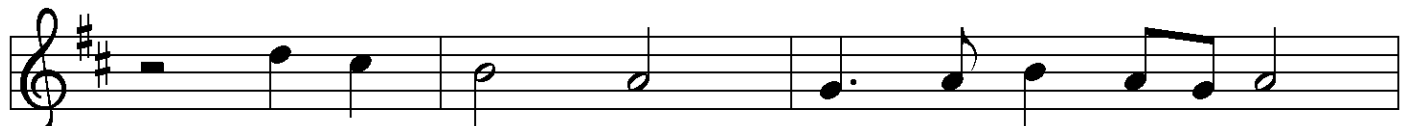
¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

Rejoice with me.

We stand.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

The Prayers conclude:

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

We sit.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting www.mthlc.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located at the center aisle.

OFFERING

Glorify

Pethel

OFFERTORY

He Is Exalted

W&P 55



He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.



He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev - er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his



name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

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reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

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name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***God our provider,
we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.***

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

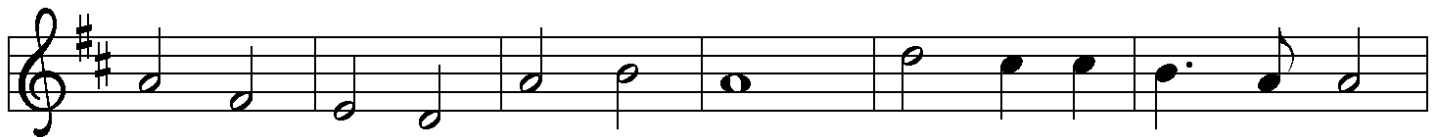
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we gather around your body and blood and we proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

We sit.

AGNUS DEI:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at the feast.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. The ushers will direct worshippers. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their chair.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ELW 608

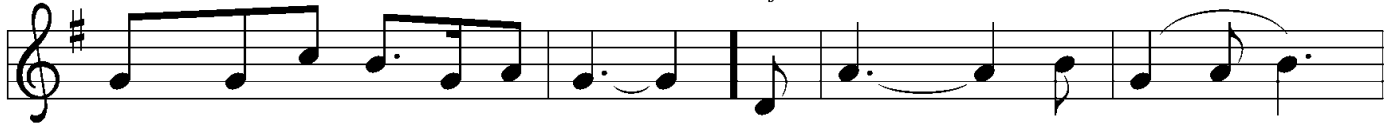


- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

God of blessing,

at this table we have seen you face to face,

and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,

our hearts have been refreshed.

Send us now to shine with your goodness

and bear witness to the one we have received:

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

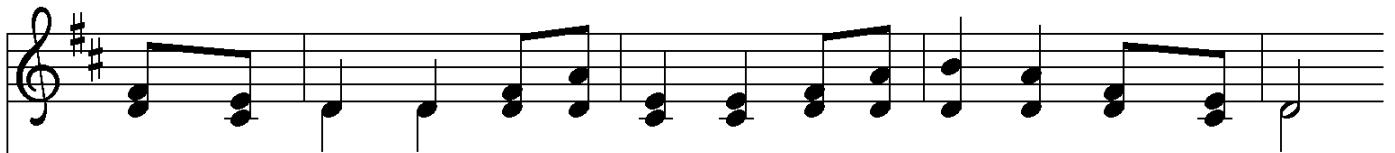
BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

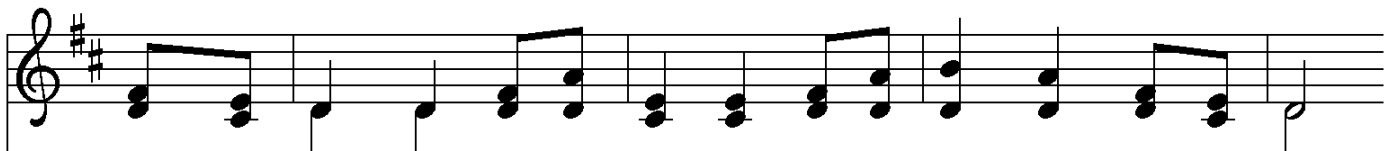
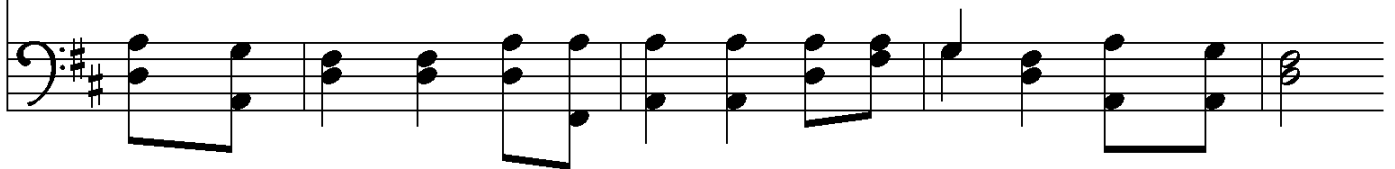
Almighty God † bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,
now and forever. **Amen.**

*As the cross passes your seat, please turn and follow as we are sent into the world to
proclaim the Gospel through our lives.*

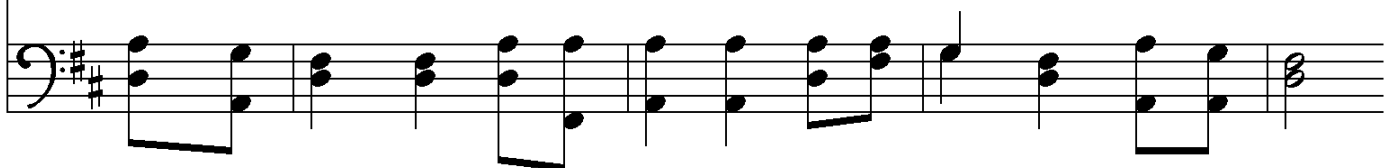
HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Lemmens



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God
 by Marie Kleckley.

Ministry Teams

Outreach ~ Diane Boulware
 Support ~ Joel Price
 Teach ~ Daryl Leigh Anthony
 Worship & Music ~ Wynne Price
 Care ~ Fran Bouknight
 President ~ Terry Swygert
 Vice President ~ Ronnie Fulmer
 Secretary ~ Alyson Price
 Treasurer ~ Parker Boulware
 Pastor - Rev. Gina Metze



Children's Tonechimes begin today!
 Sept. 15th
 10:15 am (1st 15 minutes of Sunday School)



HOMECOMING
 Share the news with
 new and old friends and former members.
 Gospel Music Sunday
 Covered dish in the fellowship hall
OCTOBER 6, 2019



**MT. HERMON LUTHERAN
 CHURCH**
Fall Candlelight Dinner
 Dinner and Musicial Entertainment
 Ruthie Brannen, keyboard
 Belle Kneece, trumpet
 October 12, 2019 6:00 PM
 Supports Mt. Hermon Funds for the Arts

Tithes, and Offering for 09/08/2019
Attendance: Worship – 91; Sunday School – 51

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$2,996.15	(\$1,078.60)

Building Improvement				
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$240.00	(\$106.15)

Building on Holy Ground				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$535.00	(\$1,111.15)

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Stephen Price
 by Carl & Myra Kinard and the Hook family



*The Riley family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and memorials in memory of my son, Thomas Riley.
 Thanks to Pastor Gina for the visit when she came back from vacation.*

Shirley Riley



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 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
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Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com
 and select Online Giving
<http://www.mthlc.com/online-giving.html>



Interested in being Happier, Healthier and Living Longer?

If you are over 50, please join us for the 4th annual

“50Forward” Living Well Retreat

Oct. 18-20, 2019

Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center

For more information, see Terry or Allison Swygert

or go to

50forwardlife.org



Young @

Wednesday, September 18th
Chicken Stew
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 2nd (tentative)
Apple Picking
Hendersonville, NC
Please sign up!

Wednesday, November 20th
Catered Thanksgiving Lunch
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Please sign up!

Wednesday, December 18th
Christmas Party
12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies!

Reminder...

Pre-registration required: \$15 per attendee (includes lunch)

Registration Due: Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Register on-line at www.scccouncil.net or

by check using the form (contact church office)

Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism
October 15, 2019

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(a working lunch)
Host: Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
3011 Leaphart Road,
West Columbia, SC 29169

Our presenter will be
Dr. Will Willimon
from the faculty of Duke Divinity School and author of *WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARL?*
PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today*

Greeter: Cindy Price

Crucifer: Lawson Morris

Acolyte: Josh Koon
Spencer Price

Lector: Devona Price

Communion Asst.

Ronnie Fulmer

Joel Price Sr.

Marion Leaphart

Children's Sermon:

Diane Boulware

Nursery: Grace Roof, Emily Arroyo, OPEN

Serving September 22nd

Jo Leach

Wynne Price

Tanner Addy

Mackenzie Burns

Sheila Eargle

Wynne Price

Lynn Bouknight

Danny Scott

Sheila Eargle

Grace Roof, Haley Addy,
Karen Nicholson

Food Pantry: September 18
Renee Greenbaum

September 25
Angie Hydrick

Serving in September*

Council Representative: Robin Ellisor

Altar Guild: Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators: Buddy Hydrick, Parker Boulware, Jean Shealy

Ushers: Joel Price Jr., Dennis Thurman, Jim Whitaker, Parker Boulware

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 22nd

- 9:00 am Holy Communion Worship
- 10:15 am Tonechimes (1st 15 minutes of Sunday School)
- 10:15 am Sunday School

Tuesday, September 24th

- 1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
- Staff Meeting
- October Newsletter Information Due

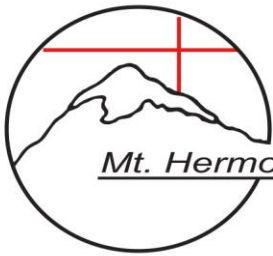
Wednesday, September 25th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Please note:

*****Pastor Gina will be out of the office Thursday, September 19th thru Wednesday, September 25th with Continuing Education.*****

Thank you!



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 15th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship
10:15 am Tonechimes (1st 15 minutes of Sunday School)
10:15 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting
3:30 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm LCY Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry
12:00 pm Young @ Heart – Chicken Stew
Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Chancel Choir