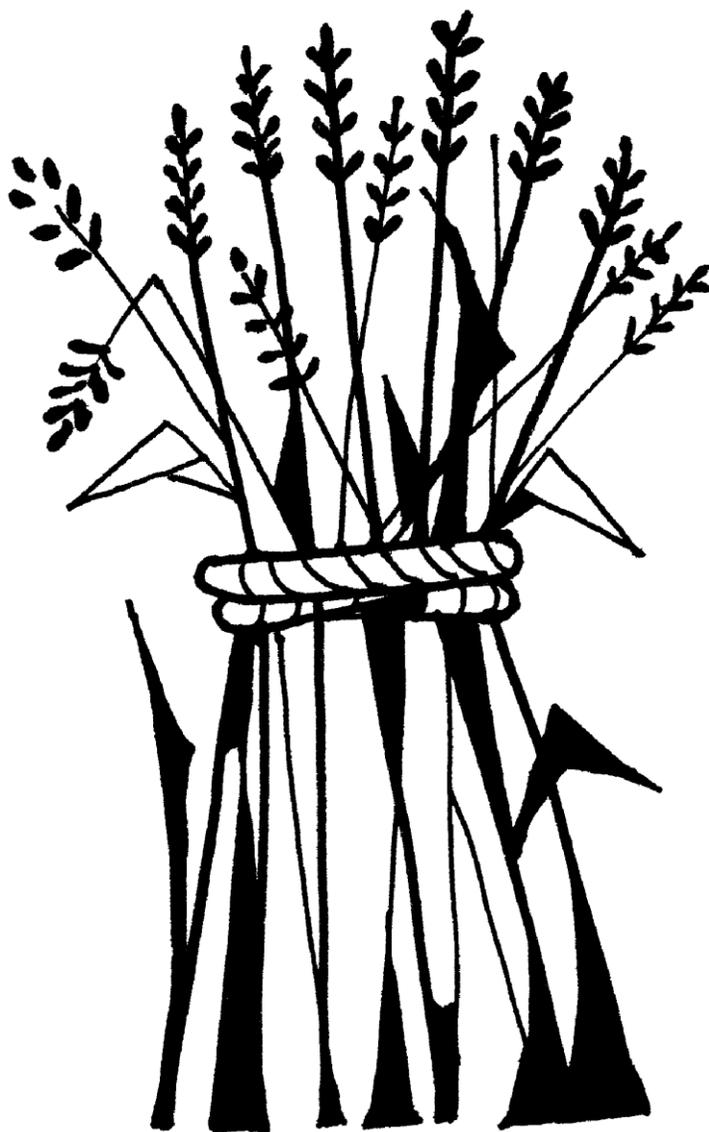


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JULY 19, 2020

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 *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE *Prelude on a theme of Gustav Holst- "Thaxted"*

Charles Callahan

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
***we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.***

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

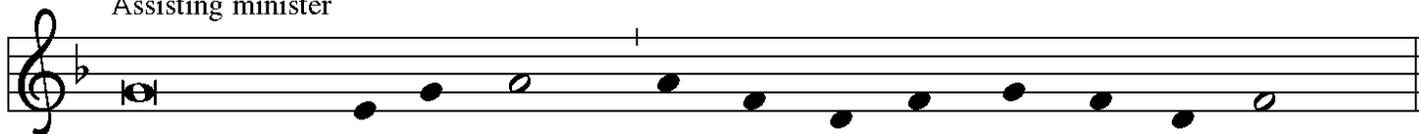
GREETING

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.

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



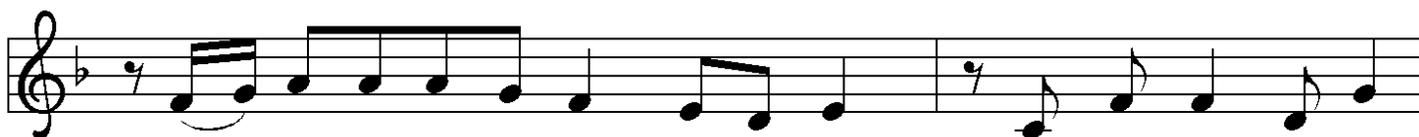
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

***¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.***

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

***¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.***

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

***¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child
of your handmaid.***

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate
me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

READING: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh,
to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the
flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the

deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of God for the people of God.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the

good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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.

SERMON

Let anyone with ears listen!

HYMN

Build Us Up, Lord

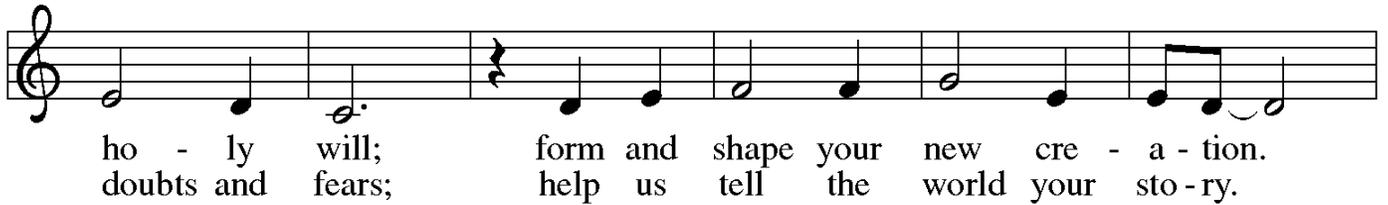
ELW 670



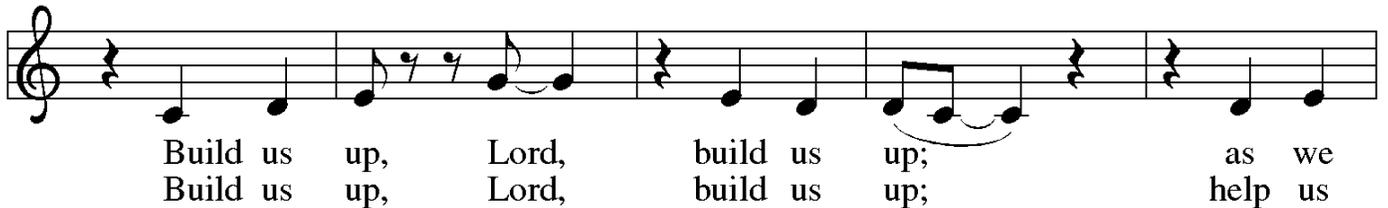
1	Build us	up,	Lord,	build us	up;	set in
2	Build us	up,	Lord,	build us	up;	let our



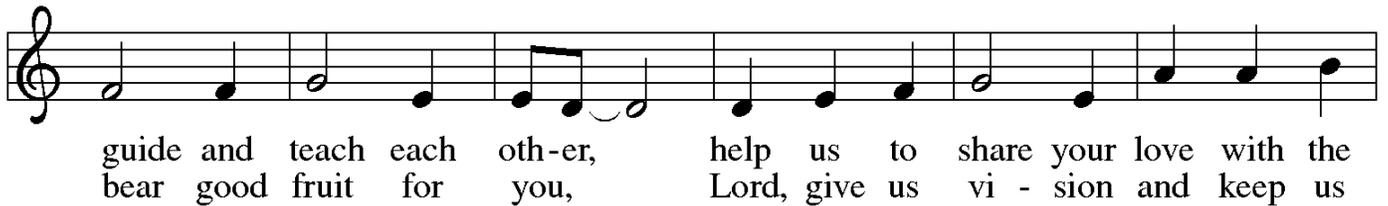
us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



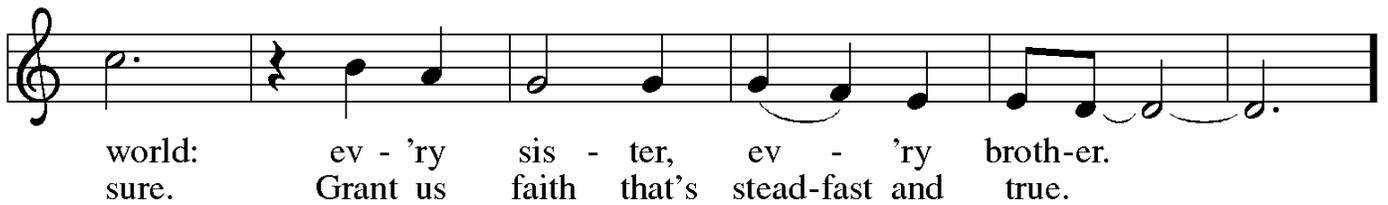
ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

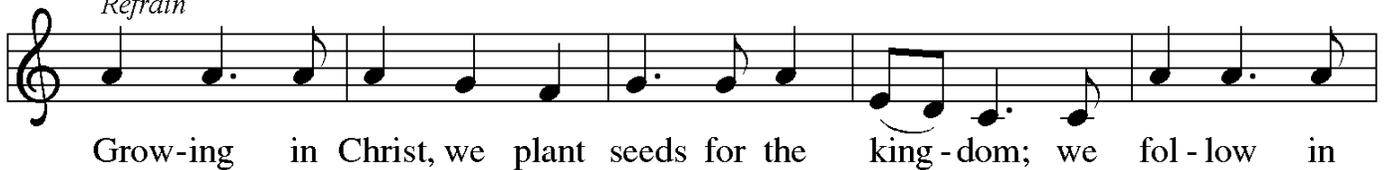


guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

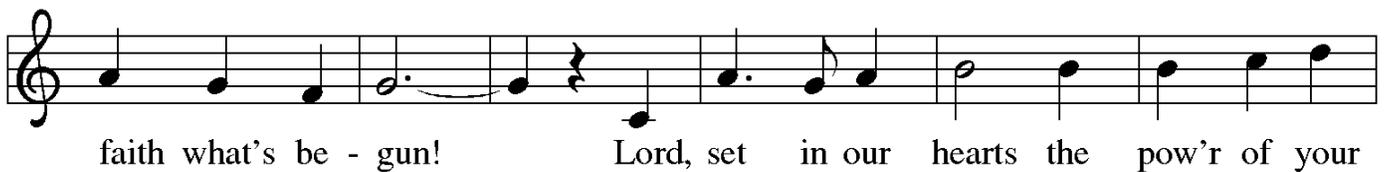


world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

The Prayers conclude:

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

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 contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Lord, I Need You

Reeves, Stanfill, Maher, Nockels and Carson

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Glorify Thy Name

W&P 42

C CM⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ C

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,

C²/E F G⁷sus G

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;

C F² F E⁷ F#m⁷(b5) E⁷/G# Am

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

F G⁷ C CM⁷ F/C C

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.*

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,
 Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
 Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.

Receive nourishment for your journey.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:30-1:00.

MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

Peterson, Shive

THE SENDING

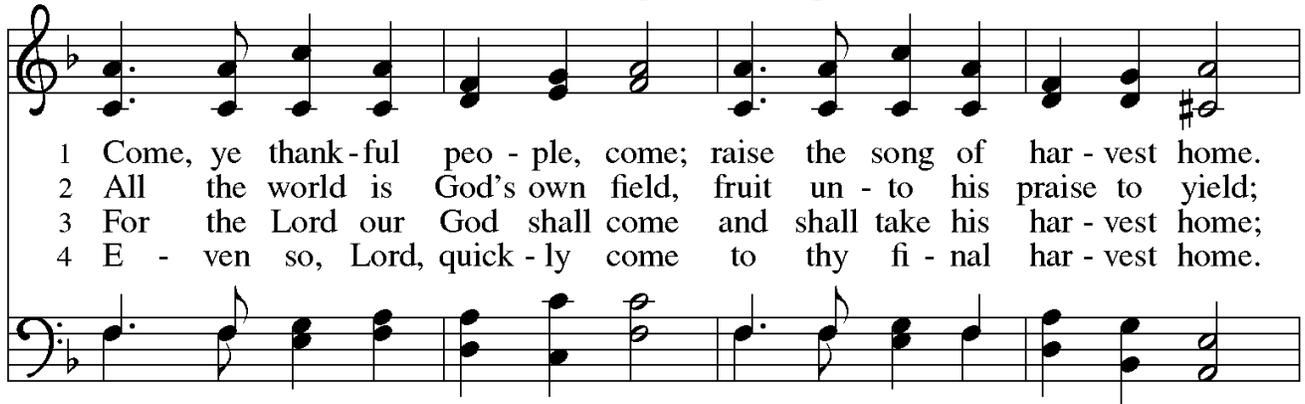
BLESSING

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. ***Amen.***

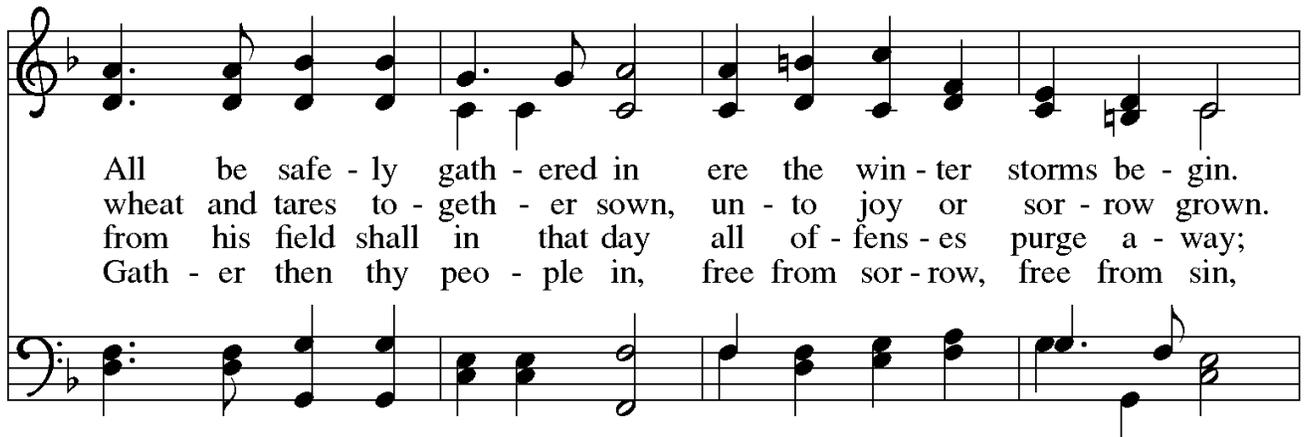
HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW 693



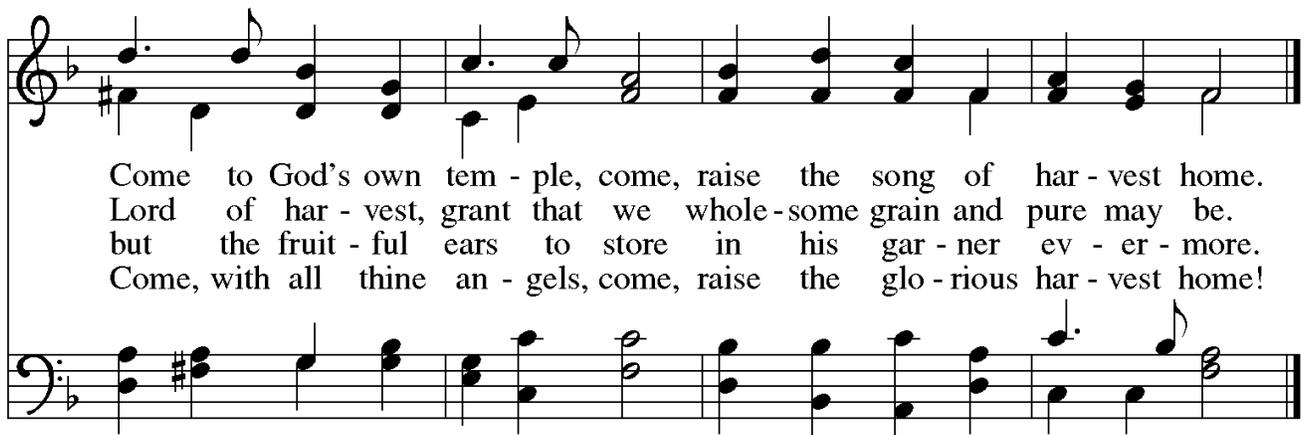
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Adams

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church.



Altar flowers open dates: August 23rd
September 13th

Call the church office if you would like to sign-up!



Dear Mt. Hermon Church Family,
Thank you all for all the love and
support throughout the years and
thank you for my Bible.

Dear Mt. Hermon LCY,
Thank you for all the support
throughout the years and
thank you for the gift card.

*Sincerely,
Bryce Addy*

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS who lead worship: Ruthie Brannen, Regan Anthony, Daryl Leigh Anthony, Wynne Price, Joel Price, Ryan Price, Belle Kneece, Noah Causey, and Jeremy Rish. Also, thanks to the **LIVE STREAM PRODUCTION CREW:** Sheila Starkey and Breanna Metze.

Thank you!



**Communion Distribution
and Blessings**

Sunday, July 19

Immediately following service
until 1:00 pm
in the church parking lot

Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.

The poster features a golden chalice on the right side against a light, textured background.



Sunday School

on Zoom
2nd & 4th Sundays
10:30 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorgina@WeAreMtHermon.com

The poster is set against a background of several open Bibles on a wooden surface.



We need more help in the food pantry!

Wednesdays and Fridays
from 9 to noon

**We need
YOU!**

The poster has a blue background with a white heart icon and shows hands holding a sign against a blue sky.



**Live Streaming
and Recording of
worship**

If you would like to contribute to this ministry,
mark your check or envelope
"LiveStreaming Ministry"

The poster features a hand holding a smartphone displaying "LIVE STREAMING" with a play button icon, next to a pair of white earbuds on a wooden surface.

Tithes, and Offering for 07/12/2020
Live Stream Worship – 112+
Zoom: Sunday School – 22

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,820.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$150.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,935.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$646.34
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$4,719.89

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Iris House by Myra & Carl Kinard & Margie Hook

In memory of Connie Bucknam by Myra & Carl Kinard & Margie Hook, Ann Bouknight, Bob & Doris Carver, Jeff & Alyson Price, LHS Class of 1965, B.M. & Beverly Cave, Buddy & Jeanie Corley, Grace C. Shepherd, Lauvenia C. Butts, Carolyn C. Dunbar, Phyllis C. Shepard, Lila Catt (Mom), Mike & Susan Catt

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!



Tithe.ly Online Giving.

You may download the Tithely app and select Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road

Or you may give from our website at

www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving*

<http://www.mthlc.com/online-giving.html>



June Roof
c/o Rapha
3959 Fish Hatchery Road
Gaston, SC 29053

Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB153820.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2019 OneLicense.net. Annual License A-730945. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Copyright © 2019 Christian Copyright Licensing International. Annual License #2016869. All rights reserved.



Evening
devotions
6:35 pm

Join the FaceBook
community
for a time of
daily reflection.

Pastor Gina



During 6:35 devotions, Pastor Gina invited listeners to a 90-day challenge of keeping a **Gratitude Journal**. The challenge is to write down 3 things which you are thankful for each day before you go to bed. These journals have arrived, and they are in the church office. Please come by and pick up a journal for each member of you family who will participate in the challenge.

We have sooo much to be thankful for! The purpose of the challenge is to be a visible reminder of our blessings. Let's deepen our discipleship together.

Come by and pick up a journal and enter into the challenge.

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens* Margie Hook, *home*
Alberta Berry, *home* Rev. Everette Price, *home*
Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens* Tom Roof, *home*
Nell Buff, *home* June Roof, *Rapha*
Lila Catt, *home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*
Lynwood Crout, *home* Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Gene Schofield Kim Addy
Suzie Wattenbarger Perry Bouknight

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb Bucknam*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
Carolyn Shumpert, *sister of Jan Schofield and Andrea Bowers*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*



www.WeAreMtHermon.com
3011 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169
803.794.6430
Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor* 803.951.3784
Ruthie Brannen, *Director of Music*
Susan LaCons, *Parish Administrator* 803.794.6430

PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com
RuthieBrannen@gmail.com
Susan@WeAreMtHermon.com

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Ronnie Fulmer, *President*
Robin Ellisor, *Secretary*
Annette Price, *Financial Secretary*

Marion Leaphart, *Vice President*
Parker Boulware, *Treasurer*
Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 19th 7th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30am – 1:00pm Drive-In Communion

Wednesday, July 22nd
9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Mary Koon & Jo Leach)

Friday, July 24th
9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)
12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, July 25th
SC Synod Assembly

Sunday, July 26th
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School – via Zoom