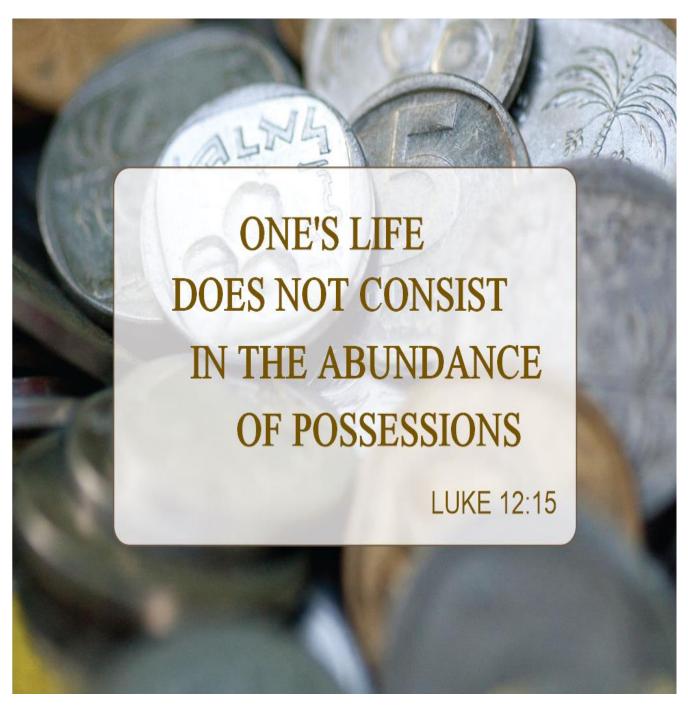
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JULY 31, 2022

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. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

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**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

More Precious Than Silver

DeShazo/CCLI #11335

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

This is The Day

Sing Twice

Garrett/HerCCLI #32754



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the





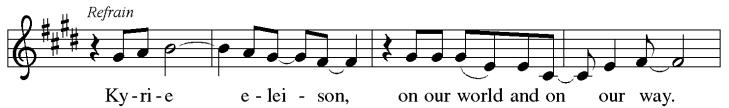




GREETING

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.







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, . . . for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their

days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world, ²you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 12th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

loving others

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We pray together.

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

awareness of being blessed

We stand.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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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,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. *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.

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.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

ANTHEM

My Life is in You, Lord

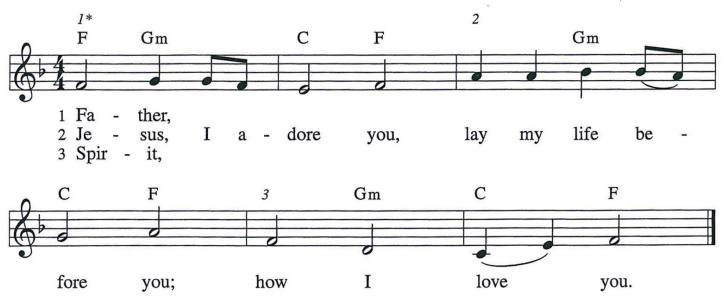
Gardner/CCLI #17315

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Father, I Adore You

Coelho/CCLI #26557



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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

O God, Light of all lights, we worship you and glorify your name. You appeared to Moses in the flames of a bush that burned and was not consumed. You revealed in him the holiness of your name. I am who I am. Then you came to us in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. His light was extinguished, yet you raised him from the dead. Jesus spoke to us your promise: I am the light of the world. Let His light burn in our hearts.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this

cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. *Come*, *Holy Spirit*.

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. *Come*, *Holy Spirit*.

We humbly seek your face and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your wisdom to empower us. *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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Jesus is All the World to Me

Thompson/CCLI #3131253

POST COMMUNION 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.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. *Amen*.



God of Grace and God of Glory

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- God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple The scorn the Christ, as Lo! hosts of vil round us e mad - ness;
- 3 Cure your chil - dren's ring our pride to war bend Save us e - vils from weak res ig na - tion to the





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bring its bud to free our hearts to rich in things and be our glo - ry

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Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

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for the fac - ing of this hour, for the liv - ing of these days, lest we miss your king-dom's goal, serv - ing vou whom we a - dore. for the fac - ing of this hour. for the liv - ing of these days. lest we miss your king-dom's goal. serv - ing vou whom we a - dore. As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our grandson Easton's 1st birthday on July 13th.



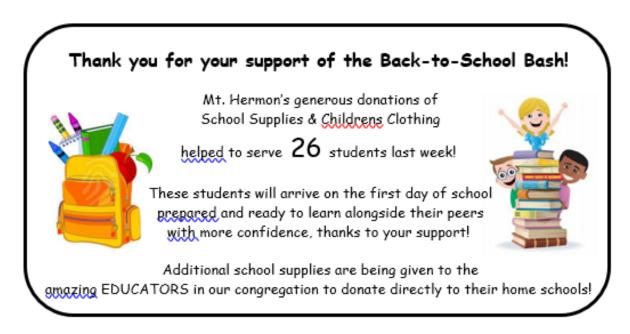
Honoring

Caroline Mills Chris & Marie Carroll Sheila Frame



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY:

We will start the next Adopt-A-Highway pickup from the church parking lot at 9am on Saturday, August 20th, 2022. Please join us if you can!



Save your sacks for a sleep mat!

Save your grocery/trash bags. Susan Busby is helping to collect bags which will be crocheted into sleep mats for the homeless. A container



will be in the area outside of the church office for you to drop them off.



Monday, August 8^{th @} 6:30 pm – Lutheran Men & Women

An evening with Deacon Dallas Shealy, executive director of South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.



Blessing of the Backpacks

It's hard to believe but summer break is coming to an end. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings! Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to church on Sunday, August 14 for a backpack and bags

blessing during worship. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. Mt Hermon wishes ALL of the students, teachers and administrators a wonderful school year!

Rally Day

Also on August 14 is Rally Day! Following Worship and the Blessing of the Backpacks we will gather in the Fellowship Hall



during the Sunday school hour for a church-wide meal to learn about all of the exciting Sunday school opportunities we have at Mt. Hermon. More information will follow in the weekly bulletin.



Nursery Volunteers

We need your help in the nursery during Worship and Sunday school. Please signup in the breezeway or contact Brittany Allen 803-206-7588.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

07/24/2022

In-person Worship 100 + Live Stream Worship 71 = 171

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,478.97
Building Fund	Received	\$1,060.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$10.00



Hold your camera phone over this block and click on link for OnLine Giving.



If you would like to know more about discipleship at Mt. Hermon, plan to attend an information meeting on Sundays in Pastor Gina's office.

Do you shop with Amazon? This is an opportunity for additional funds to support ministries at Mt. Hermon. Whenever you are making purchases on Amazon, use smile.amazon.com and put in **Mount Hermon Lutheran Church** and it will donate a percentage to Mt. Hermon or you can click on the link from our webpage www.WeAreMtHermon.com

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Serving Today*	Next Sunday
Ushers:		Dion Metze
		Ronnie Fulmer
Greeter:	Mary Price	Mary Price
Crucifer:	Spencer Price	Josh Koon
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Sam Koon
Lector:	Mary Price	Ricky Bouknight
Communion Assts:	Hayden Eargle	Kathy Cooper
	Kirby Johnson	Marion Leaphart
	Melanie Jackson	Terry Swygert
Flowers:	The Jacksons	Tammy & Kelli Mills

Serving in July

COUNCIL REP: Mike Rawl

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick TABULATORS: Ann Addy & Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Arron Kinard, Terry Swygert (Susan Busby)

Serving in August

COUNCIL REP: Joel Price, Sr.

ALTAR GUILD: Ryan & Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby



MT HERMON PRAYS

*Family of Joanne Mathias

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations Tom Roof, home

Alberta Berry, home Cyndi Thurman, home

Nell Buff, NHC Linda Waters-Hamilton, home Becky Koon, Colonial Gardens Pastor Derald Edwards, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy Kay Bryant James Hallman Jerry Ellisor Angie Hydrick Jean Shealy Jerry Price III Gene Schofield

Mary Frances Sease Jane Sexton Suzie Wattenbarger

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam

Don Freeman, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jessica Drigger's mother, friend of Denise Thurman

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Beth Ellsworth, friend of Kenny Bouknight

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Arthava Tripathi, child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood

Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price

Curtis Plummer, husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country

Stan Weber, husband of Debi Weber

Keith Saxton, friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country

Carolyn Shumpert, sister of Andrea Bowers and Jan Schofield

Dr. Kay Moore, friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart



I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 7th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am New Disciples Class

Monday, August 8th

9:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, August 9th

6:30 pm Executive Team

Wednesday, August 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm OneBody in Christ

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 13th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura Stevens, Mike Rawl)



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 31st

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am FH: Coffee, Food & Fellowship

4:00 pm Teach Team

Monday, August 1st

9:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm CR: Care team

6:30 pm Team for Ministry

Wednesday, August 3rd

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 6th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon family)