ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 1, 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. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

Pre-Service

Pavane - Gabriel Fauré

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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 *"In Paradisum" From the Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré arr. David Patrick Permission by banksmusicpublications.co.uk (Rosemary Goodwin)

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before you our loved ones. We give thanks for their lives. All Saints' Sunday is a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. *We glorify you.*

Jesus Christ, the resurrection, and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. *We praise you.*

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

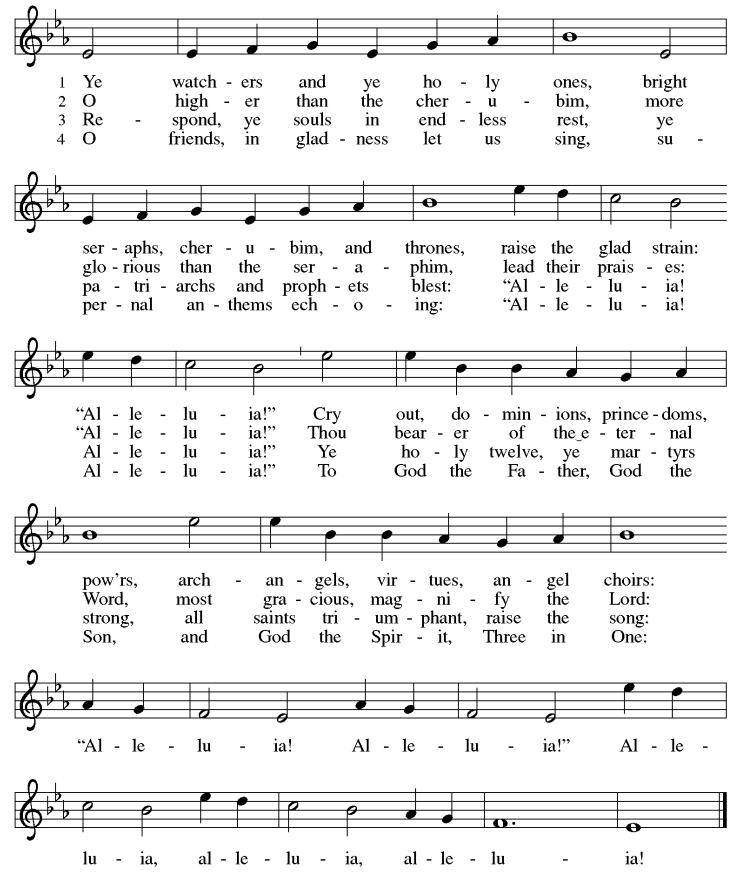
To you, O blessed Trinity, **‡** be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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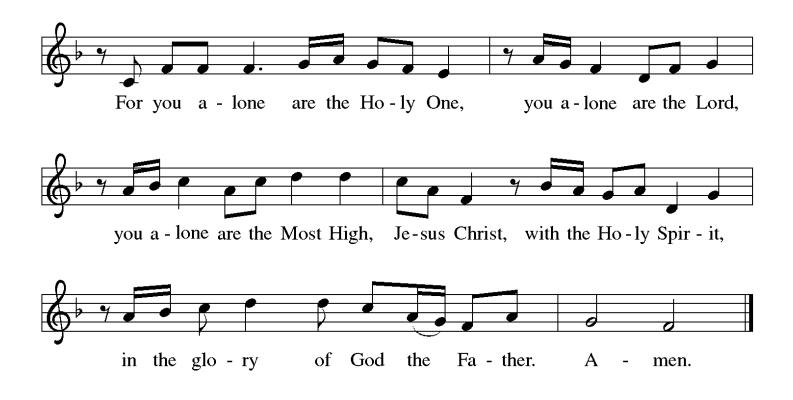


GREETING

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. We sit.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

In holy baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In worship today, we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest", who have fought the good fight and who have gained the crown. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory. We remember before you this day disciples of Christ who called this place as "home"

> Jimmie C. Bouknight Connie Catt Bucknam Clyde Lynwood Crout Albert Eddie "Peavine" Ellisor Ernest "Ernie" Leon Swygert

We sit in silence.

THE WORD

READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

MUSIC

Arise, My Soul Arise!

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READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

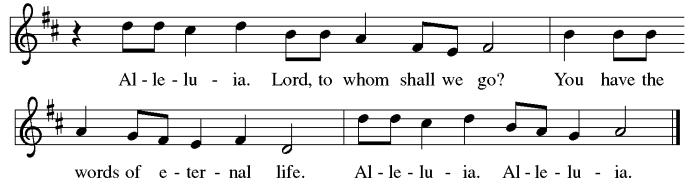
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

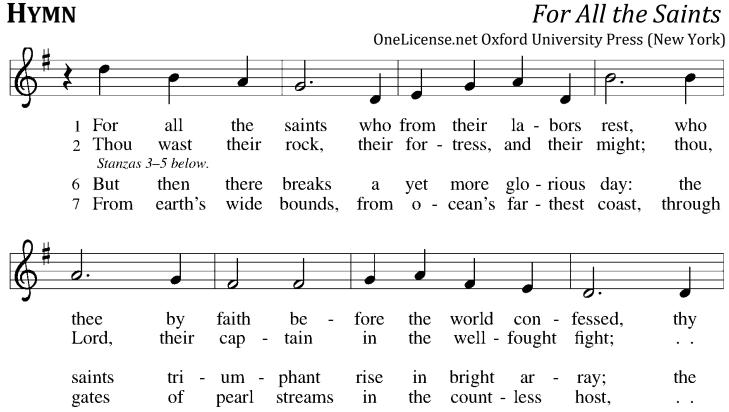
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Blessed are God's people

For All the Saints





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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The Prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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

The Journey

Joseph M. Martin

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

THE MEAL

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

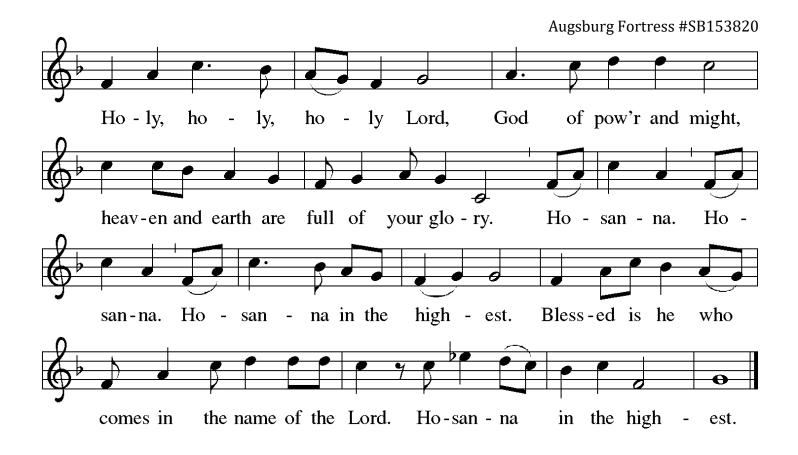
The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Jimmie Bouknight, Connie Bucknam, Lynwood Crout, "Peavine" Ellisor, and Ernie Swygert, and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. *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

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 10:30-12:00.

MUSIC

Thee We Adore, O Savior Thomas Aquinas OneLicense.net Augsburg Fortress Public Domain

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! In the name of \ddagger the Father, the Spirit, and the Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

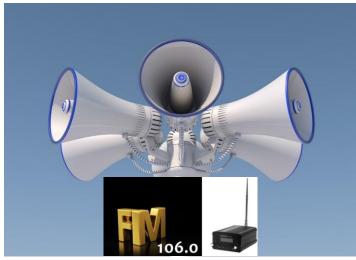
POSTLUDE Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Call the Annual Congregational meeting to order.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of all our loved ones who have passed in our family and to all the saints who have passed in our church family here at Mt. Hermon by Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer and Marie Gardner.



Annual Meeting - TODAY

There will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating 4 council members and 1 youth member. The meeting will be held in the church parking lot. We will be using a FM transmitter. You will be able to tune to a particular channel on

your radio and hear the entire meeting. Please plan to attend thisvery important meeting as well as the Annual Meeting on November15, 2020. This meeting will also be in the church parking lot.

Please note: There will not be Drive-In Communion on November 15th *due to the Annual Congregational Meeting.*







- Practice social distancing
 - Wear gloves and/or use picker

Tithes, and Offering for 10/25/2020 Live Stream Worship – 134+ Sunday School via Zoom – 13

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,777.35
Building Improvement	Received	\$180.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$440.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$279.31
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,441.85

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Jimmy Mills by Danny & Jenny Scott, Diane & Parker Boulware, Terry & Allison Swygert, Ann Bouknight, Clifton & Ann Addy

To the glory of God and in memory of Lynwood Crout by Myra & Carl Kinard and Margie, Ricky & Fran Bouknight

To the glory of God and in memory of all the saints who have passed away this year by Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

In memory of Freddie Fulmer by Ricky & Fran Bouknight

In memory of Connie Bucknam by Ricky & Fran Bouknight

In memory of Ryan & Pearle Price, Jerry Price, Sr., Stephen Price, Barbara & Jimmy Mills, Letroy & Nellie Gantt by Wynne & Mary Price

In memory of Iris House, Jimmy Bouknight, Connie Bucknam, Lynwood Crout, "Peavine" Ellisor, Ernie Swygert by Wynne & Mary Price

In memory of Stephen Michael Price by Mom & Dad

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

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

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bryce Addy

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 Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price John Catoe, family of Ellisors Sherri Crapps, sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease 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 David Hydrick, cousin of Buddy Hydrick Clara Shultz, friend of Sheila Starkey Debbie Smith & family, niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman Sarah Hiltz, granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam Richard Lindler, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart *Robert Lindler, father of Cassie Swygert *Ted Franklin, cousin of Cyndi Leaphart *Kathy Brown, friend of congregation

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 8th 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am Worship - Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
3:00 pm Confirmation Meeting via Zoom (Parents and Students)
6:00 pm Council Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 11th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick & Doris Maddox)

Friday, November 13th

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, November 14th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 1st All Saints' Sunday

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am - noon Drive-In Communion/Council Nominations

Monday, November 2nd

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, November 3rd

6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 4th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Andrea Bowers & Jo Leach)

Friday, November 6th

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, November 7th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Terry & Allison Swygert)