

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, August 4, 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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Hayes

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 *God of Wonders* Byrd & Hindalong

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, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy,
***we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,
God made us alive together with Christ,
forgiving us † all our trespasses
by taking our sins to the cross.
For freedom Christ has set us free:
Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.

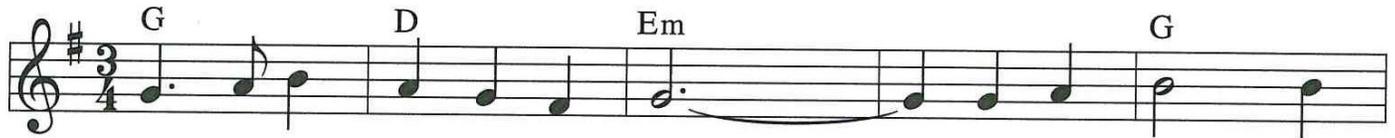
As the cross passes your seat, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.

HYMN

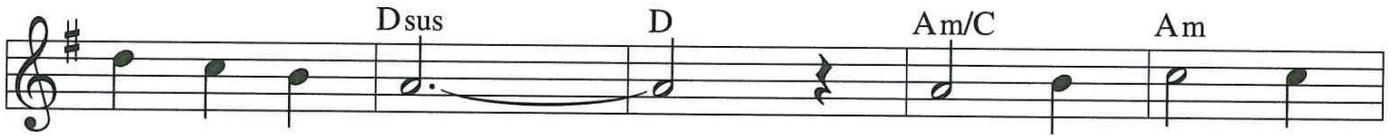
Glory and Praise to Our God

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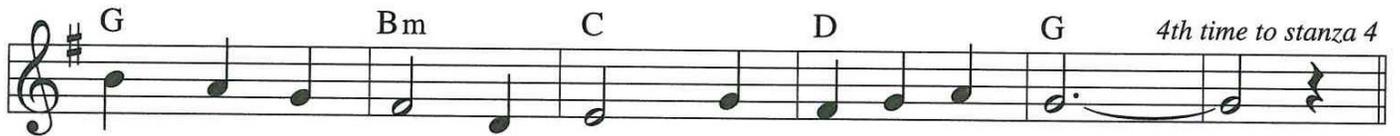
Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives

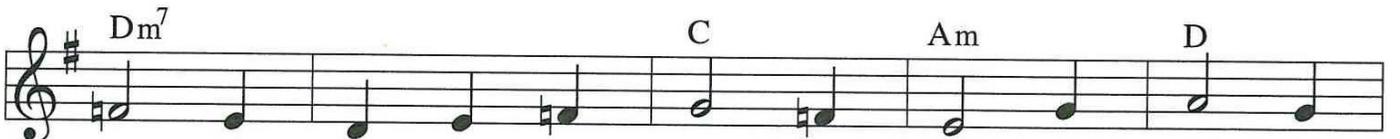


light to our days. Man - y are the

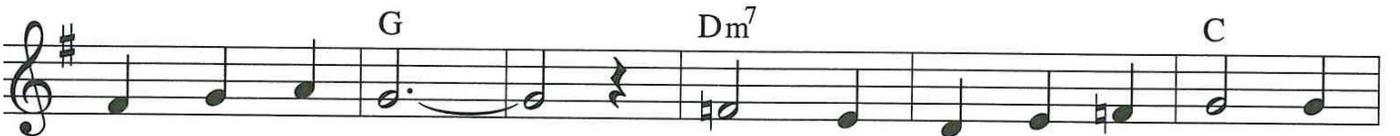


bles - sings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

4th time to stanza 4



1 We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the
 2 In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's
 3 Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is



val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our God has
 test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -
 wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to seek the



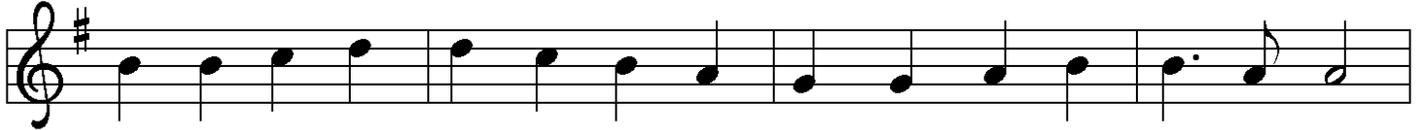
done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.
 vails, our God is there to save.
 lost, to an - swer those who pray.

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.

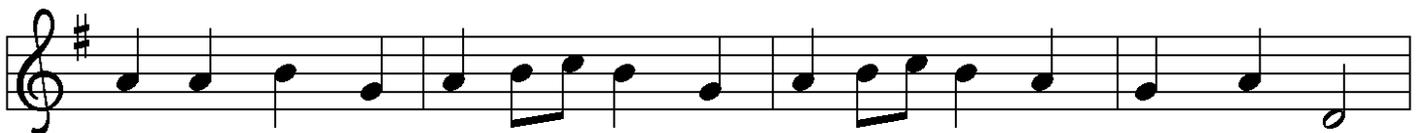
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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

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

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

The 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 the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

Read responsively.

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.***



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to 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?” ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁹And 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

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

Living in community

We stand.

HYMN

When Long Before Time

ELW 861

1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,

when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,

and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,

and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

After each petition: Let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

The Prayers conclude:

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

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 on the first chair by the center aisle.

OFFERING

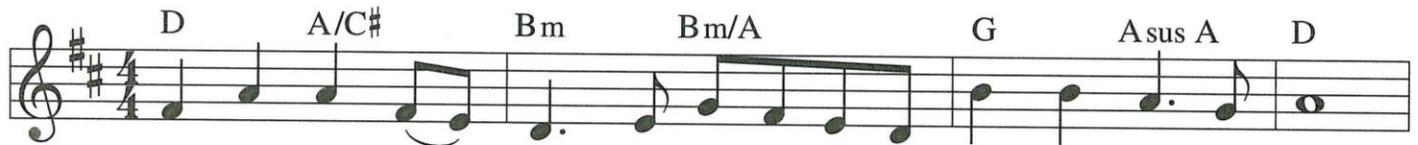
Grace Like Rain

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OFFERTORY

As the Deer

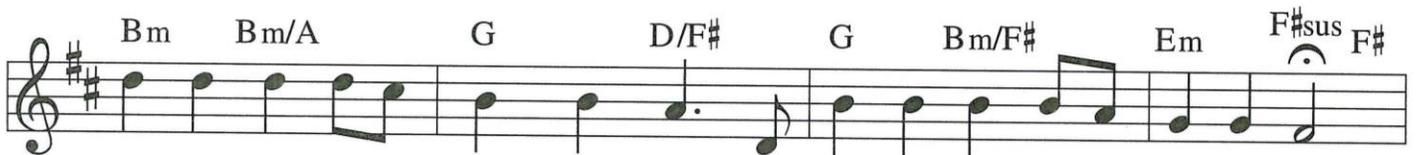
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As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***Blessed are you, O God,
for the greening earth given for all,
for the talents we are given to share,
and for this bread and wine.
Transform us to be the body of Christ,
that, feasting on this food and drink,
our lives may reflect your generosity;
through Christ our 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out your Spirit, uniting in one body, people of every nation and tongue. 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-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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.***



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

We stand.

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.

***O God, in this holy communion
you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you 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

This Little Light of Mine

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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the vocalizations 'oh,' are written below the bass staff.

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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Hayes



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given today to the Glory of God and In Honor of our 31st Wedding Anniversary by Tommy & Kelli Mills.



There are open dates for flowers for the upcoming Sundays:
August 25th and September 15th.
If you would like to place the flowers on the altar on any of
these Sundays, please contact the church office.

Summer Worship
**CASUAL WORSHIP IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS



Where do you
see God?

snap a picture and email to the church
WeAreMtHermon@gmail.com

Looking into the beautiful sky...
photo sent in by Diane Boulware



Ministry Teams

Outreach ~ Diane Boulware
Support ~ Joel Price
Teach ~ Daryl Leigh Anthony
Worship & Music ~ Wynne Price
Care ~ OPEN

President ~ Terry Swygert
Vice President ~ Ronnie Fulmer
Secretary ~ Alyson Price
Treasurer ~ Parker Boulware
Pastor ~ Rev. Gina Metze



August 4th at 4:00
Fellowship Hall

Come and Be the body of Christ
as we enjoy Summer treats.



Blessing of Backpacks

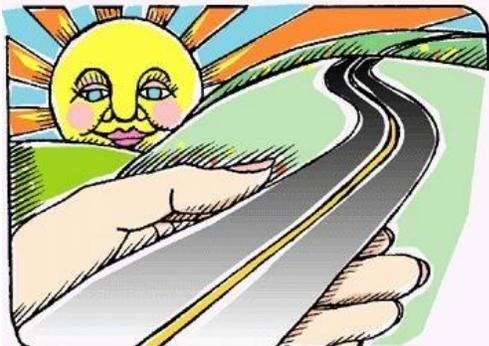
Everyone involved in teaching and nurturing students, will be blessed at worship on August 18th.

Bring your backpacks, lunchbox, tote, dance shoes, musical instrument, football, soccer ball, cleats, etc. for a special blessing.

We send you into the school year to be the light of Christ.

Keep the Midlands Beautiful
Saturday, August 17th
9:00 am
Church parking lot

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Please join us if you can!

Note: Next pickup date
November 16th



School Supply Drive August 1st – 20th



**Mt. Hermon is blessed to have
many educators in our congregation!**

**You can help support their neediest students
by participating in our School Supply Drive!**

The following items are requested:

- Pencils (standard & mechanical)
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 1" & 2" Binders
- Tab Dividers
- Backpacks (standard size, please no extra small packs!)
- Notebook paper
- Ear buds
- Highlighters
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Index Cards
- Post it Notes
- Tissue boxes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand sanitizer

**If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koon
803-807-0283**

Tithes, and Offering for 07/28/2019
Attendance: Worship – 103; Sunday School – 23

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$3,092.00	(\$982.75)
Building Improvement				
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$180.00	(\$166.15)
Building on Holy Ground				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$970.00	(\$676.15)

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Thomas Riley by his cousins: Phil Berley, Bruce Berley, Jay Berley, Michael Berley and Laurie Berley Miller.



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and select Online Giving
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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Hazel Bockus, *Home*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Connie Bucknam, *Home*

*Grace Roof, *Lexington Extended Care*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof

Ernie Swygert

Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jim & Vickie Burcham, *family of Dennis Thurman*

W.A. "Buddy" Keller, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Nellie Gantt, *mother of Mary Price*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Linda Rea, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Charlotte Martindle, *family of Kelli Mills*

Kaiden Robinson, *friend of Kelli Mills*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Debbie Anderson, *daughter of Georgianna Gray*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Mason Williams, *friend of Breanna Metze*

*Betty Keefe, *grandmother of Kim Addy*

*Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Serving Today*

Greeter: Kathy Whitaker
Crucifer: Joel Price Sr.
Acolyte: Brayden Rutherford
Lector: Wynne Price
Communion Asst.
Joel Price Sr.
Jackson Price
OPEN

Children's Sermon:

Diane Boulware

Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick,
Kay Bryant

Soloist: Ryan Price

Food Pantry: August 7
Jo Leach

Serving August 11th

Jenny Scott
Wynne Price
Lawson Morris
Emily Morris

Wynne Price
Emily Morris
Angie Hydrick

Daryl Leigh Anthony

Grace Roof, Brittany Allen,
Alyson Price

August 14

Doris Maddox

Serving in August*

Council Representative: Alyson Price

Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

Tabulators: Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Ann Addy

Ushers: Danny Scott, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman, Tommy Mills

** 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, August 11th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, August 12th

6:30pm Lutheran Men

Tuesday, August 13th

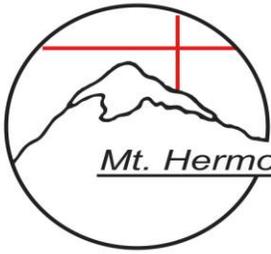
1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 14th

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, August 17th

9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway – Church Parking Lot



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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Ruthie Brannen, *Cantor* RuthieBrannen@gmail.com
Susan LaCons, *Parish Administrator* 803.794.6430 office@mthlc.org

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, *Terry Swygert* Vice President, *Ronnie Fulmer*
Secretary, *Alyson Price* Treasurer, *Parker Boulware*
Financial Secretary, *Annette Price* Sextons, *Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
4:00 pm Ice Cream Social – Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 5th

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 6th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 7th

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 8th

6:30 pm MJS – Quinton Commons – Fellowship Hall