

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, September 22, 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

Deep River

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

You Raise Me Up

Groban

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 us or forsake us.
We who were lost have been found.
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, our 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.

D G D/A A Bm

I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart,

D G A

I will en - ter his courts with praise.

D G D F# Bm

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;

Em⁷ A⁷ D A⁷

I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

D G D Bm

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

Em⁷ A⁷ D

I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

G G#dim⁷ D/A A Bm

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

Em⁷ A D

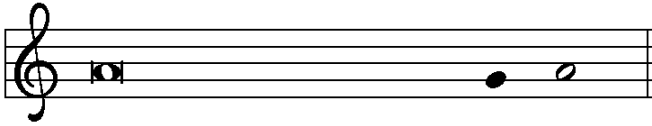
I will re - joice for he has made me glad.

GREETING

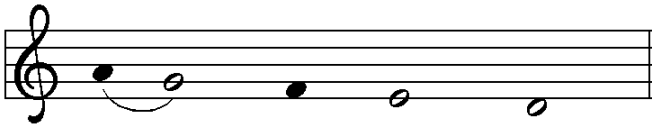
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

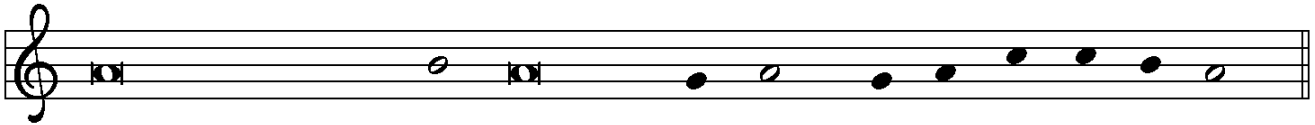
KYRIE



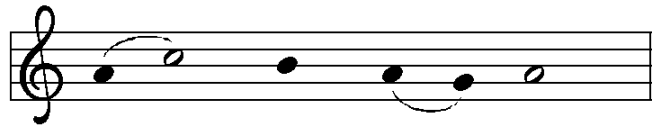
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



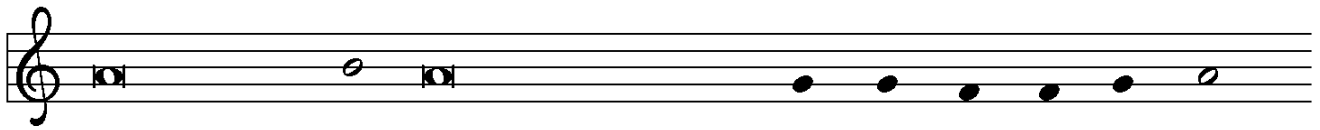
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



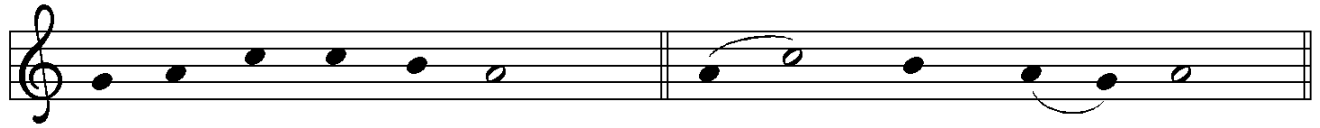
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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;

and practice deceit with false balances,
6buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
7The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

Read responsively.

1Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

***2Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.***

3From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

***4The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.***

5Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

***6but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?***

7The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

***8enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.***

9The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1st Timothy.

1First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2for kings and all who are

in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

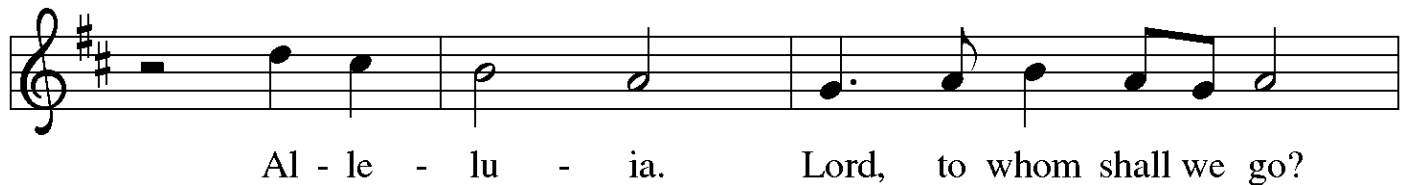
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my

master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MESSAGE IN SONG

If I Stand

Mullins

Our Great God

Ortega/Powell

Is He Worthy?

Peterson

Congregation Response for Verse 1: ***We do.***

Congregation Response for Verse 2: ***It is.***

Congregation Response for Verse 3: ***He does.***

Sing Your Praise to the Lord

Mullins

Light the Fire

Verse 1:

I stand in your presence, but I fall on my knees.

My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak.

CHORUS:

So light the fire in my soul

Fan the flames, make me whole.

Lord you know where I've been

So light the fire in my heart again.

Verse 2:

I feel your arms around me when the healing begins,

Your spirit surrounds me like a rushing wind.

CHORUS:

So light the fire in my soul

Fan the flames, make me whole.

Lord you know where I've been

So light the fire in my heart again.

CHORUS:

So light the fire in my soul

Fan the flames, make me whole.

Lord you know where I've been

So light the fire in my heart again.

We stand.

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.

G C Dsus D G C

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth

D C G C

to show the way, from the earth to the cross,

D C G C

my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,

D Em⁷ Am⁷ Dsus D G C/G G

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name 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.***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We gather around these elements consecrated last Sunday, and we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. We proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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.

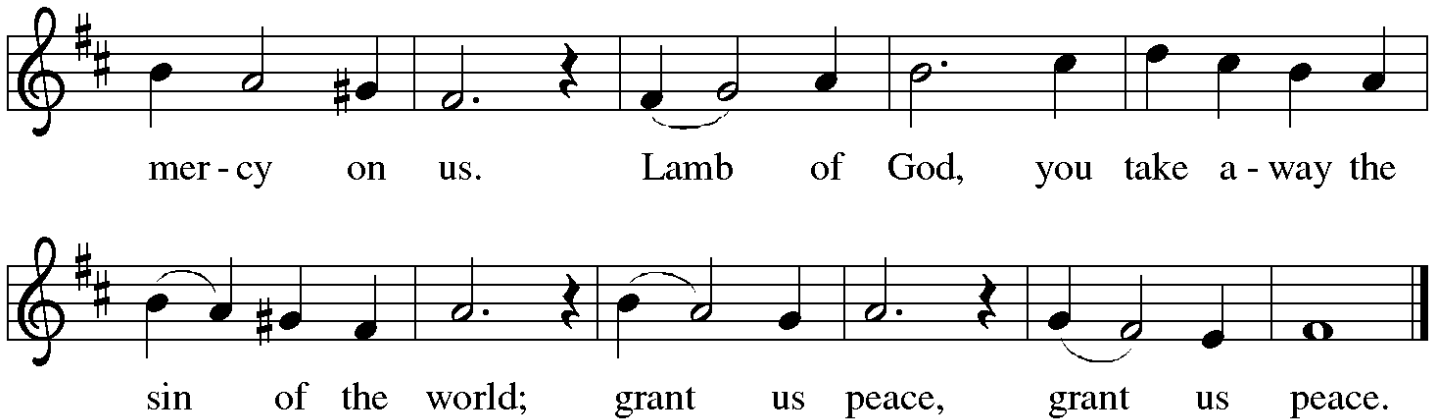
AGNUS DEI:



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

10,000 Reasons

Myrin/Redman

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

Awesome God

Verse 1: (Solo)

(Congregation response on verses 1&2:)

Our God is an awesome God.

Chorus (Sing 2x):

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God.

Verse 2: (Solo)

Chorus (Sing 4x):

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Jesus loves us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sacred Harp Medley

Adams

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Regan's 24th birthday on September 19th and Grayson's 21st birthday on September 24th, and Jerry III's 22nd birthday on September 24th, given by their parents.



I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recovery period after surgery. I miss all of you tremendously. Will return upon release from my doctor.

Mary Price



Tithes, and Offering for 09/15/2019
Attendance: Worship – 87; Sunday School – 40

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$4,466.00	\$391.25
Building Improvement				
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$430.00	\$83.85
Building on Holy Ground				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$1,170.00	(\$476.15)

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)



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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 50forwardlife.org***



Young @ 

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!

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

**Family of Grace Roof*

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Connie Bucknam, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof

Ernie Swygert

Jim Whitaker

Preston Bryant

Mary Price

Lila Catt

Eddie Ellisor

Jeff Bucknam

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

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

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

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Jake Harris, *co-worker of Jennifer Price & Allison Swygert*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*

Lynn Zarpentine, *friend of Susan LaCons*

Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Don Breland, *son-in-law of Alberta Berry*

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Nellie Gantt, *mother of Mary Price*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Linda Rea, *cousin of Marion & Cyndi*

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*

Alex Braxton, *family of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today*

Greeter: Jo Leach
Crucifer: Wynne Price
Acolyte: Tanner Addy
Mackenzie Burns
Lector: Sheila Eargle
Communion Asst.

Wynne Price
Lynn Bouknight
Marion Leaphart

Children's Sermon:

Sheila Eargle

Nursery: Haley Addy
Karen Nicholson

Serving September 29th

Laura Stevens
Mitch Stevens
Brayden Rutherford
Hayden Eargle
Diane Boulware

Mitch Stevens
Wynne Price
Marion Leaphart

Pastor Gina
Brittany Allen
Alyson Price

Food Pantry: September 25
Angie Hydrick

October 2
Jo Leach

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 29th

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

Monday, September 30th

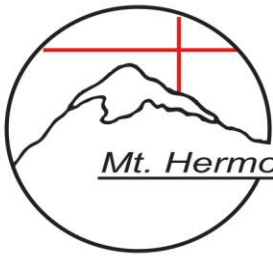
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st

- 1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 2nd

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



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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, 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

Pastor Gina will be out of the office until Thursday.