# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, September 01, 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** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Paul Manz

#### 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** 

Come As You Are

Crowder

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.

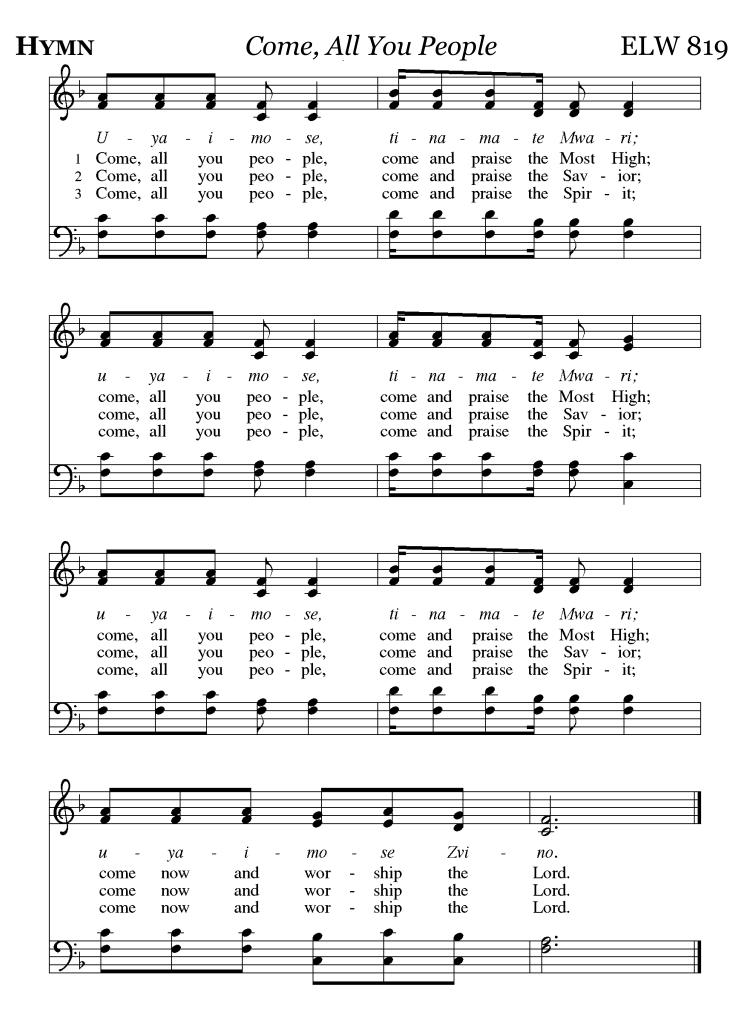
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your 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.

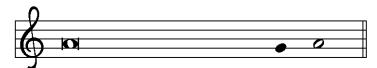


#### GREETING

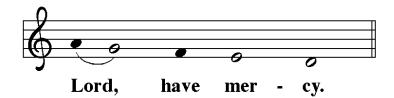
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

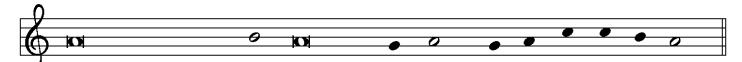
# And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**

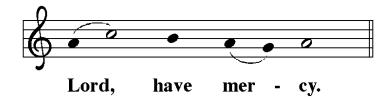


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



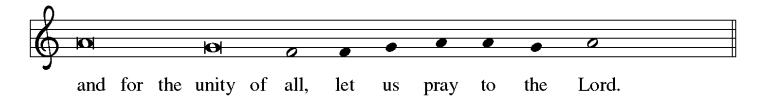


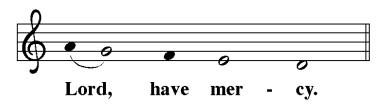
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

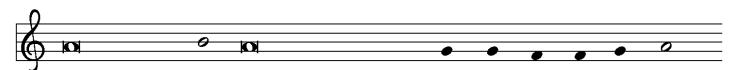




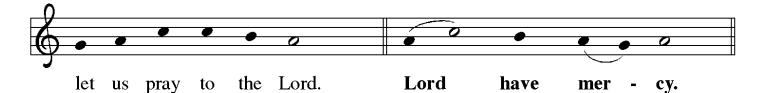
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

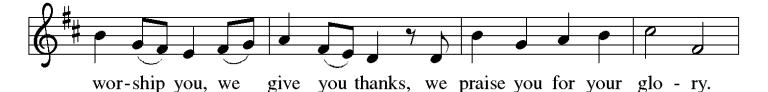
#### **G**LORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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





Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,





you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

# **READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **PSALM: Psalm 112**

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

#### **READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

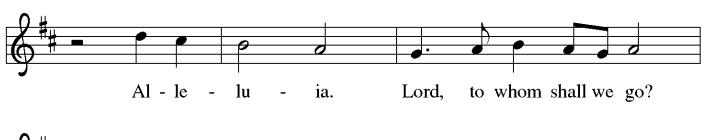
<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

We stand.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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.

# What's your position?

#### **MESSAGE**

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.

#### **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.

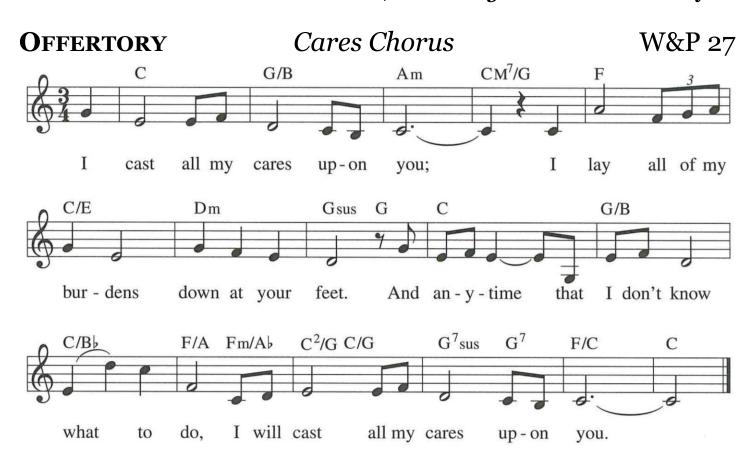
# THE MEAL

#### **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 at the center aisle.

**OFFERING** Precious Lord, Take My Hand Hayes



#### **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.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

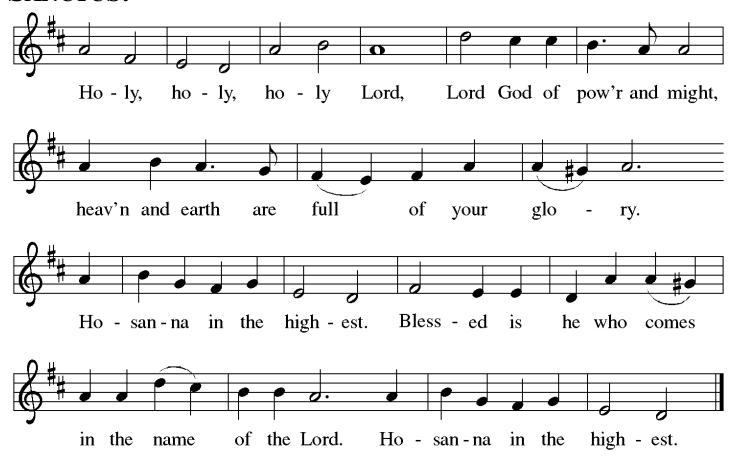
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, 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:

#### **SANCTUS:**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. We gather around the elements and we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. *Come, Holy Spirit*.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. *Amen*.

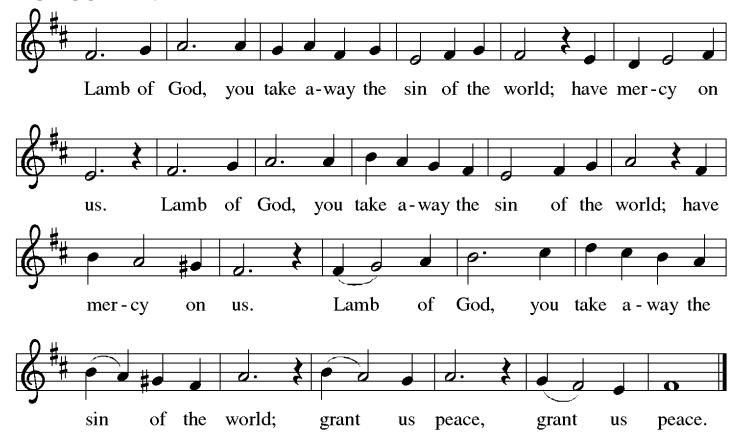
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit.

#### **AGNUS DEI:**



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

We sit.

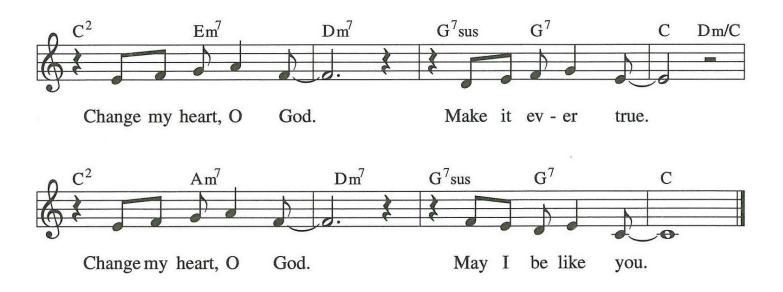
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

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**







The Love of God

**Mullins** 

#### **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.



#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Celebration Charles Callahan

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Cyndi's birthday by Dennis, Denise and Mackenzie.

# 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

# **Farming Church Update**

Sunday, September 8th LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Immediately following Sunday School
join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon
and an update from Farming Church.
(If you don't attend Sunday School,
please come to the Fellowship Hall
for coffee and cookies following worship.)

Plan now to attend this informational meeting and be a part of Mt. Hermon's vision for the future of God's church!

# Tithes, and Offering for 08/25/2019 Attendance: Worship – 106; Sunday School – 64

Current	& Benevole	nt		Over/(Under)				
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$5,120.50	\$1,045.75				
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Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$207.00	(\$139.15)				
<b>Building on Holy Ground</b>								
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$1,231.00	(\$415.15)				

#### **Honorariums and Memorials** (all funds)

A contribution was made to Mt. Hermon to the Glory of God and in loving memory to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pearl Frye Dennis on August 28, 2019 by her family.

In loving memory of James "Buzzy" Mathias on our wedding anniversary (08/22/1965) by Gloria Mathias.



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# Interested in being Happier, Healthier and Living Longer?

If you are over 50, please join us for the  $4^{th}$  annual

#### "50Forward" Living Well Retreat Oct. 18-20, 2019 Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center

The retreat focuses on building meaningful community after 50 and includes:

- Enlightening keynote speaker **Susan Pinker**, psychologist and award-winning author of *The Village Effect*, who will talk about the impact of face-to-face contact on health, lifespan, education, romance and business;
- Saturday workshops on building community, alternative retirement communities, using technology to avoid isolation and more;
- Optional Saturday afternoon activities including a winery/cidery/coffee bar tour, football watch party and massage;
- Meaningful Christian worship, including storytelling and music;
- Engaging Saturday evening entertainment with the '60s-'70s band Sound Investment; and
- Excellent meals AND comfortable lodging in the midst of fall color brilliance, all for a great price.

We were privileged to serve on the planning team in the past and it was such an uplifting and memorable experience that we are returning this year as participants. We would love nothing more than to share this experience with our church family, so please join us if you can!

For more information, see Terry or Allison Swygert or go to
50forwardlife.org



# Young @

# Wednesday, September 18th

Chicken Stew 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall

# Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (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!



# Clergy and Confronting Racism

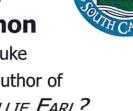
October 15, 2019

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (a working lunch) Host: Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169

Our presenter will be

#### Dr. Will Willimon

from the faculty of Duke Divinity School and author of WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARL? PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM



Pre-registration required: \$15 per attendee (includes lunch) Registration Due: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 Register on-line at www.sccouncil.net or by check using the form below.

SCCAC REGISTRATION: Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism, Oct. 15, 2019								
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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

Preston Bryant \*Mary Price \*Lila Catt

#### 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

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

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

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam

Betty Keefe, grandmother of Kim Addy

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

\*Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware

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

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today\* Serving September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Greeter:** Al Stevens Mary Frances Sease

**Crucifer:** Mitch Stevens Joel Price Sr. **Acolyte:** Mackenzie Burns Connor Eargle

Jackson Price Sam Koon

**Lector:** Devona Price Sheila Eargle

**Communion Asst.** 

Mitch Stevens Breanna Metze Breanna Metze Sheila Starkey

Jackson Price OPEN

Children's Sermon:

Ruthie Brannen Daryl Leigh Anthony

**Nursery:** Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Grace Roof, Brittany Allen,

Kay Bryant Alyson Price

**Soloist:** Ryan Price

Food Pantry: September 4 September 11

Annette Price Diane Boulware

# **Serving in September\***

**Council Representative:** Robin Ellisor **Altar Guild:** Mary Frances Sease, Kim Jolly

**Tabulators:** Buddy Hydrick, Everette Price, Jean Shealy (Parker Boulware)

Ushers: Joel Price Jr., Dennis Thurman, Jim Whitaker, Parker Boulware

<sup>\*</sup> 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 8th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

11:30 am Farming Church Lunch – Fellowship Hall

# Monday, September 9th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men Meet

# Tuesday, September 10th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

# Wednesday, September 11th

6:30 pm Chancel Choir



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#### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

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

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

# Sunday, September 1st

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship 10:15 am Sunday School

# Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day – Office Closed

# Tuesday, September 3rd

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

# Wednesday, September 4th

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting6:30 pm Chancel Choir

# Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Team for Ministry Meeting