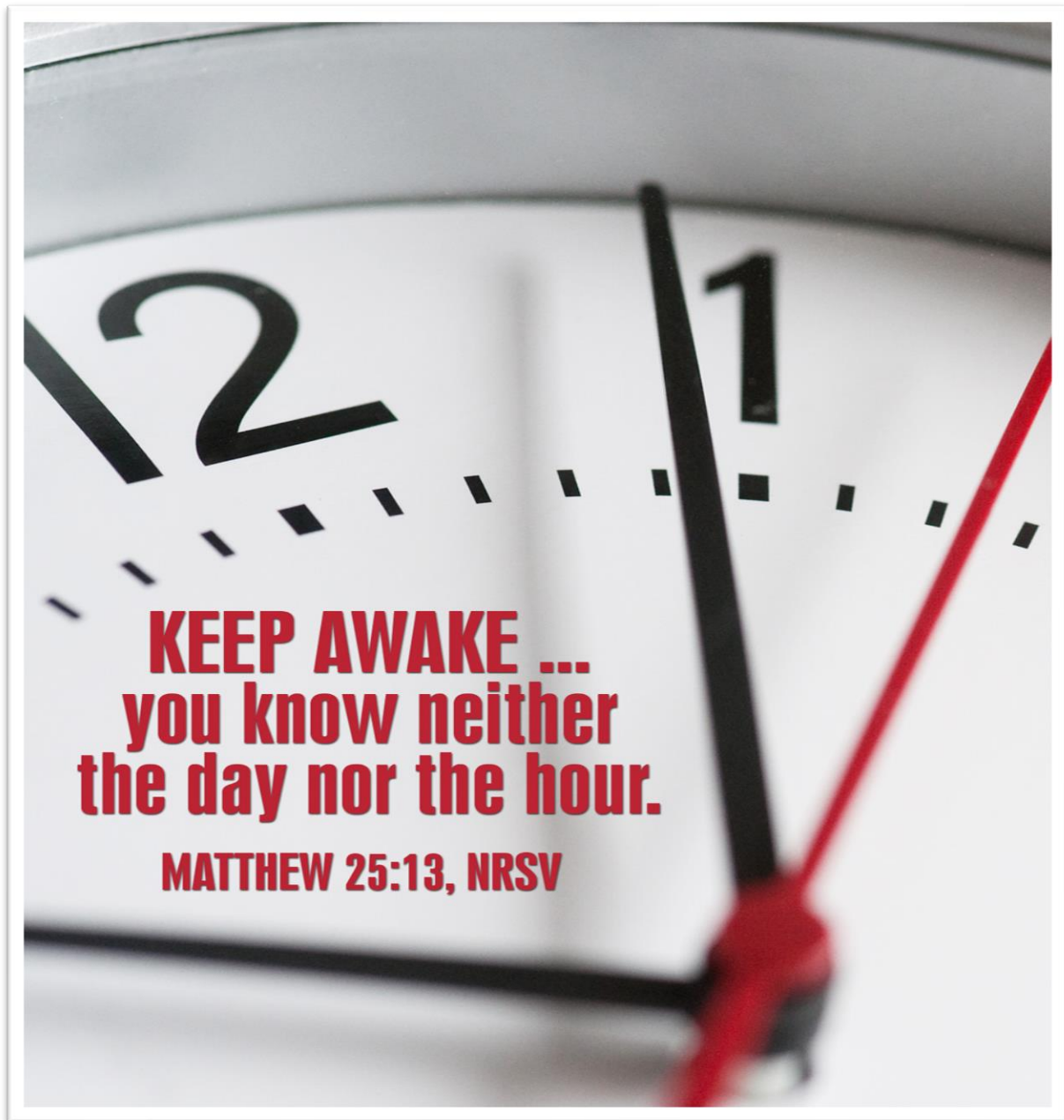


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

Even So Come

Tomlin, Ingram, Cates/CCLI #7036288

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

✠ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
*you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.*

*We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.*

*For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.*

*For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

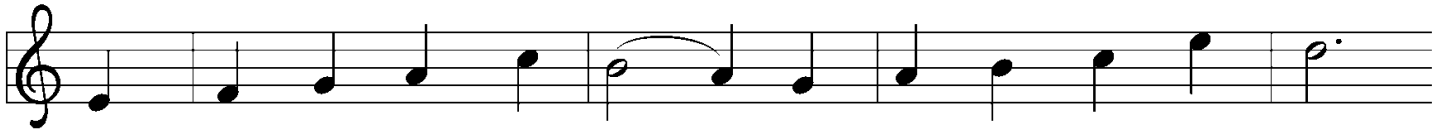
Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen**

As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.

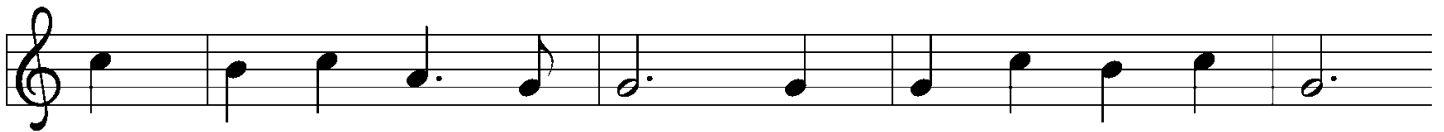
HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Barnby/CCLI #4750633



- 1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
- 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
- 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
- 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
- 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

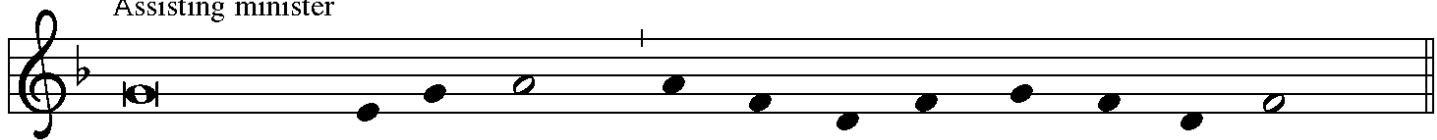
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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,



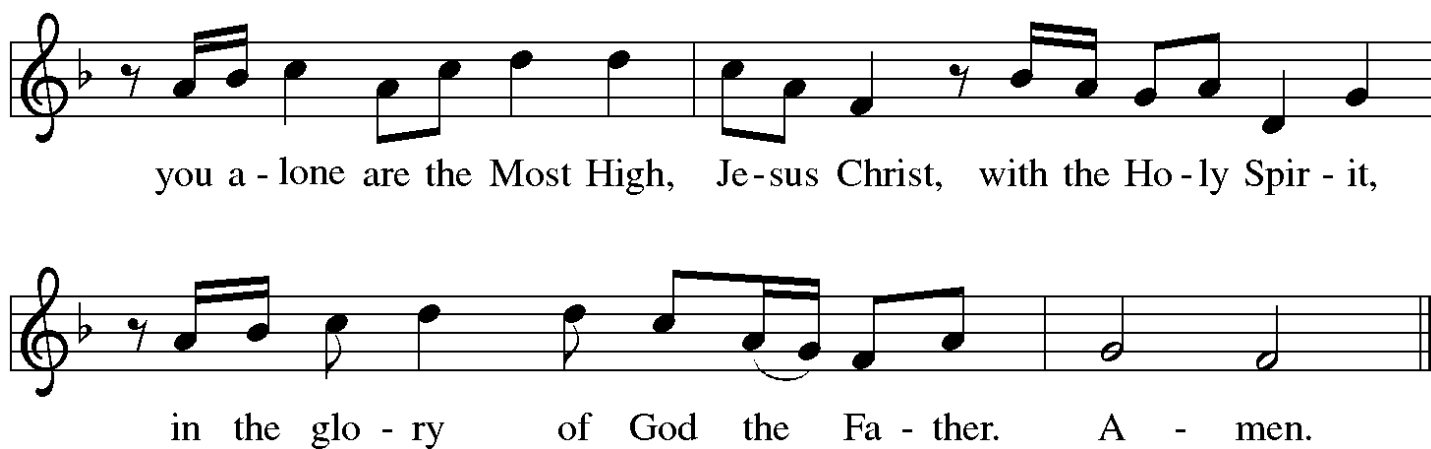
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

***²Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.***

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

***⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
“Great is the LORD!”***

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

LITTLE ONE’S TIME

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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

keep awake

We stand.

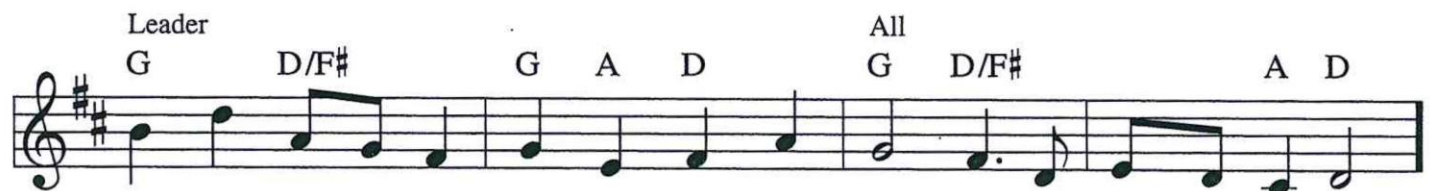
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Bring Forth the Kingdom

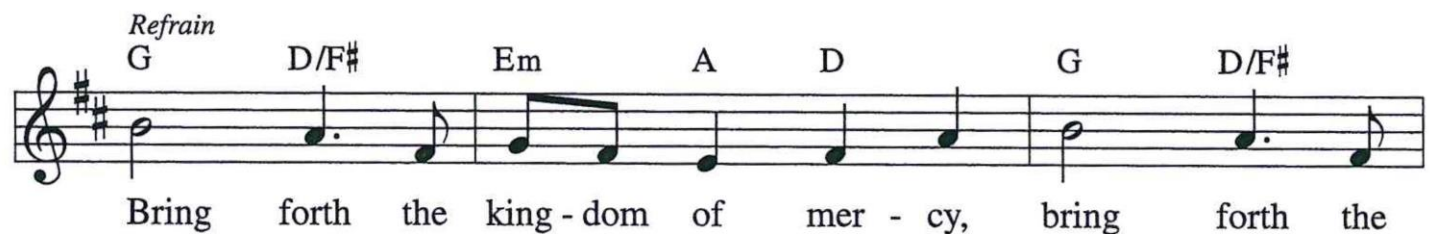
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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the king - dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the cit - y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple: bring forth the king - dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the king - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!





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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God, ***your mercy is great.***

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

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." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Friendship pads are located in the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

Why Do I Sing About Jesus

Ketchum/CCLI #6460158

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,

Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

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 to everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Blessed Assurance

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We stand.

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.

*Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

Crouch/CCLI #11249



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

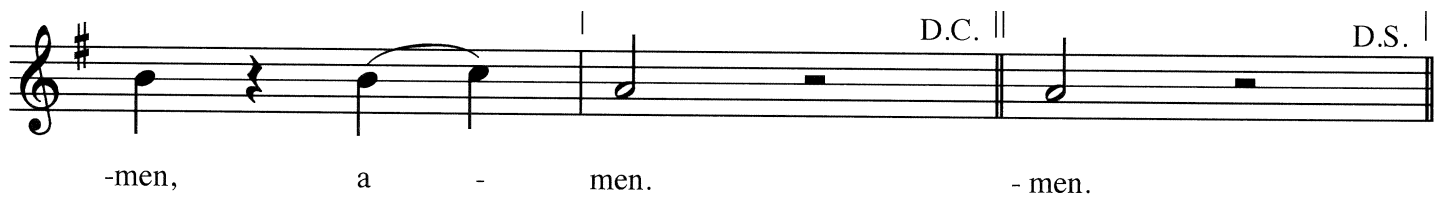
The children are invited to meet pastor Gina in the center aisle as we are dismissed. The children will go to Music class and then be taken to their Sunday school classes.

POSTLUDE

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .
— A — men, a —
-men, a — men. A — men, a —



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.

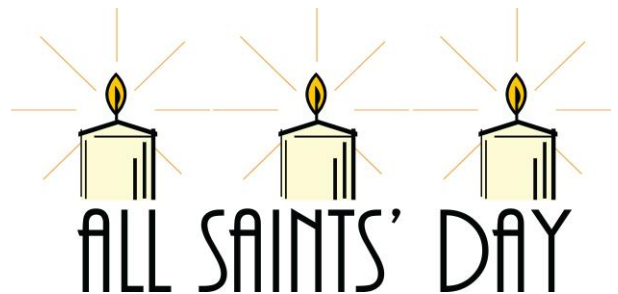
Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

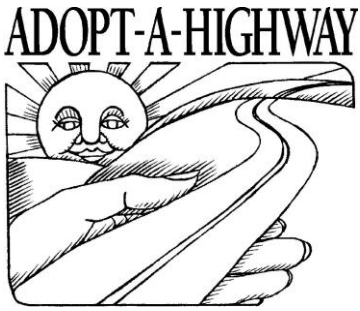
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cassie Swygert's birthday by Terry and Allison Swygert.

There is a special offering envelope in your packets this year for All Saint's Day. You may place an honorarium in the special bulletin for All Saints

Day. This is the same manner in which we honor and remember our mothers and fathers on Mother's Day and Father's Day. The collection from this bulletin will go to support the funeral meals. We will collect these memorials until November 22 and this bulletin will be included in our worship service on the Christ the King Sunday on the final day of the church year, November 26th.





We will start the next **Adopt-A-Highway** pickup from the church parking lot at **9:00 am on Saturday, November 18**. Please join us if you can.

Congratulations to Bekah!

Bekah is being called to serve
Program Director
at Sky Ranch Outdoor ministries
in Windsor, Colorado.

Pastor Gina will be attending the ordination. If you would like to send a card with Pastor Gina, please bring those cards to church by Sunday, November 12th.



TITHES AND OFFERING

11/05/2023 Sunday School = 29

In-person Worship 97 + Live Stream Worship 81 = 178

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| Current & Benevolent | Received | \$5,232.87 |
| Building Fund | Received | \$1,460.00 |
| Building Improvement | Received | \$415.00 |

Honorariums and Memorials

- In memory of **Stephen Price** by Jeff & Alyson Price
- In memory of **Pastor Derald Edwards** by Becky and Jerry Ellisor, Linda Waters-Hamilton
- In memory of **Pastor Derald Edwards and Pastor Norton Rosebrock**, we loved you so much by Ryan & Jennifer Price
- In memory of **Rev. Dr. Derald Edwards and Rev. H. Norton Rosebrock** by Terry & Allison Swygert, Angie Hydrick
- To the Glory of God and in **remembrance of all the Saints** who have gone before us in 2023 by Cyndi & Marion

| YTD October 2023 | Income | Expense | Over (Short) |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Current Mission Plan | 188,568.47 | 197,884.35 | (9,316.18) |
| Building Fund | 57,005.02 | 49,544.80 | 7,460.22 |
| Bldg Improvement | 19,553.79 | 16,665.51 | 2,888.28 |



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

| | This Sunday | Next Sunday |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ushers: | Frankie Jackson | Larry Amick |
| | Melanie Jackson | Kay Bryant |
| Crucifer: | Jake Dugan | Sydney Bucknam |
| Acolyte: | Dylan Whitaker | Chanler Coppens |
| Lector: | Mary Price | Allison Swygert |
| Communion Assts: | Frankie Jackson | Larry Amick |
| | Jake Dugan | Kay Bryant |
| | Mary Price | Sydney Bucknam |
| | Melanie Jackson | Chanler Coppens |
| | Elyse Kinard | Allison Swygert |
| Nursery: | Alyson Price | Charlene Corley |
| | Brittany Allen | DJ Plummer |
| Flowers: | Terry Swygert | Price Families |

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

COUNCIL REP: Jeff Price

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Brandon Donaldson, Marie Gardner

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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Eldon Eargle, *home*

James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*

Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathis, *home*

Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*

Tom Roof, *home*

Cyndi Thurman, *home*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight

Chris Carroll

Easton Donaldson

Georgianna Gray

Dot Mathias

Gene Schofield

Jane Sexton

Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*

Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*

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

Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*

Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Logan Wittwer, *friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely*

Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*

Debbie Browning, *Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick*

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Dale Miller, *son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Mike Ondera, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Jeff Tarlton, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Allison Limatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*

Carleton Morse, *father of Cyndi Leaphart*

Martha Williamson, *sister of Frank Bouknight*

Jay Sox, *Papa of Brayden Rutherford and Dylan Whitaker*

Ann Piercy, *friend of Kathy and Jim Whitaker*

Jeff Reid, *friend of Jan Schofield*

Stephanie Alewine Hopper, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*

Vicki Boozer, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*

Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Shirley & Dan Cooper*

Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Ken Brock, *friend of Kathy Cooper*

Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*

*Please note that this prayer list will
be updated soon and those who you
wish to remain on the list, please
send an email to
office@WeAreMtHermon.com*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, November 19th

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am MR: Children's Choir
- 10:30 am Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship/Meal

Monday, November 20th

- 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Wednesday, November 22nd

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – Friday *office will be closed*
Happy Thanksgiving



Saturday, November 25th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)



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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, November 12th

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am MR: Children's Choir
10:15 am Congregational Meeting – (if needed)
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Council meeting

Monday, November 13th

2:00 pm CR: Dot Mathias
6:30 pm Lutheran Men and Women

Tuesday, November 14th

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, November 15th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price)
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm LIFE: Small group

Thursday, November 16th

6:00 pm Teach Team

Pastor Gina will be in Colorado for Rebekah's ordination: Thursday morning thru Saturday evening. Please contact your council representative if there is an emergency.

Friday, November 17th

6:00 pm Ordination of Rebekah Boatwright

Saturday, November 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Frankie & Melanie Jackson, Katie Donaldson)
9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway