

October 27, 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** My Faith Has Found a Resting Place Adams The Solid Rock

#### 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** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Luther/Lanier

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *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**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

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

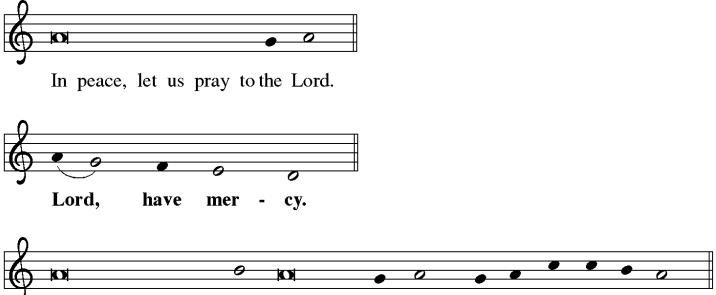


- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name. Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be. To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

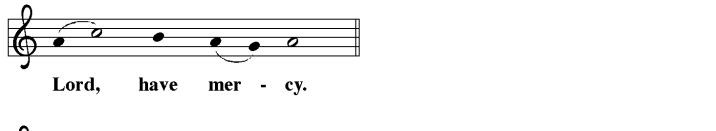
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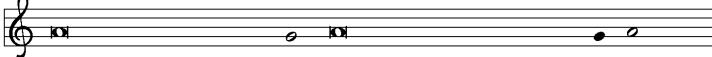
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.* 



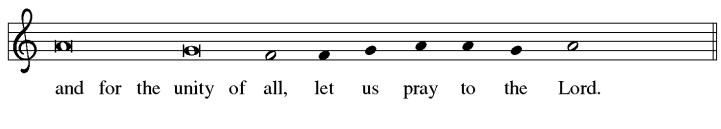


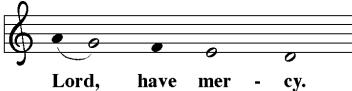
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

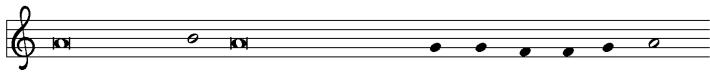




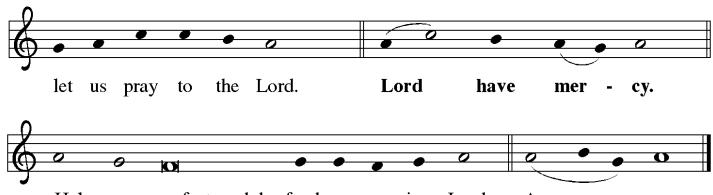
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



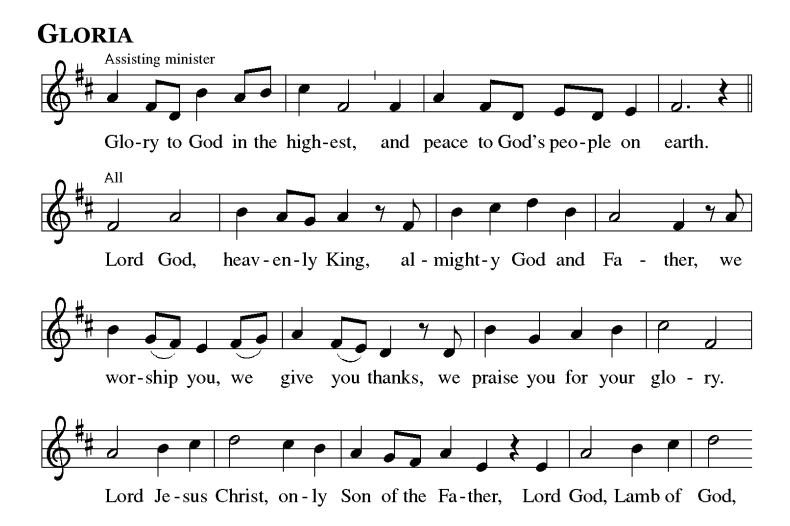


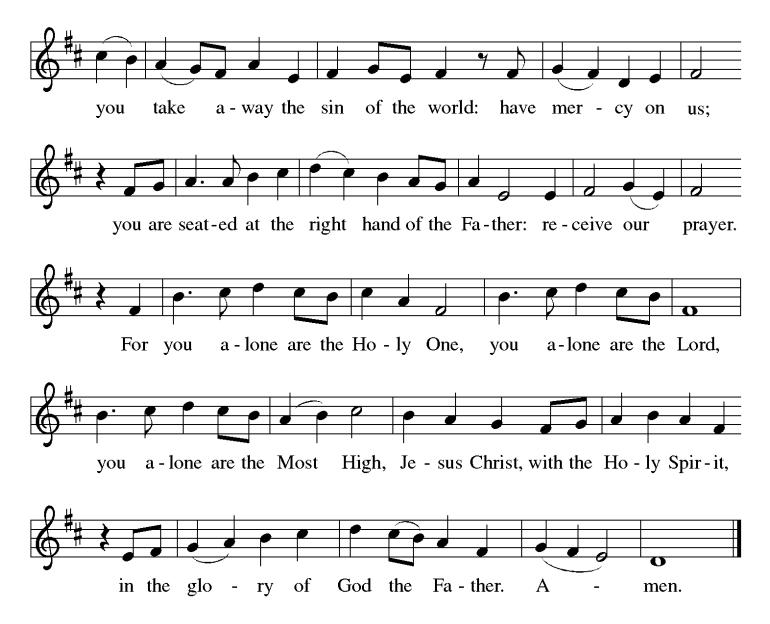


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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





#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

## READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## Psalm 46

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

#### <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

# <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

### <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

#### <sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

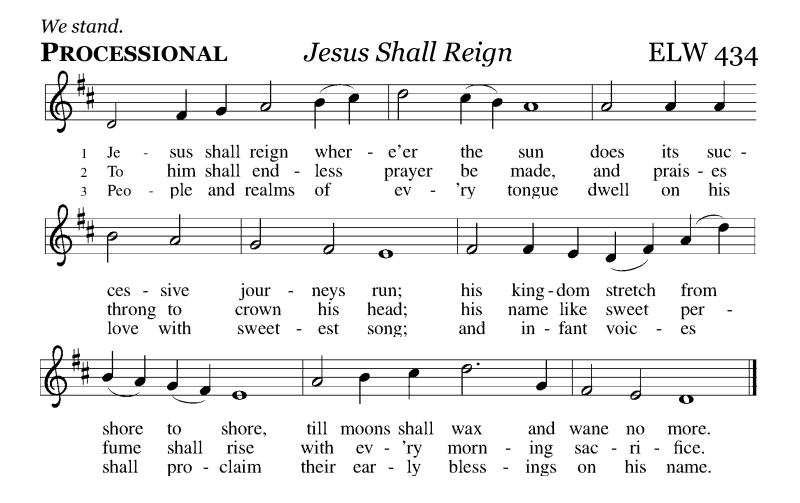
#### **READING: Romans 3:19-28**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

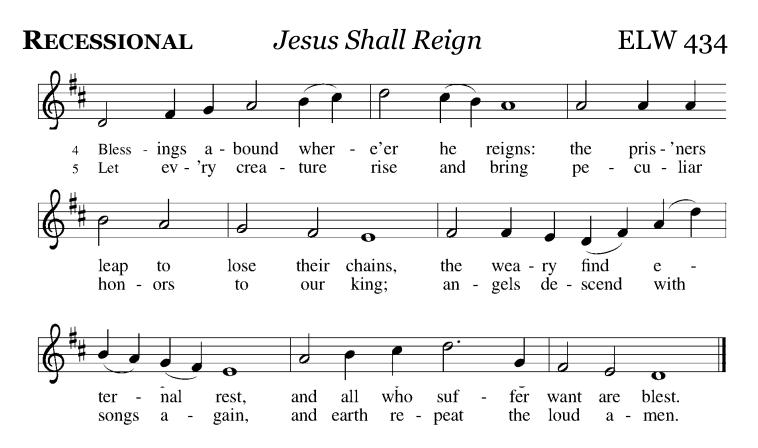


## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.* 

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

# 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

Are you being reformed?



## **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**

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

#### The Prayers conclude:

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.* 

### **PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. *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.

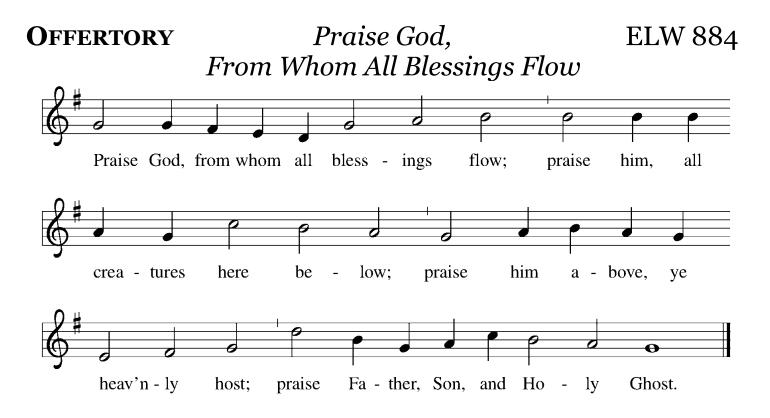
# THE MEAL

## 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 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**

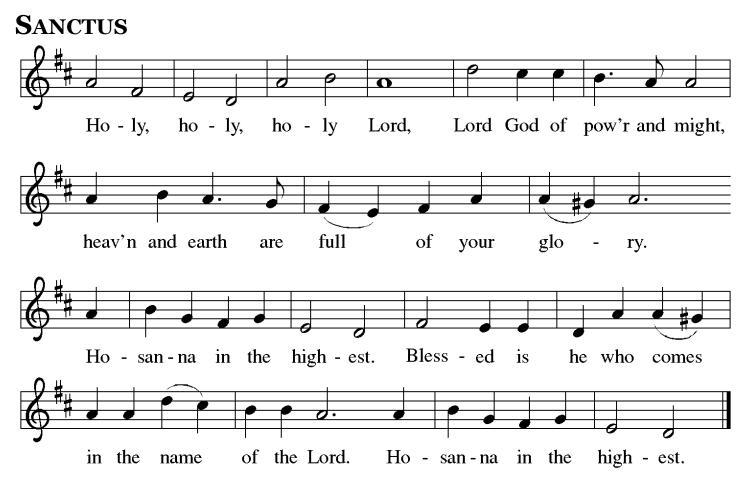
The Lord be with you. *And also with you*.

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:



## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

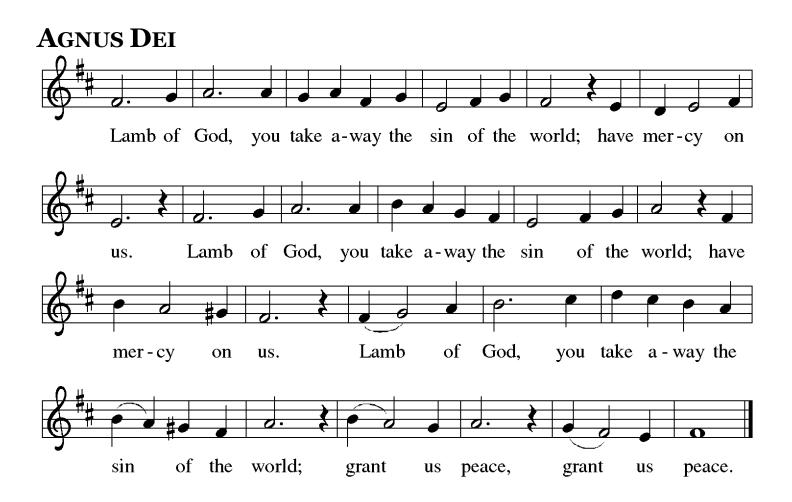
Remembering his death and resurrection, we gather around your body and blood and we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

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, 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.



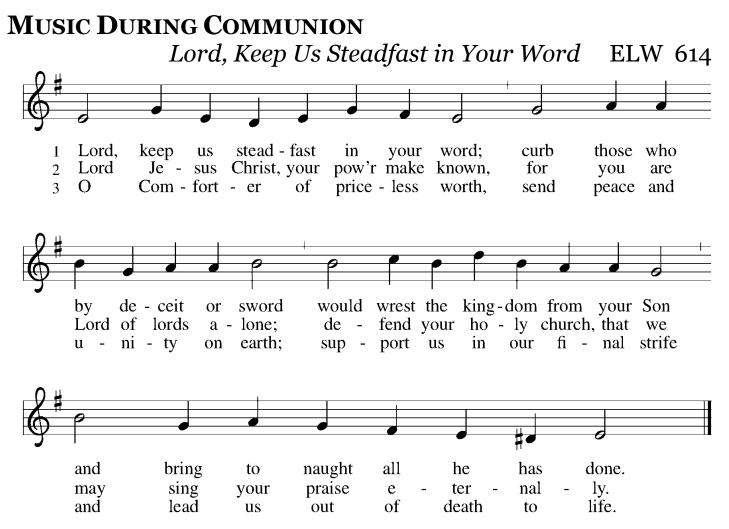
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

We sit. Communion assistants come forward.

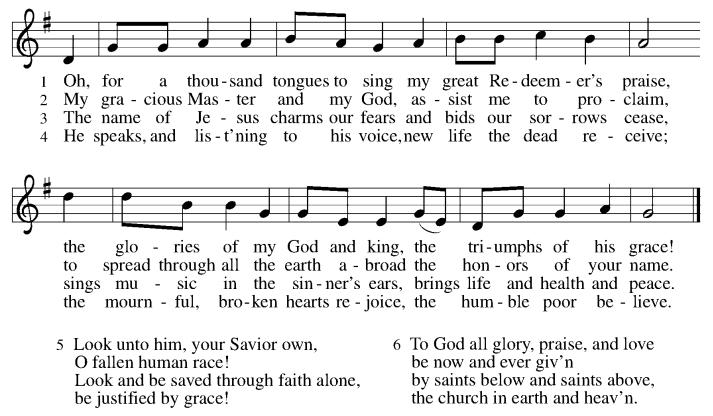
## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

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.



Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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#### 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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\ddagger$  give you peace. *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. Serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### POSTLUDE

Thy Strong Word

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in celebration of Reformation Sunday and our LCY group representing MHLC so well at last Sunday's Marty Party! Al & Laura Stevens





#### Tithes, and Offering for 10/20/2019 Attendance: Worship – 83; Sunday School – 35

| Current                 | Over/(Under) |          |            |              |  |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------|--|
| Needed                  | \$4,074.75   | Received | \$2,853.00 | (\$1,221.75) |  |
| Building Improvement    |              |          |            |              |  |
| Needed                  | \$346.15     | Received | \$441.00   | \$94.85      |  |
| Building on Holy Ground |              |          |            |              |  |
| Needed                  | \$1,646.15   | Received | \$1,198.00 | (\$448.15)   |  |
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## Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Grace Roof by Perry & Trudy Bouknight

In memory of Kate Devoy, Cindy Price's aunt by Faye Sox

In memory of Nellie Gantt, Mary Price's mother by Faye Sox



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Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Catered Thanksgiving Lunch 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall Please sign up!

# ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Saturday, November 16th

9:00 am Church Parking Lot *"Keeping the Midlands Beautiful"* Next pickup February 8, 2020



Free Garage Sale December 13<sup>th</sup> Bring non-furniture to the Old Conference Room Bring furniture to the Scout Hut



# **OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

## 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* 

## Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Tom & June Roof Preston Bryant Eddie Ellisor Connie Bucknam Linda Waters-Hamilton Ernie Swygert J Mary Price I Jeff Bucknam I

Jim Whitaker Lila Catt Doris Maddox

## 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 Mary Frances Hamilton, friend of congregation 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 Todd Hewitt, friend of Missy Addy Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease Jane Park, friend of Pastor Gina & Dion \*Family of Carolyn Speed, sister of Herb Bucknam

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Ser                 | ving Today*         | Serving N       |
| Greeter:            | Dennis Thurman      | Jim Wl          |
| <b>Crucifer:</b>    | Skyler Miller       | Wynne           |
| Acolytes/           | -                   | Brayde          |
| Torch               | Lawson Morris       | Brayde          |
| <b>Bearers:</b>     | Tanner Addy         | ·               |
| <b>Bible Bearer</b> | • Jackson Price     |                 |
| <b>Trumpeter:</b>   | Belle Kneece        |                 |
| Lector:             | Wynne Price         | Kay Br          |
| Communion           | Asst.               |                 |
|                     | Breanna Metze       | Wynne           |
|                     | Sheila Starkey      | Emily I         |
|                     | Megan Landers       | Megan           |
| Children's S        | ermon:              | C               |
|                     | Daryl Leigh Anthony | Mary K          |
| Nursery:            | Larry Amick         | Haley A         |
| -                   | Kay Bryant          | Karen I         |
|                     |                     |                 |

Food Pantry: October 30 **Annette Price** 

November 6 Diane Boulware

#### Serving in October\*

**Council Representative:** Marion Leaphart Altar Guild: Mary Frances Sease Tabulators: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware (Larry Amick)

Ushers: Ricky Bouknight, Fran Bouknight, Ronnie Fulmer, Wayne Eargle

#### Serving in November

**Council Representative:** Joe Koon Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price Tabulators: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick, Linda Waters-Hamilton (Barbara Corley) Ushers: Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Marion Leaphart, Tom Stahl

\* 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

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## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

### Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 9:00 am All Saints' Sunday
- 10:15 am Tonechimes (1st 15 min. of SS)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Puppet Ministry Choir Rm
- 3:30 pm Confirmation
- 5:00 pm LCY Meets

#### Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Lay School @ LTSS

#### Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry6:00 pm Handbells6:30 pm Chancel Choir





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# **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### Sunday, October 27th

- 9:00 am Reformation Sunday
- 10:15 am Tonechimes (1<sup>st</sup> 15 minutes of Sunday School)
- 10:15 am Sanctuary Safety Lexington County Sheriff Dept.
- 11:15 am Puppet Ministry Choir Room

#### Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Lay School @ LTSS

#### Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

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

## Thursday, October 31st

5:30 pm "Trunk or Treat" – Church Parking Lot

