# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, September 08, 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

**Parry** 

#### 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** 

This Little Light of Mine

Hayes

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.

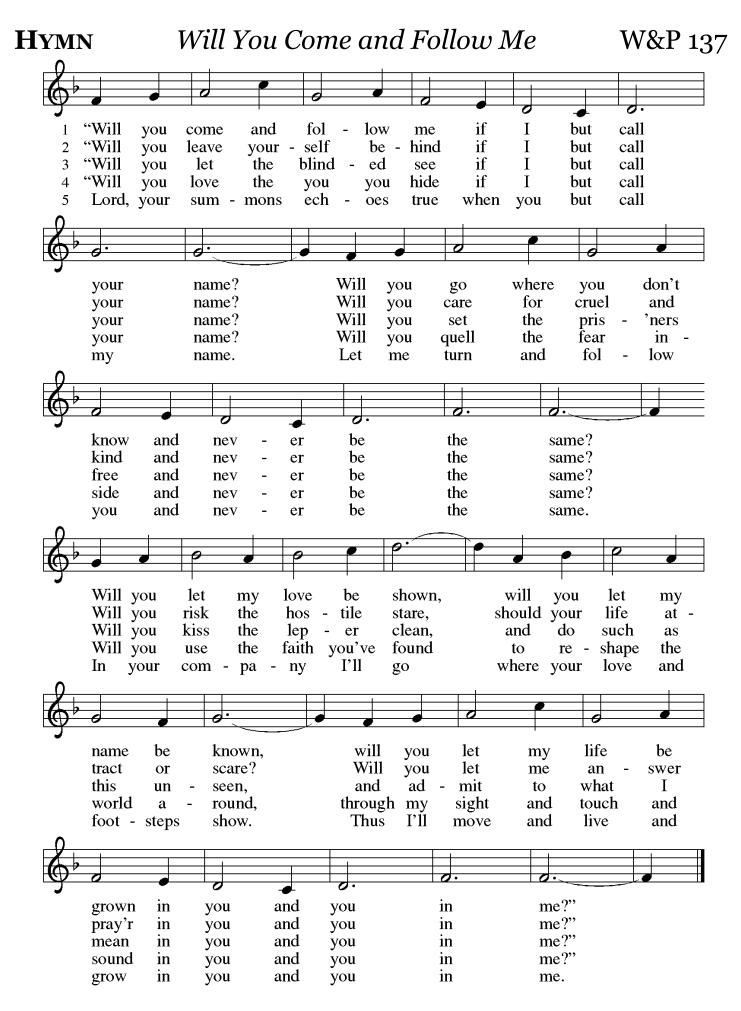
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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.

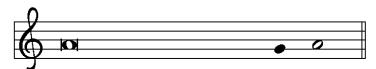


#### GREETING

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**

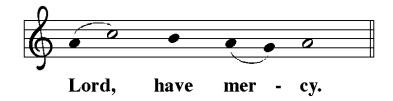


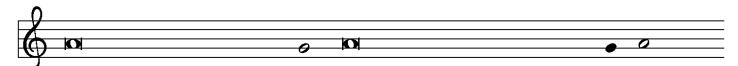
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



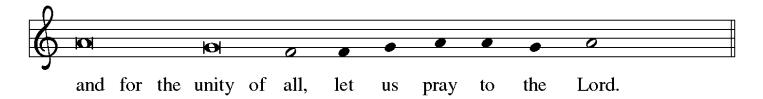


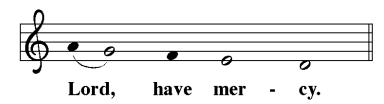
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

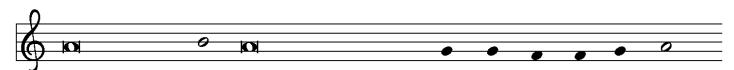




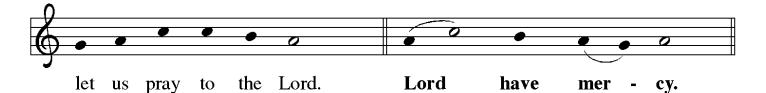
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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,



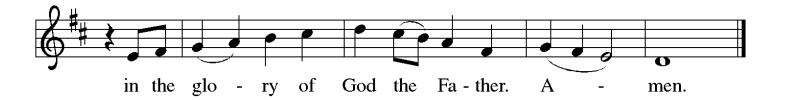


you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

#### **READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

#### **PSALM: Psalm 1**

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

# <sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

#### **READING: Philemon 1-21**

A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I

preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

We sit.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

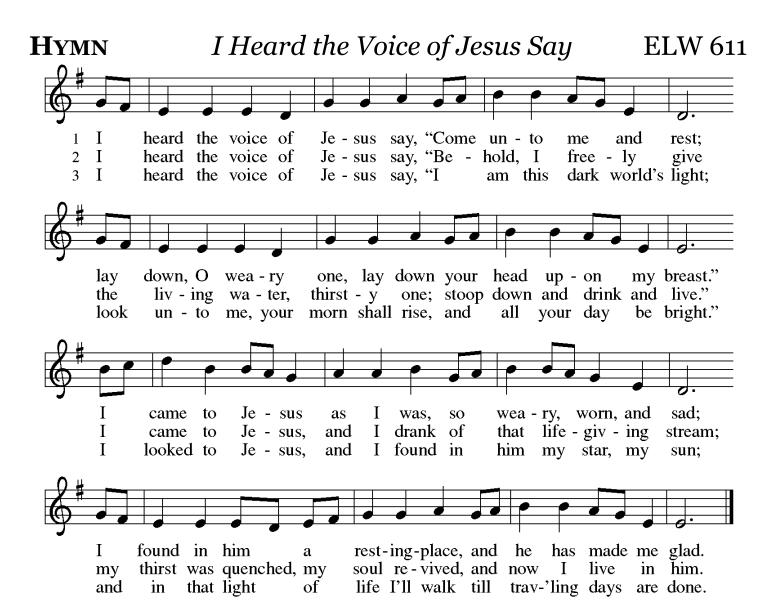
Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

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** 

The cost of discipleship.

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**

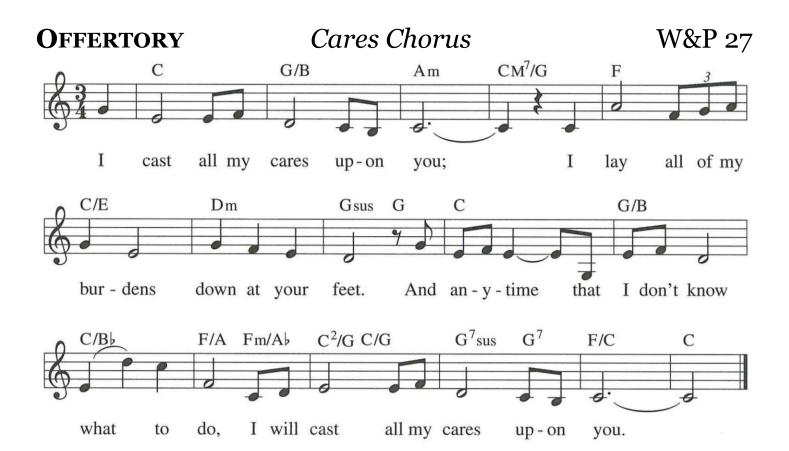
We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located at the center aisle.

#### **O**FFERING

Take Now My Voice

Nolan



#### **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.

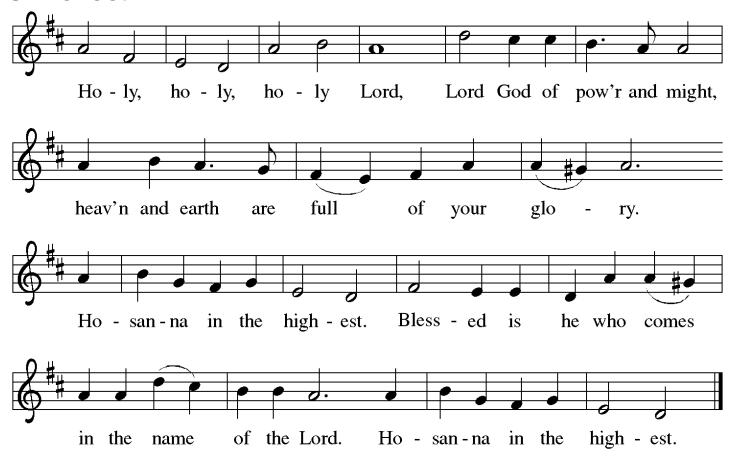
We lift them to the Lord.

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 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*.

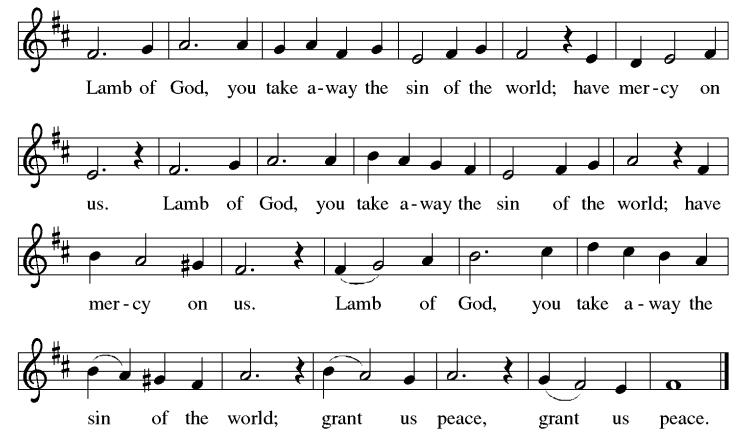
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 Potters Hand

Zschech

#### **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** 

Come Thou Fount

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# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Iris House's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday by Iris House (Debbie Fulmer's mother).

# 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 09/01/2019 Attendance: Worship – 88; Sunday School – 32

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$6,849.75	\$2,775.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>				
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$430.00	\$83.85
<b>Building on Holy Ground</b>				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$2,705.00	\$1,058.85

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

In memory of Stephen M. Price by Dale & Sonya Miller

In memory of Georgia Crick by Eldon Eargle

In memory of Edia Elizabeth Roof Clark by Renee Harris



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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





MT. HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Fall Candlelight Dinner

Dinner and Musicial Entertainment Ruthie Brannen, keyboard Belle Kneece, trumpet October 12, 2019 6:00 PM Supports Mt. Hermon Funds for the Arts



# Young @

# Wednesday, September 18th

Chicken Stew 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall

# 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!

#### Reminder...

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 (contact church office)

3011 Leaphart Road,

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Our presenter will be (a working lunch) Dr. Will Willimon Host: Mt. Hermon | from the faculty of Duke

Congregations

Confronting Racism

October 15, 2019

Lutheran Church Divinity School and author of WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARL? PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM

#### **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

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Jim & Vickie Burcham, family of Dennis Thurman

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

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

Mary Frances Hamilton, friend of congregation

Nellie Gantt, mother of Mary Price

\*Family of Katherine Devoy, aunt of Cindy Price

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today\* Serving September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Greeter:** Mary Frances Sease Cindy Price

**Crucifer:** Joel Price Sr. Lawson Morris

**Acolyte:** Connor Eargle Josh Koon

Sam Koon Spencer Price

**Lector:** Sheila Eargle Devona Price

**Communion Asst.** 

Breanna Metze Lawson Morris Sheila Starkey Joel Price Sr. OPEN Angie Hydrick

**Children's Sermon:** 

Daryl Leigh Anthony Diane Boulware

**Nursery:** Grace Roof, Brittany Grace Roof, Emily Arroyo,

Allen, Alyson Price OPEN

Food Pantry: September 11 September 18

Diane Boulware Renee Greenbaum

#### **Serving in September\***

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

**Tabulators:** Buddy Hydrick, Parker Boulware, Jean Shealy,

**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 15th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

3:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

3:30 pm Confirmation Class

5:00 pm LCY Meeting

# Tuesday, September 17th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

# Wednesday, September 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry

12:00 pm Young @ Heart - Chicken Stew

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

# Saturday, September 21st

**Community Octoberfest** 



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Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor*Ruthie Brannen, *Cantor*Susan LaCons, *Parish Administrator* 

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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 8th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

11:30 am Farming Church Update Lunch

Fellowship Hall Council Meets

#### Tuesday, September 10th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, September 11th

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