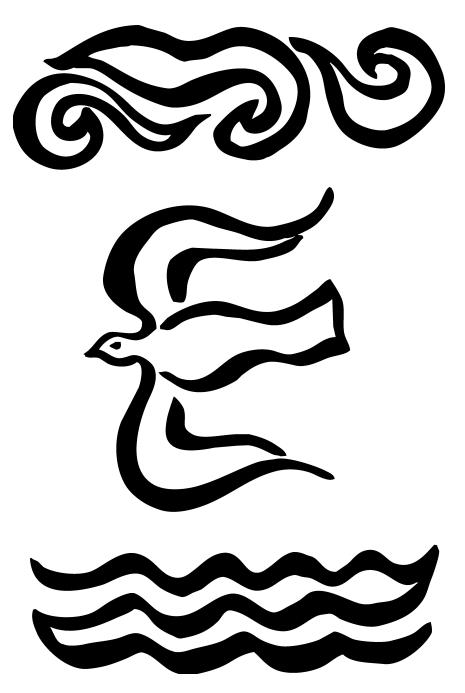
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



March 8, 2020

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 Behold the Lamb with Lamb of God Tornquist

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 Open Our Eyes with Be Thou Vision Tornquist 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 is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

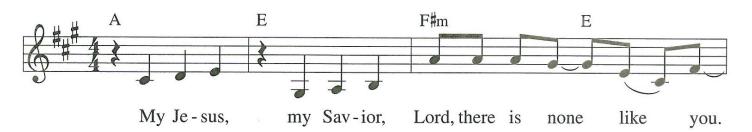
Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.
We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love for all people.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

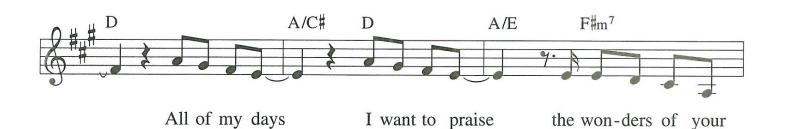
Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All our sin is forgiven in the name of **†** Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for us. **Amen.**

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

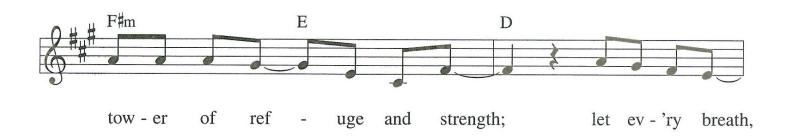
Shout to the Lord (Sing 2 times)

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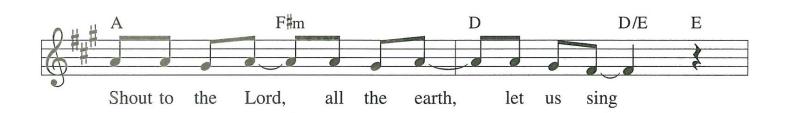


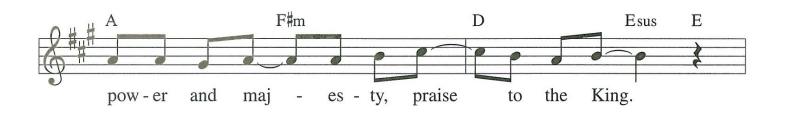


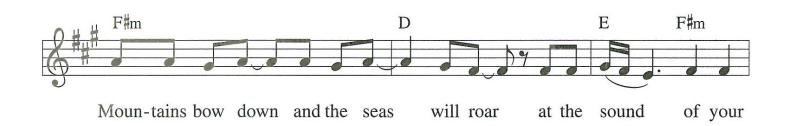


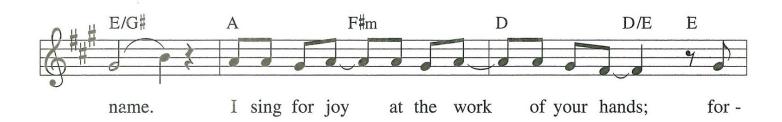


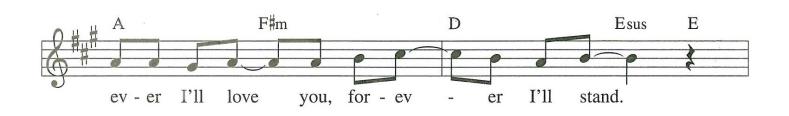


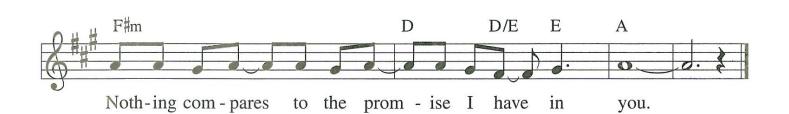












GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Read responsively.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

5the LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise

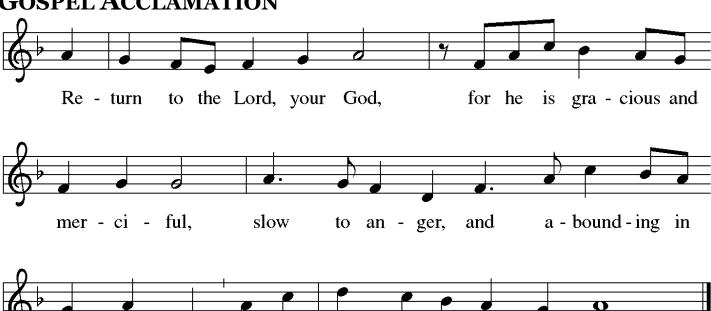
may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



a - bound - ing in stead - fast

love.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

stead - fast

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter.

and

love.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second

time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Music Message Revelation Song Kari Jobe

Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn) Chris Rice

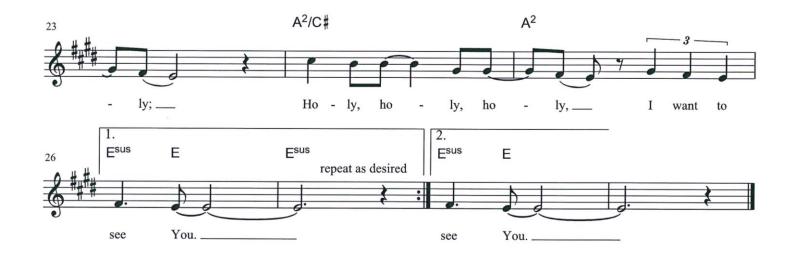
Deliver Us Andrew Peterson

Even So Come Tomlin/Ingram/Cates

HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart





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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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.**

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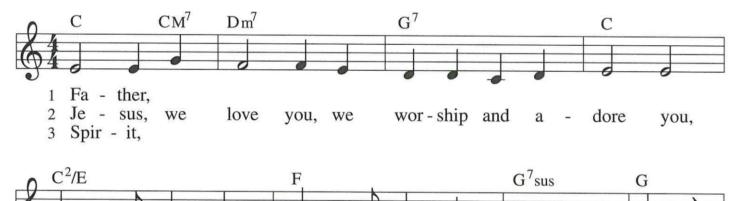
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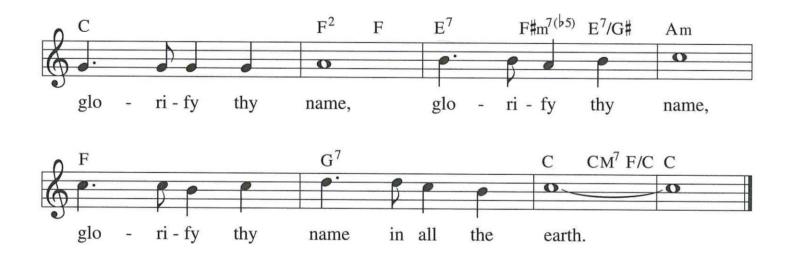
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OFFERTORY

Glorify Thy Name

W&P 42





We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends.

Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

As we gathered for worship, we heard the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. *We remember and we heard Pastor Gina say these words:*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

Communion assistants come forward.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

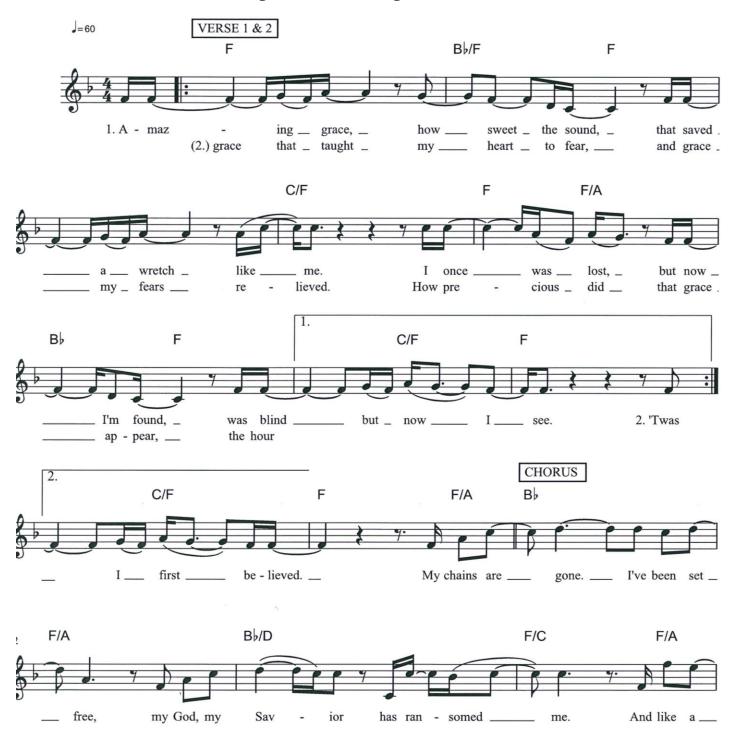
All are welcome to this Meal. Gluten-free wafers are also available. We will receive communion by method of intinction. You will receive the bread and then move to the wine chalice. Please dip the bread into the chalice and then consume. Those not communing, may come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



HYMN

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)







We stand.

BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us and give us God's peace. *Amen*.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, bless us, unbind us, and send us in love and in 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.

HYMN 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

Verse 1:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

Verse 2:

You're rich in love and slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

So, bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name. Bless You Lord.
Oh, ----Oh,------Oh,------

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, oh, my soul.
I worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship Your holy name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name. Jesus, I will worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

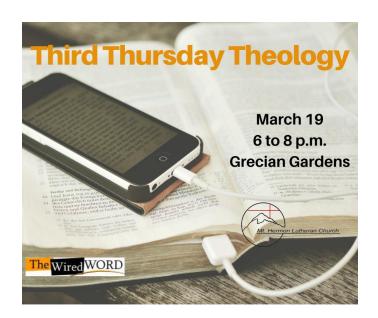
The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Ann Bouknight on her birthday – "Happy Birthday Mama!" Love, Lynn



Philippians 2: 5-11

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services 6:30 pm

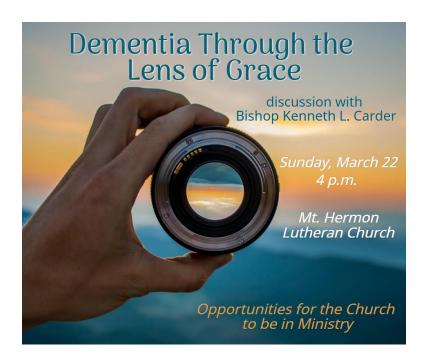
Meal following in the Fellowship Hall







Matthew Dickerson began playing the hammered dulcimer at the young age of 15 on a homemade instrument he had constructed from a water damaged piano. He developed a love for the music that is contagious to anyone listening. In 2018, Matthew chose music as a full-time venture performing and teaching across the United States as well as in the studio and online. Matthew has a genuine appreciation for great music and talent in multiple genres and continues to reach for new heights in both style and performance as one of the best dulcimer players in the country.









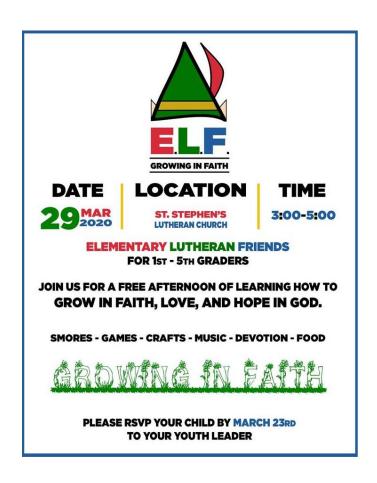
Red Cross Blood Drive
April 26, 2020 11:30-4:00
Mt. Hermon is sponsoring a Red Cross
Blood Drive on Sunday, April 26 from
11:30 am-4:00 pm. Please make
plans to donate blood to save a life. You
can register to give by going to

www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code "**mthermon**" to make your appointment or call the Church Office, 794-6430. Susan LaCons, our Parish Administrator can get you registered.

Tithes, and Offering for 03/01/2020 Attendance: Worship – 91; Sunday School – 55

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$8,076.24
Building Improvement	Received	\$440.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,255.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)



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MT HERMON PRAYS ...

*Family of Roy Lindler, father of Nancy Addison & Becky Wise *Family of Myrtle Jenkins, sister of Nell Buff

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, Home

Patricia Bachman, Carolina Gardens

Hazel Bockus, Carolina Gardens

Lynwood Crout, Home

Tom & June Roof, Home

Margie Hook, Home

Lois Watson, Lexington Place

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

Rev. Everette Price, Home

Ernie Swygert, Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Connie Bucknam Lila Catt

Jim Whitaker Jeff Bucknam, deployed

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease

Jane Park, friend of Pastor Gina & Dion

Jean Wooten, friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tommy Roof, son of Tom & June Roof

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

Eric Powell, friend of Kim Fulmer

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Harold & Mary Prater, parents of Ray Prater

Sonny Williams, friend of Kenny Bouknight

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Backman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Floyd Fuller, uncle of David Marsh

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

Don Morris, father of Keith Morris

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

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Serving March 15th

Greeter: Jenny Scott Mary Frances Sease

Crucifer: Jackson Price Connor Eargle **Acolytes:** Josh Koon Mitch Stevens

Sam Koon Mackenzie Burns

Lector: Emily Morris Larry Amick

Communion Asst.

Wynne Price

Jackson Price Connor Eargle
Emily Morris Ronnie Fulmer
Angie Hydrick Marion Leaphart

Children's Sermon:

Mary Koon Sheila Eargle

Sunday School Teachers

3 yrs − **1**st Daryl Leigh Anthony Diane Boulware

Denise Thurman Parker Boulware

2nd-5th Kay Bryant Laura Stevens

Larry Amick Nancy Addison

Youth Mary Koon Mary Koon

Nursery: Emily Arroyo Brittany Allen

Jennifer Miller Alyson Price

Food Pantry: March 11 March 18

Diane Boulware Jo Leach

Serving in March*

Council Representative: Joe Koon

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price

Tabulators: Diane Boulware, Angie Hydrick, Linda Waters-Hamilton

(Larry Amick)

Ushers: Danny Scott, Parker Boulware, Kay Bryant, Larry Amick

^{*} 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, March 15th Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

11:15 am Youth/Mates Lunch – Fellowship Hall

3:30 pm Confirmation

Monday, March 16th

6:00 pm Outreach Team Meets – Activity Room

6:00 pm Care Team Meets – Conference Room

Tuesday, March 17th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry

12:00 pm Young @ Heart - Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Lenten Worship, Rev. Lance Henderson

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Meal following – (Kiononia Sunday School Class)

Thursday, March 19th

6:00 pm "Third Thursday Theology" – Grecian Gardens

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 21st

6:00 pm Matthew Dickerson Concert, Dulcimer Artist Fellowship Hall



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, March 8th Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

6:00 pm Council Meets

Monday, March 9th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men Meet

Tuesday, March 10th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry

6:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Lenten Worship, Rev. John Woods

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Meal following (Friendship Sunday School Class)

Thursday, March 12th

6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Pastor Gina will be on vacation Thursday, March 5th through Tuesday, March 10th