

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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.
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 ...

PRE-SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

MUSIC

*Come and Worship the Lord
(The Transfiguration of Our Lord)*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

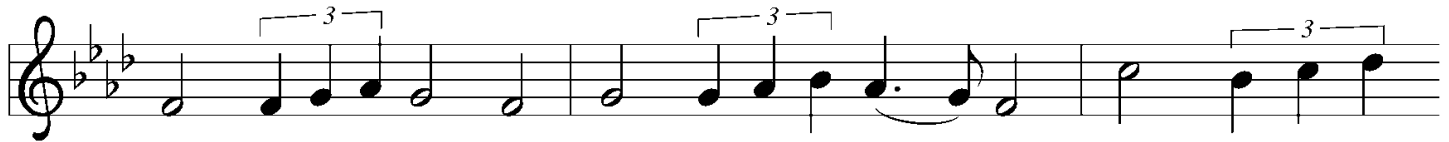
God who searches us and knows us,
***you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; ✠ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen

HYMN

Thy Strong Word

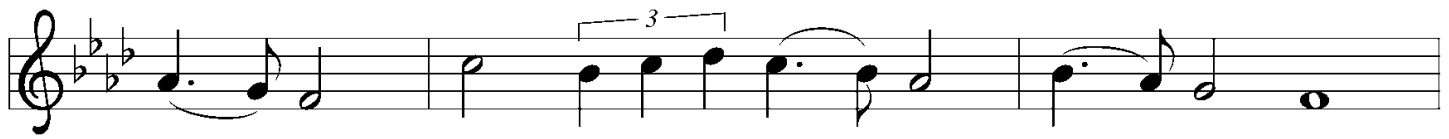
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1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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!

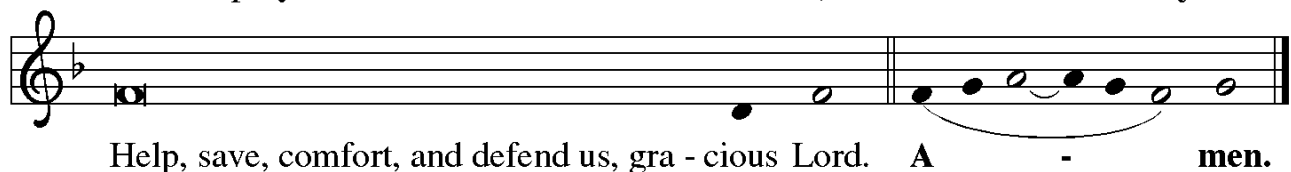
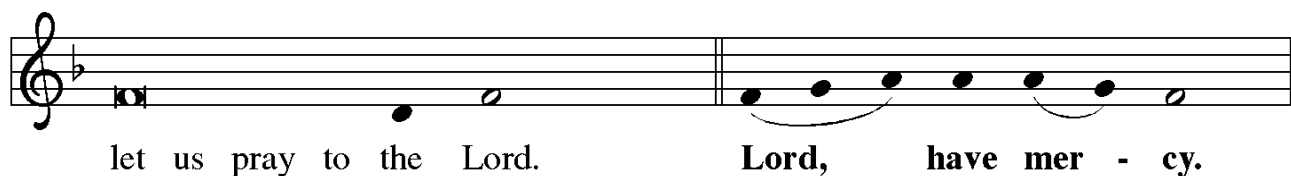
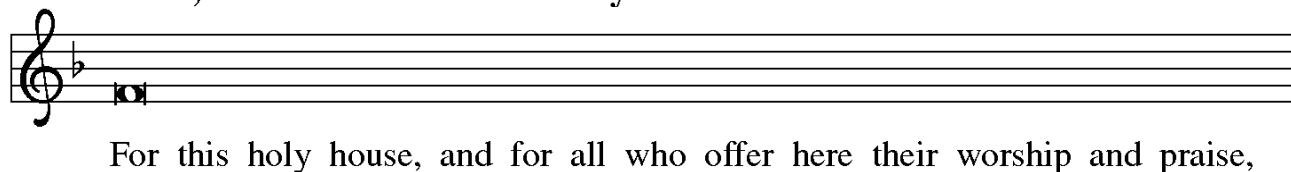
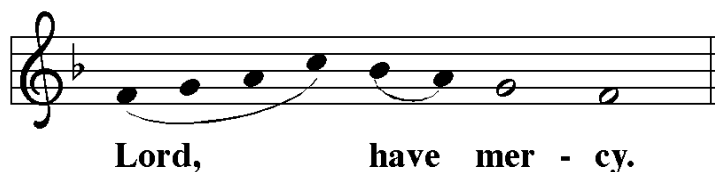
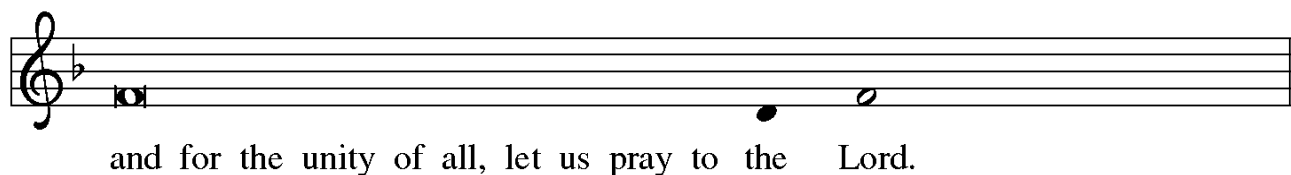
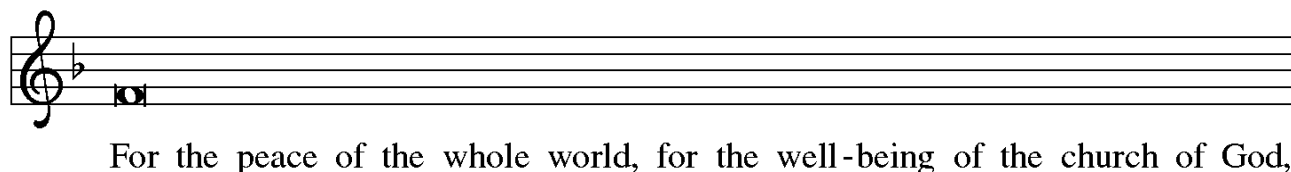
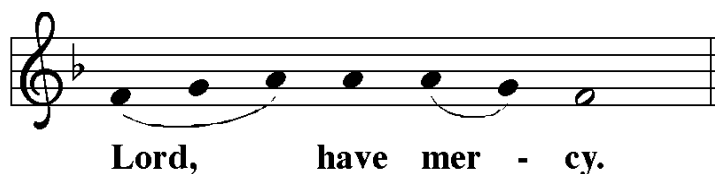
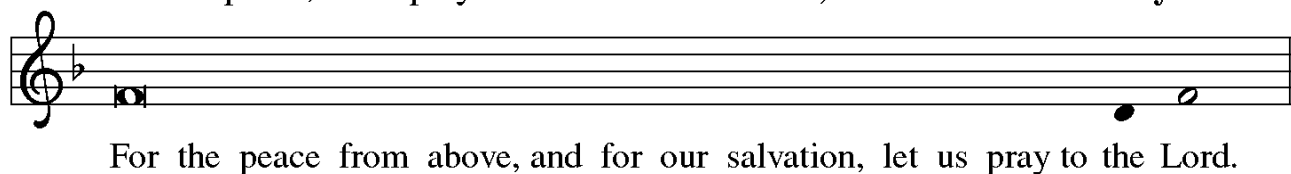
GREETING

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.

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GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2nd Kings.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as

you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Read responsively.

¹The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

***⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.***

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

***⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.***

READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2nd Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR TRANSFIGURATION

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{2a}Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for

us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S TIME

share what you see

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

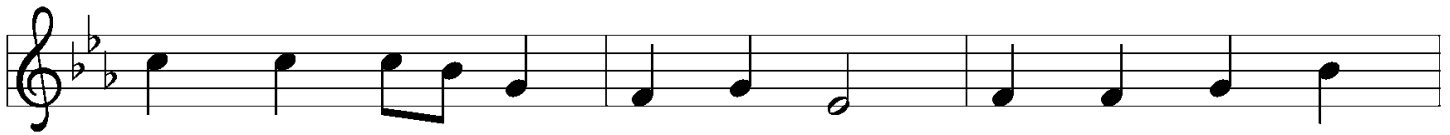
Follow me: you will be changed

We stand.

HYMN

Jesus on the Mountain Peak/BETHOLD

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1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with 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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition:

Let us pray. ***Help us to see you anew!***

The Prayers conclude:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

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." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

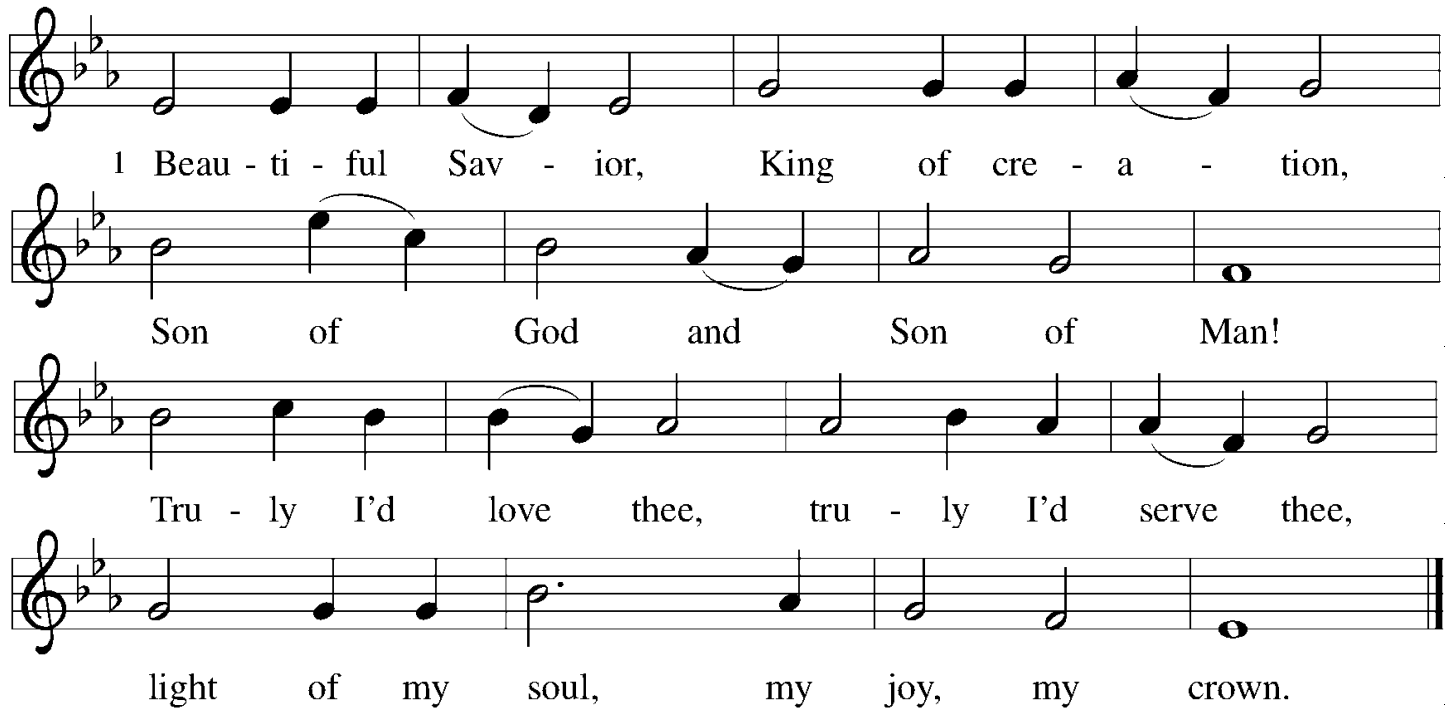
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:

like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care,

and empower us in faithful service

to tend to others with this same love,

through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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.

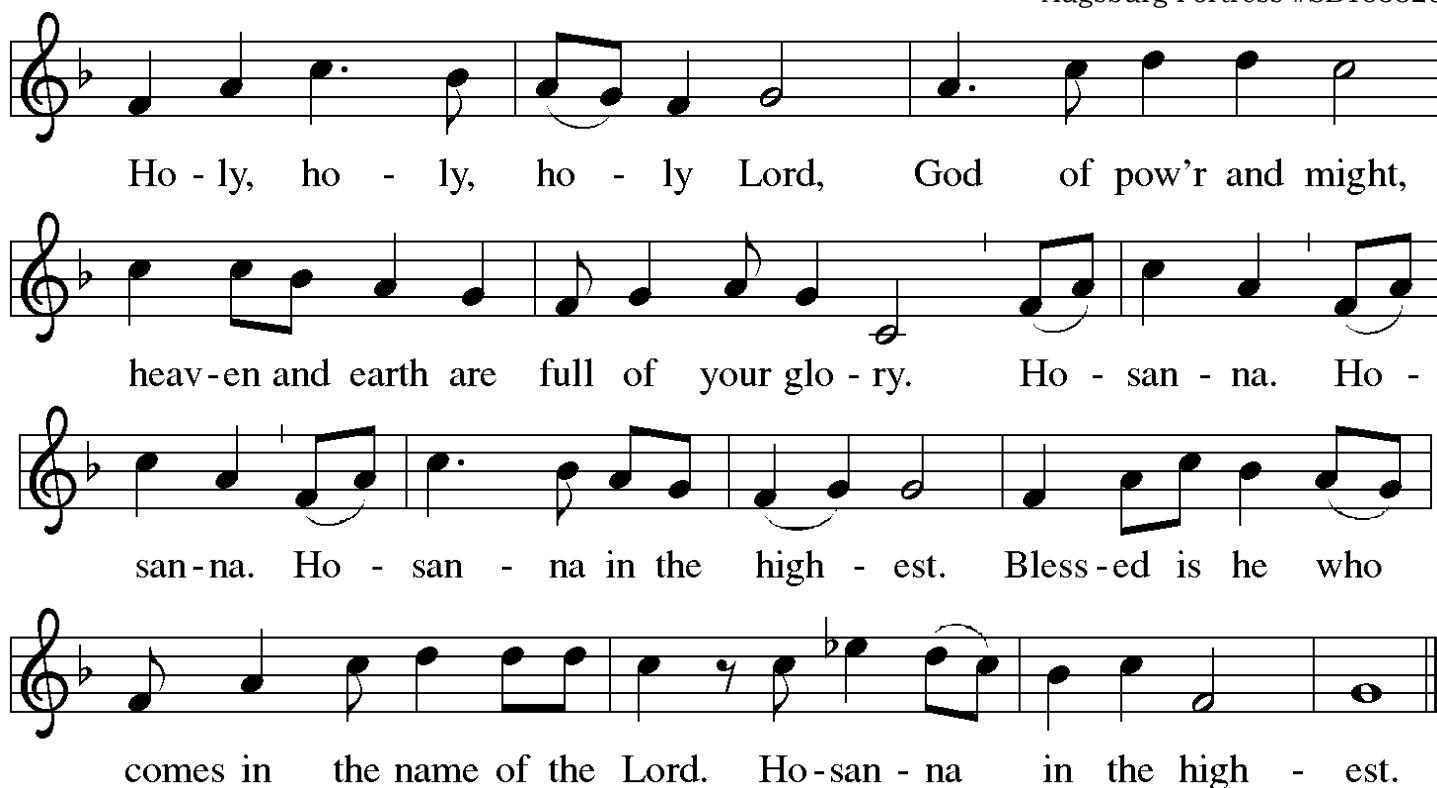
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***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,

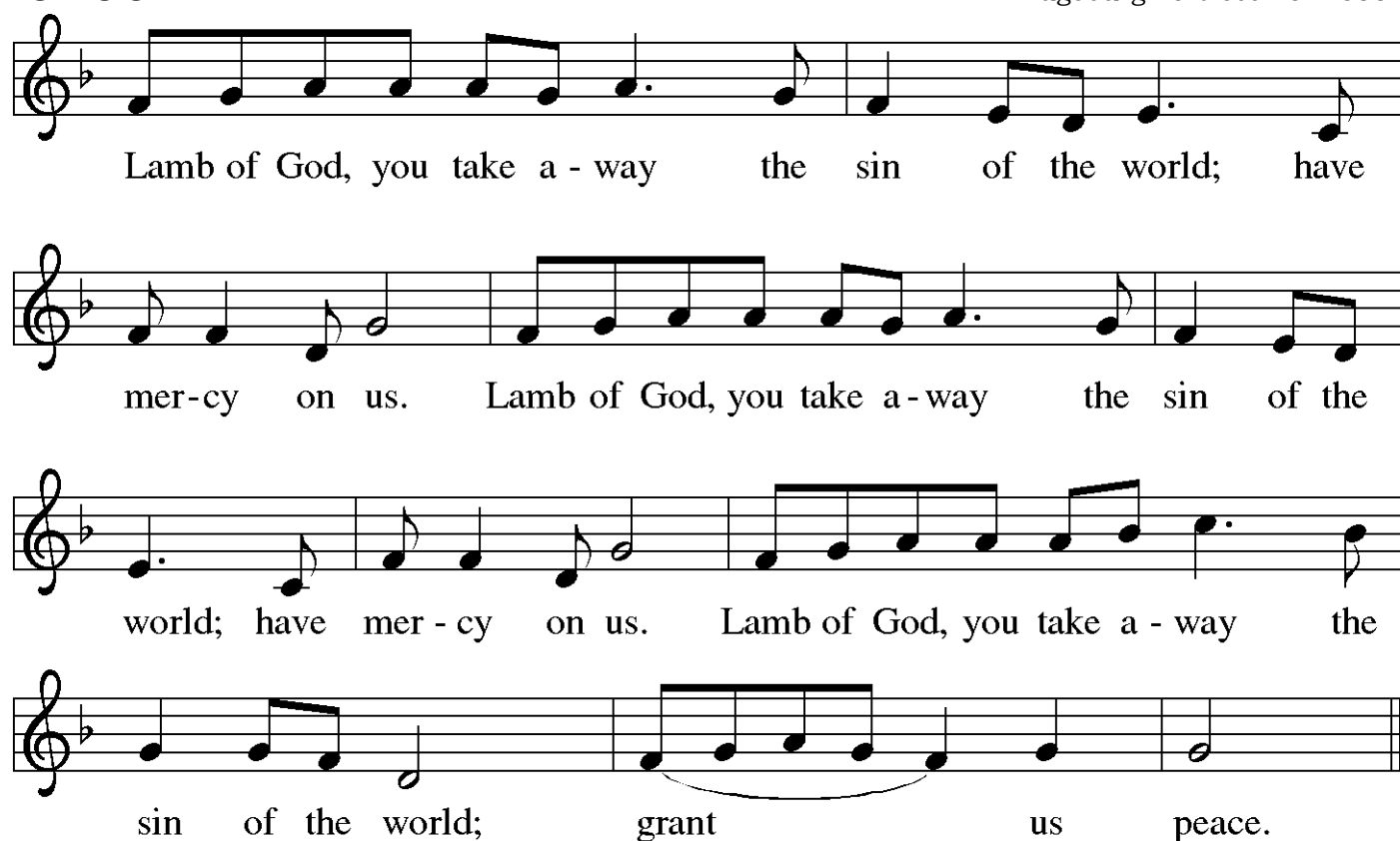
on earth as it is in heaven.

***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.***

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine.
Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

*Drive-In Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:30-12:00. You may also
call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God the creator strengthen you;
may Jesus the beloved fill you;
and may the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

Alleluia explanation.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close. The Lent-Easter cycle begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is Transfiguration Sunday. We hear of a noticeable change which happens to Jesus on the mountain. We put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

We must first understand our need to be changed. During our worship service each Sunday, we turn to the door and confess our sin and ask for God's forgiveness. After hearing God's forgiveness of your sins, we turn completely around, which is the meaning of repent, and we face the altar of God in full view, fully forgiven of what we are both doing and left undone.



HYMN

Farewell to Alleluia 98-2995
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Verse 1: Choir

Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

Verse 2: Choir

Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.

Verse 3: Choir

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin
must flow.

Verse 4: Congregation

***Therefore; in our hymns we pray thee, Grant us,
blessed Trinity, at the last to keep thine Easter in
our home beyond the sky, there to Thee forever
singing Alleluia joyfully.***


POSTLUDE

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Spencer Price's 12th birthday. Love, Mom, Dad and Jackson

 <p>ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th</p>	<p>Drive-In Ashes Church Parking Lot 7:00am - 8:30am 5:00pm - 6:30pm</p> <p>Worship Worship 7:00pm in-person and live streaming</p>
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All are welcome and invited to remember your day . . .
You are dust, and to dust you shall return.



**Sunday Evening
Lenten Services**

6:30 pm

**In-person and
LiveStreamed**

2021 Altar Flowers

Sign-up board is in the office hallway. You can sign-up when in the church or by calling the church.

Upcoming open dates:

Mar 14th

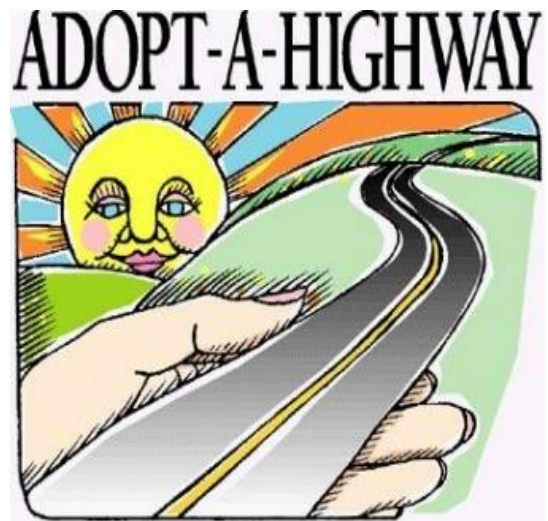
Apr 11th, Apr 18th, Apr 25th



Saturday, February 20th

9:00 am

Church Parking Lot



The **Food Pantry** needs any size **diapers** (adult & children). Please consider adding them to your shopping list. *Thank you!*

Tithes, and Offering for 02/07/2021
Live Stream Worship 117 + In-person 32 = 149
Drive-In Communion = 40

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,841.65
Building Improvement	Received	\$425.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,780.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Ray Prater by Faye Sox, Diane & Parker Boulware

In memory of Harold Prater by Faye Sox, Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of Virginia Kiser by Diane & Parker Boulware

In memory of Connie Bucknam on her birthday by Herb Bucknam

In memory of Lois Watson by Eldon Eargle

In memory of Mike Watford by Eldon Eargle



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Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	Gennar Kiser, <i>home</i>
Alberta Berry, <i>home</i>	Rev. Everette Price, <i>home</i>
Hazel Bockus, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	June Roof, <i>Rapha</i>
Lyle Bockus, <i>Springdale Home</i>	Tom Roof, <i>home</i>
Nell Buff, <i>home</i>	Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i>
Margie Hook, <i>home</i>	

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Buddy Hydrick	Jo Leach	Marvin Mathias	Jane Sexton
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Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Debbie Smith & family, *niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Sarah Hiltz, *granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*
Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Richard Lindler, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Robert Lindler, *father of Cassie Swygert*
Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Kathy Brown, *friend of congregation*
Donnie Shumpert, *brother-in-law of Andrea Bowers & Jan Schofield*
Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*
Don Cope, *friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*
The Logan Sharpe family, *teammate/friend of Skyler Miller*
Eddie Robinette, *son-in-law of Renee Greenbaum*
Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
*Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 21st First Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 am Worship – In-person and Live Stream
- 10:30 – 12:00 Drive-In Communion
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom
- 6:30 pm Lenten Service – In-person and Live Stream

Monday, February 22nd

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24th

- 9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Ann Bouknight, Annette Price, Sharon Keefe)

Friday, February 26th

- 12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, February 27th

- 9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Koon Family)



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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 14th Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:00 am Worship – In-person and Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
6:00 pm Council Meeting via Zoom

Monday, February 15th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17th
7:00am – 8:30 am Drive-In Ashes Morning
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Andrea Bowers)
5:00pm – 6:30 pm Drive-In Ashes Evening
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service – In-person and Live Stream

Friday, February 19th
12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, February 20th
9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway – Church Parking Lot
9:00am – 5:00pm Lutheran Men Convention
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1715 Bull St., Columbia SC 29201
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight & Karen Nicholson)