

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 7, 2022

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Fear is a Liar, Voice of Truth

Williams/CCLI # 4196620 - Hall, Chapman/CCLI #7071172

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.*

Amen.

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
*we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.*

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

This is My Father's World

Sheppard/CCLI #84733



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

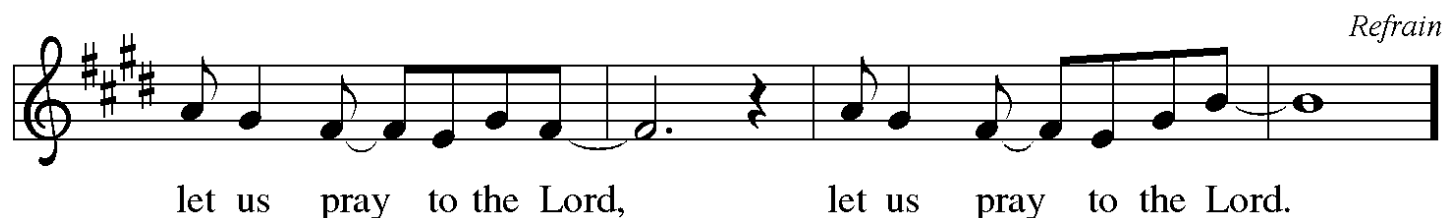
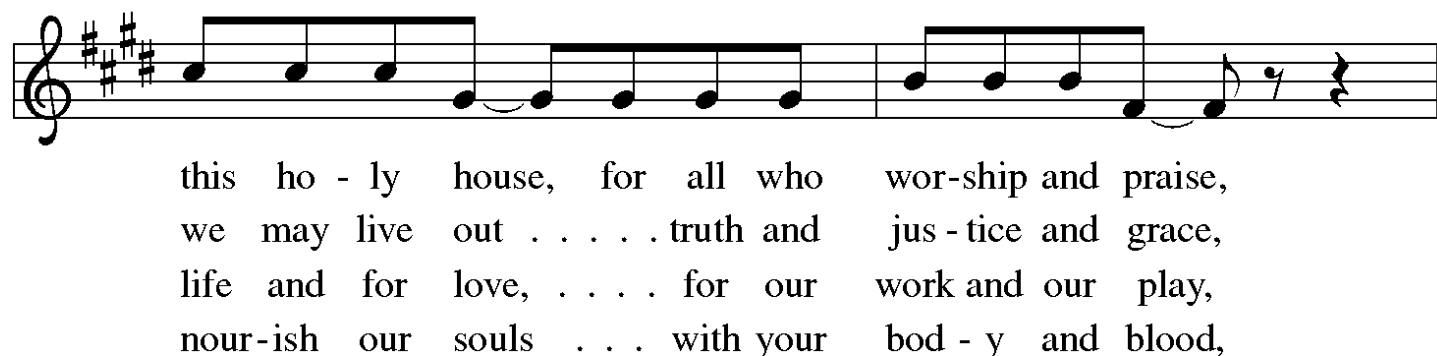
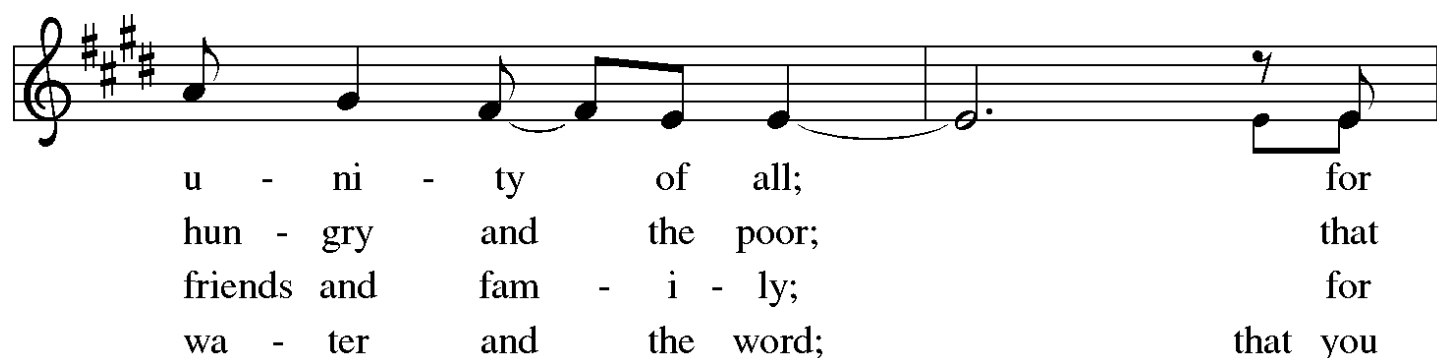
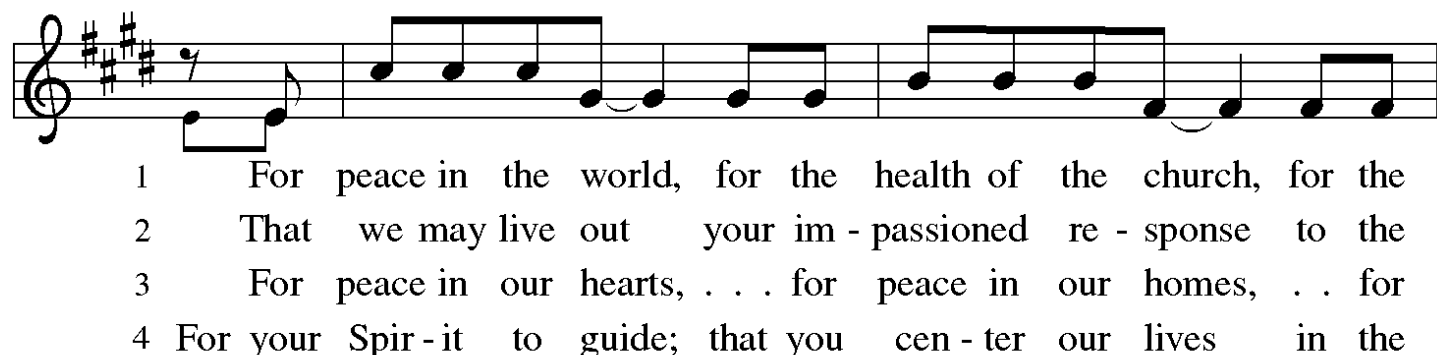
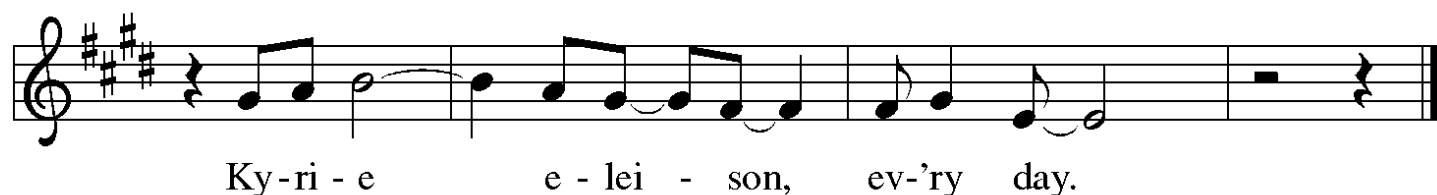
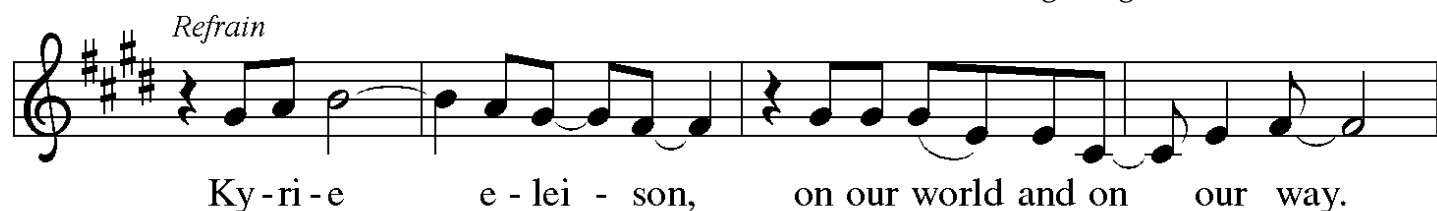
GREETING

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

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³***The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.***

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵***God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.***

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷***The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.***

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹***to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.***

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹***Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.***

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was

made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 12th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

fear

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We pray together.

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

it's sometimes hard to hear

We stand.

HYMN

You Are My Hiding Place

Lender/CCLI #21442

1* Am Dm7 G G/B

You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways

Csus C G/B F/A Dm

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -

Esus E 2 Am

ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,

Dm7 G G/B C G/B

I will trust in you. Let the weak say,

F/A Dm To repeat Esus E

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."



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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

We sit.

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Father, I Adore You

Coelho/CCLI #26557

1* F Gm C F 2 Gm

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Father, I Adore You'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The notation is split into two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature change from Bb to C (indicated by a natural sign for B). The notes are: F (quarter), Gm (quarter), C (quarter), F (quarter), Gm (quarter), and Gm (quarter). The second system has a treble clef and a key signature change from C to Bb (indicated by a flat sign for B). The notes are: C (quarter), F (quarter), Gm (quarter), C (quarter), F (quarter), and F (quarter). The lyrics are: '1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - 3 Spir - it, fore you; how I love you.' The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Fa' under F, 'ther,' under Gm, 'Je' under C, 'sus,' under F, 'I' under Gm, 'a - dore' under Gm, 'you,' under C, 'lay' under F, 'my' under Gm, 'life' under C, 'be -' under F, 'Spir - it,' under F, 'fore' under C, 'you;' under F, 'how' under Gm, 'I' under C, 'love' under F, and 'you.' under F.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

***As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus. 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

O God, Light of all lights, we worship you and glorify your name. You appeared to Moses in the flames of a bush that burned and was not consumed. You revealed in him the holiness of your name. I am who I am. Then you came to us in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. His light was extinguished, yet you raised him from the dead. Jesus spoke to us your promise: I am the light of the world. Let His light burn in our hearts.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We humbly seek your face and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your wisdom to empower us. ***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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

*Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.*

*Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. *Amen.*

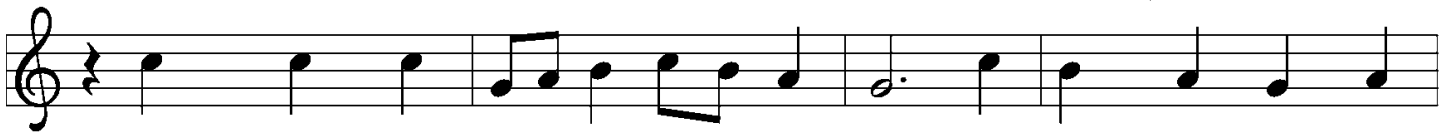
PRAYERS FOR CHURCH WIDE ASSEMBLY

O God, our beginning and our end ...

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

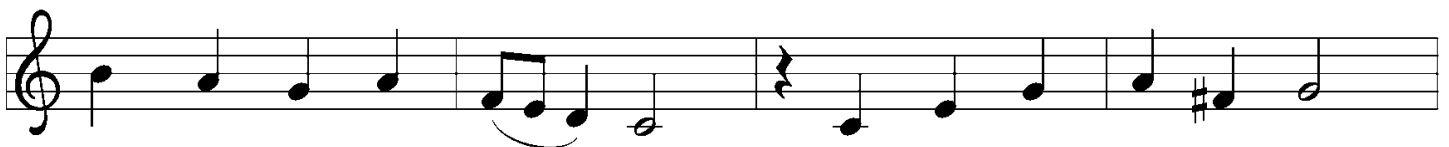
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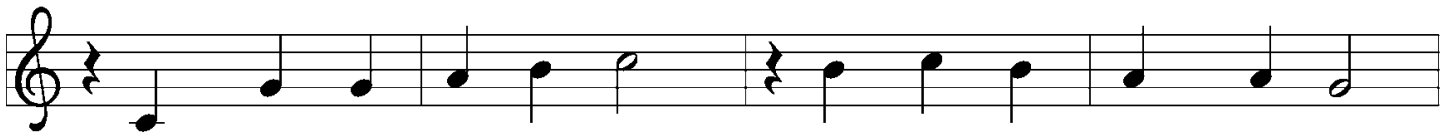
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

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

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of our 34th Wedding Anniversary by Tommy & Kelli Mills.



Beginning today! Note the updated days. If you would like to know more about discipleship at Mt. Hermon, plan to attend an information meeting on Sundays in Pastor Gina's office.

Monday, August 8th @ 6:30 pm – Lutheran Men & Women

An evening with Deacon Dallas Shealy, executive director of South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.



Rally Day

August 14 is Rally Day! We are looking forward to Rally Day 2022!

Rally Day will be celebrated immediately after worship on August 14th. There will be lunch, fun water activities, a cake walk and a special treat for dessert. We hope to see everyone after worship in the Fellowship Hall on the 14th to kick off the new Sunday School year and to hear all about what we have to offer! If you have any questions please contact Elyse Kinard (803.212.8709) or Daryl Leigh Anthony (803.331.6178). We will move outdoors and dedicate the Outdoor Worship Space! The students will then be able to **SLIDE INTO** a new year with an inflatable waterslide. Students, bring your swimsuits and towels!





Blessing of the Backpacks

It's hard to believe but summer break is coming to an end. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings! Invite your friends and all the teachers you know to church on Sunday, August 14 for a backpack and bags

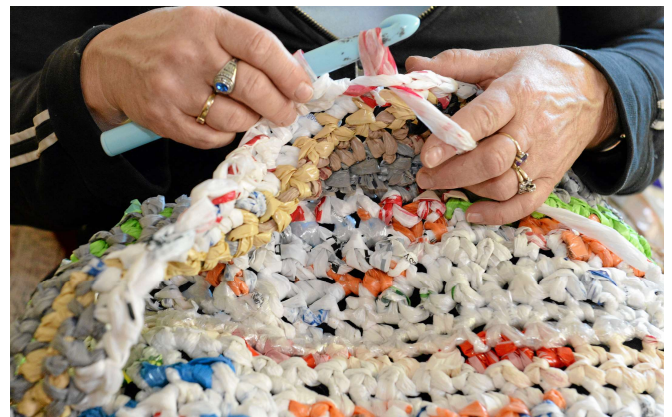
blessing during worship. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year. Mt Hermon wishes ALL of the students, teachers and administrators a wonderful school year!



Nursery Volunteers

We need your help in the nursery during Worship and Sunday school. Please sign-up in the breezeway or contact Brittany Allen 803-206-7588.

Save your sacks for a sleep mat!
Save your grocery/trash bags.
Susan Busby is helping to collect bags which will be crocheted into sleep mats for the homeless. A container will be in the area outside of the church office for you to drop them off.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

07/31/2022

In-person Worship 108 + Live Stream Worship 64 = 172

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| Current & Benevolent | Received | \$3,848.50 |
| Building Fund | Received | \$620.00 |
| Building Improvement | Received | \$210.00 |

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Joanne Mathias** by Bob & Doris Carver,
Dot Mathias, Terry & Allison Swygert, and Jenny Scott.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

| | Serving Today* | Next Sunday |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ushers: | Dion Metze Ronnie Fulmer | Wayne Eargle Arron Kinard |
| Greeter: | Mary Price | Jo Leach |
| Crucifer: | Josh Koon | Connor Eargle |
| Acolyte: | Sam Koon | Hayden Eargle |
| Lector: | Ricky Bouknight | Sheila Eargle |
| Communion Assts: | Kathy Cooper | Hayden Eargle |
| | Marion Leaphart | Ronnie Fulmer |
| | Terry Swygert | Jennifer Miller |
| Flowers: | Tommy & Kelli Mills | Marry Price Jenny Scott |

Serving in August

COUNCIL REP: Joel Price, Sr.

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby



MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Nell Buff, *NHC*
Becky Koon, *Colonial Gardens*

Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*
Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

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|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Ann Addy | Kay Bryant | James Hallman | Jerry Ellisor |
| Angie Hydrick | Jean Shealy | Jerry Price III | Gene Schofield |
| Mary Frances Sease | Jane Sexton | Suzie Wattenbarger | |

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*
Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*
Beth Ellsworth, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*
Shirley Duenka, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Arthava Tripathi, *child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood*
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*
Curtis Plummer, *husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country*
Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*
Keith Saxton, *friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country*
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 14th

- 9:00 am Worship – Blessing of The Backpacks
- 10:30 am Rally Day!
Hotdogs
Dedication of Outdoor Worship Space
Water Slide
- 4:00 pm Council Meets

Monday, August 15th

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, August 16th

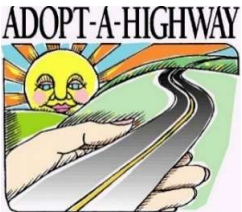
- 6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, August 17th

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

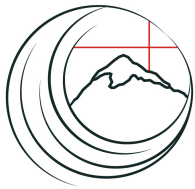
Saturday, August 20th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson)
- 9:00 am Adopt-a-Highway



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY:

We will start the next Adopt-A-Highway pickup from the church parking lot at 9am on Saturday, August 20th, 2022. Please join us if you can!



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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 7th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am New Disciples Class (Pastor Gina's office)

Monday, August 8th

9:30 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, August 9th

6:30 pm Executive Team

Wednesday, August 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry
(Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)
12:05 pm OneBody in Christ
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 13th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura Stevens, Mike Rawl)