

# **Third Sunday of Easter**



**April 18, 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.*

*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...**

## **PRELUDE**

*Christians We Have Met to Worship*

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## **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**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

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# **THE GATHERING**

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
we give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life,  
from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ,  
that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

***Amen.***

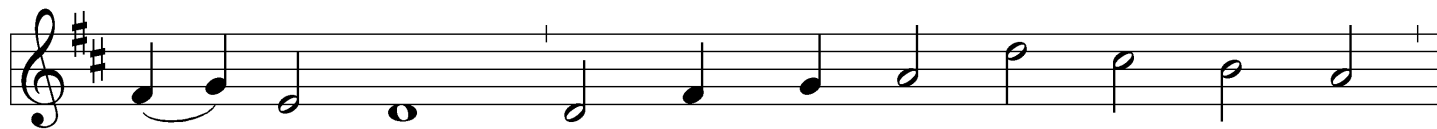
# HYMN

## Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

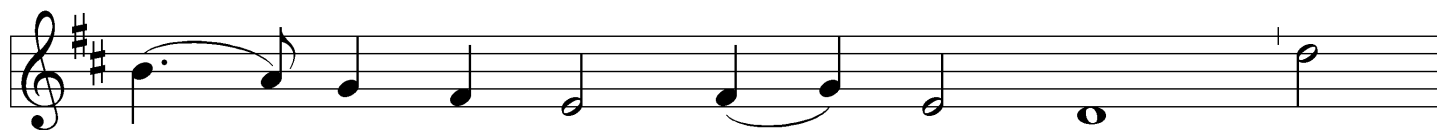
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1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up - on a cross  
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in life where sin  
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will we a - gain  
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us your new



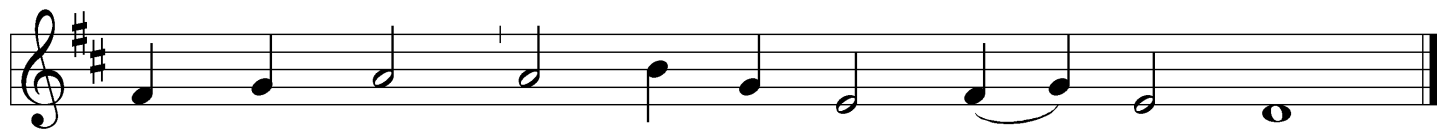
they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing king - ship's worth  
de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom  
re - fuse you, till in the night of hate and war  
cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;



by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
the pow'r which cru - ci - fies you, till  
we per - ish as we lose you? From  
we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
not a stone was left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
fore your cross to fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us.

***And also with you.***

## GLORIA

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We pray together.*

***Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM: Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>***“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”***

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>***Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.***

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>***Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.***

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>***In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.***

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> John.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No

one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

*The Holy gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said

this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

*Come over for dinner*

**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**

*Open your minds*

*We stand.*

## HYMN

## *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## 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**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Today, we pray for our neighboring church **Transfiguration Lutheran Church**. May you continue to use them to spread the Gospel.

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

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 make a contribution any time by visiting [www.WeAreMtHermon.org](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.*

## OFFERING

### *Christ Jesus is Arisen*

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*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

### *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

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On bend - ed knee, with need - y hearts, we  
come and pray. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren.  
With will - ing hearts and o - pen arms, we come and pray.  
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren. With  
sim - ple words of heart - felt thanks, we come. Be -  
liev - ing in your prom - is - es, we come. On



## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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.

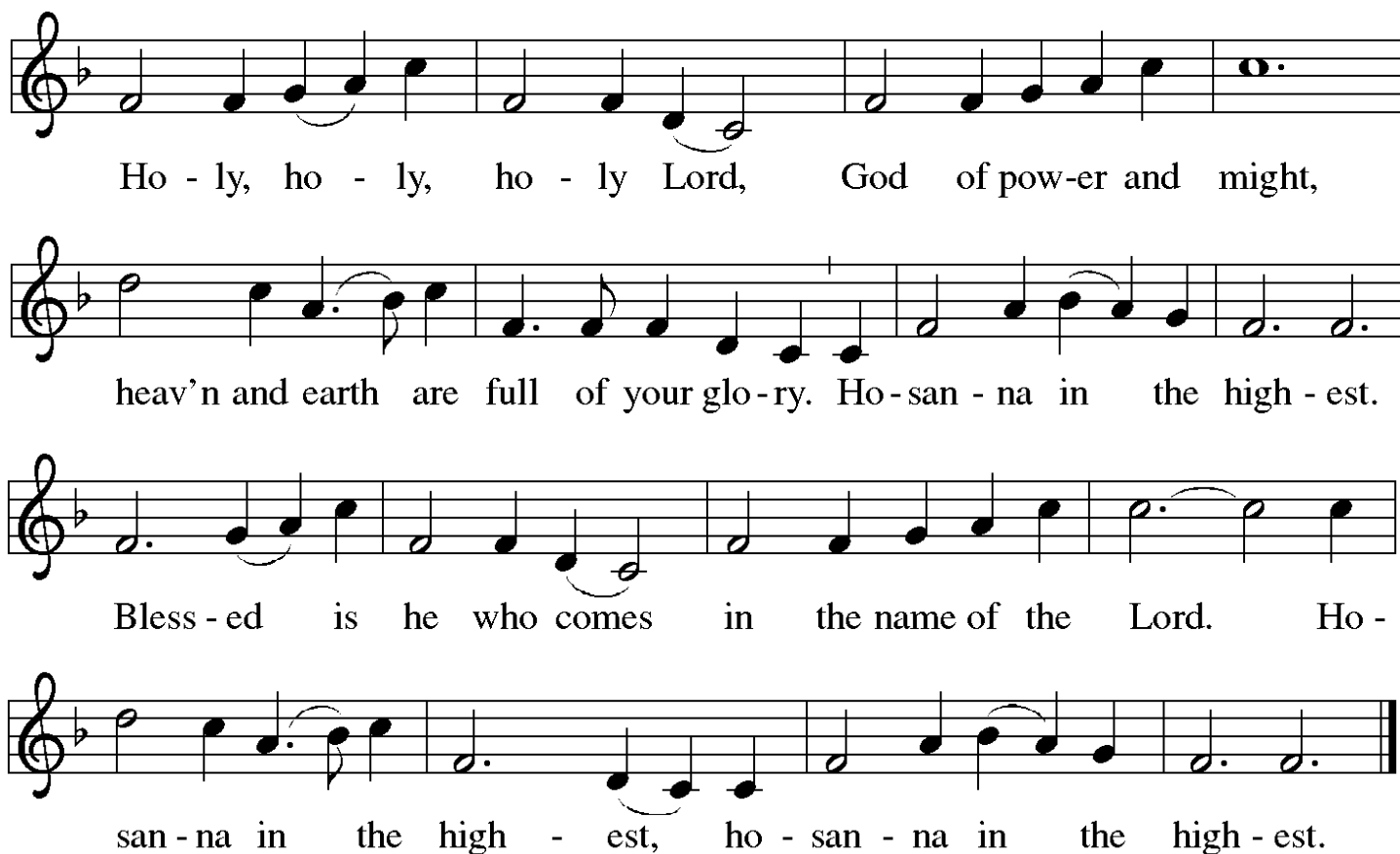
***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***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. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.  
Come to this meal and be fed.

## Communion

Oceans

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*TODAY - Drive-In communion from 10:30-12:00. You may also call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.*

## THE SENDING

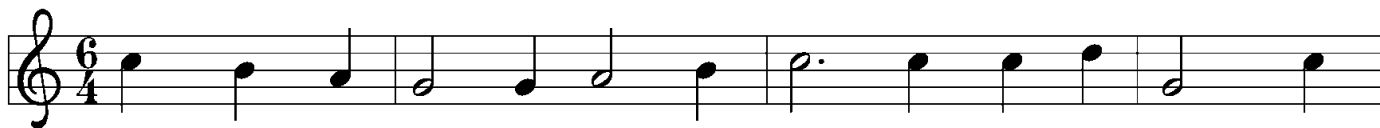
### BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

### HYMN

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing*

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- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
- 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
- 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

## POSTLUDE

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Nancy and Jamie's 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 21, 2021.



Mt. Hermon is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive **today, April 18 from 11:30 am – 4:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to donate to save a life.

The list of food and toiletries that we normally distribute is on the church website. In addition to those items, we also try to make available items such as: deodorant, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers, cleaning supplies, shampoo, conditioner, etc. We are always appreciative of any donations that you are able



## Tithes, and Offering for 04/04/2021

**Live Stream Worship 59 + In-person 137 = 196**

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>	Received	\$7,884.35
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$2,690.00
<b>Growing on Holy Ground</b>	Received	\$1,255.00

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

Given on Easter to the glory of God in memory of Dad, Bethea, and in honor of Mom, Margie by Myra and Carl

## Tithes, and Offering for 04/11/2021

**Live Stream Worship 73 + In-person 37= 110**

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>	Received	\$3,124.50
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$500.00
<b>Growing on Holy Ground</b>	Received	\$1,645.00

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# MT HERMON PRAYS ...

**Community Congregation** Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Cayce

## **Continual Prayers**

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*  
Alberta Berry, *home*  
Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*  
Lyle Bockus, *Springdale Home*  
Nell Buff, *home*  
Margie Hook, *home*

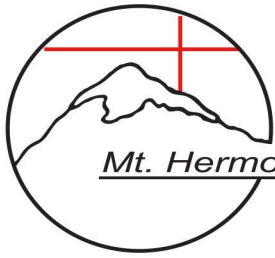
Gennar Kiser, *home*  
Rev. Everette Price, *home*  
June Roof, *Rapha*  
Tom Roof, *home*  
Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

## **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Buddy Hydrick                      Jo Leach                      Jane Sexton

## **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers**

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*  
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*  
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*  
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*  
Debbie Smith & family, *niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*  
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*  
Donnie Shumpert, *brother-in-law of Andrea Bowers & Jan Schofield*  
Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*  
Don Cope, *friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*  
Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*  
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*  
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*  
Thomas McDonald, *son-in-law of Joel and Cindy Price*  
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*



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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Worship Service: In-person and Live Streaming
- 10:30-12:00 Drive-Thru Communion
- 6:00pm Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
- 6:00 pm Outreach Team (Zoom)

### Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry  
(Lynn Bouknight & Karen Nicholson)