

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 27, 2019 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church West Columbia, SC 9:00am Worship

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME, If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK. Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Prelude in Classic Style

G. Young

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

Wayfaring Stranger

Arr. M. Hayes

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. *Amen*. Please turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Mighty and loving God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of **†** Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven, and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. *Amen.*

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

Hymn

I Will Sing, I Will Sing

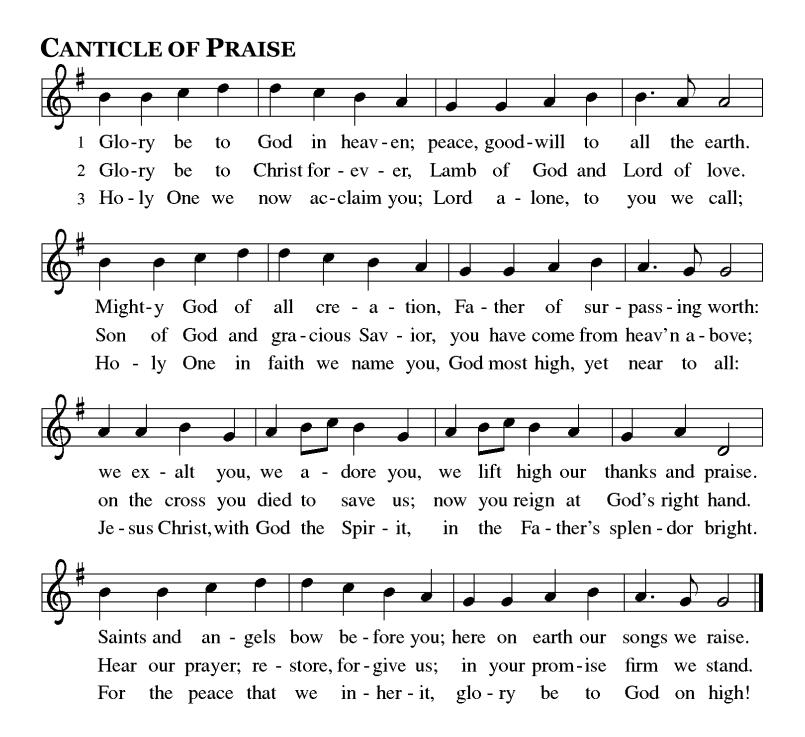
W&P 73 (Purple Book)





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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may

embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah.

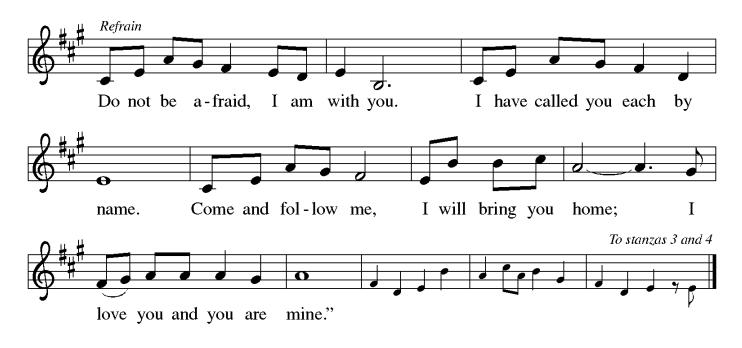
¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 8So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for

this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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





READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

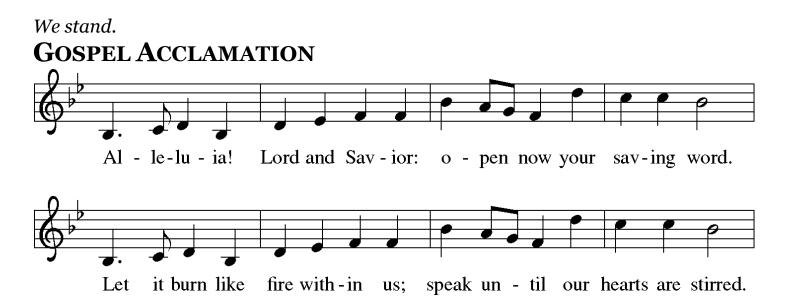
A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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





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

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

We sit.

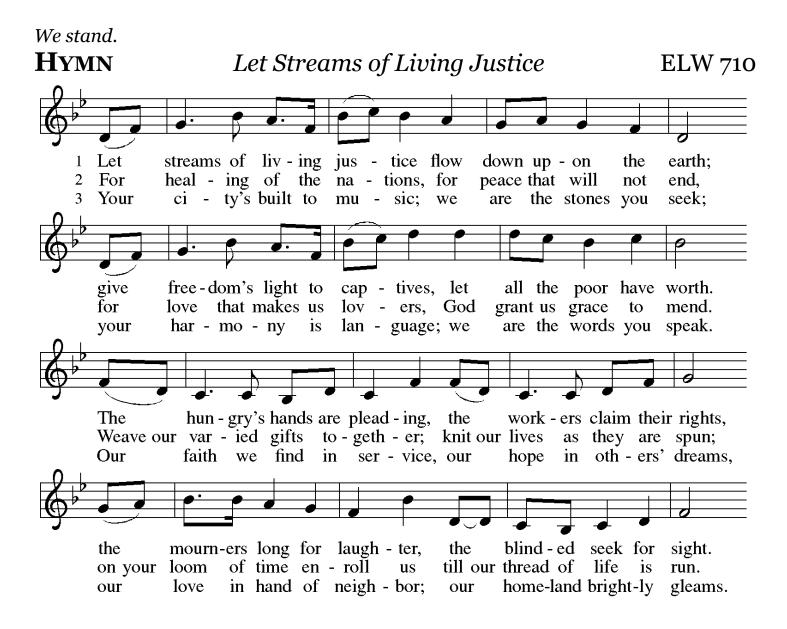
CHILDREN'S SERMON

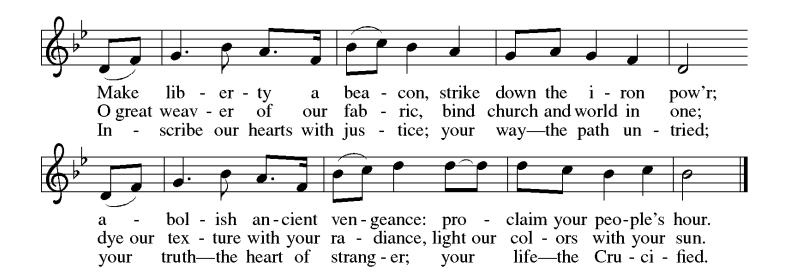
PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation. Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

Scripture has been fulfilled





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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Prayers conclude: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE 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.

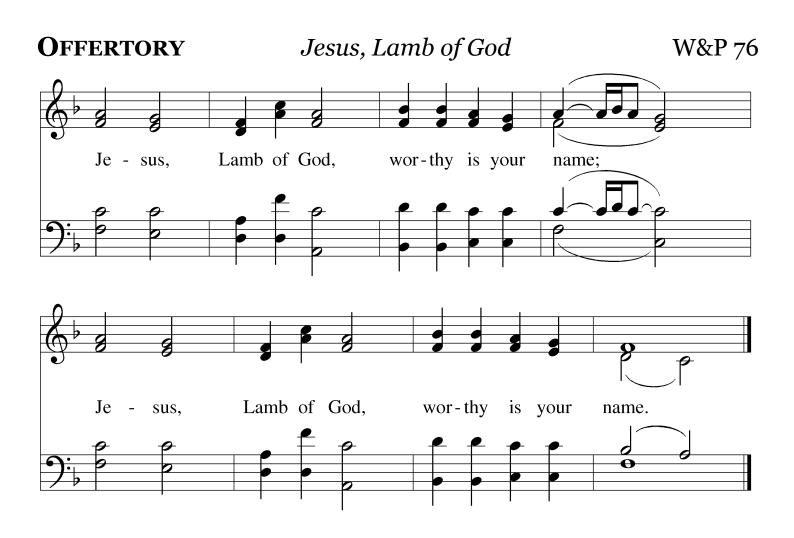
THE MEAL

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 also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

OFFERING Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name Arr. Dennard



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

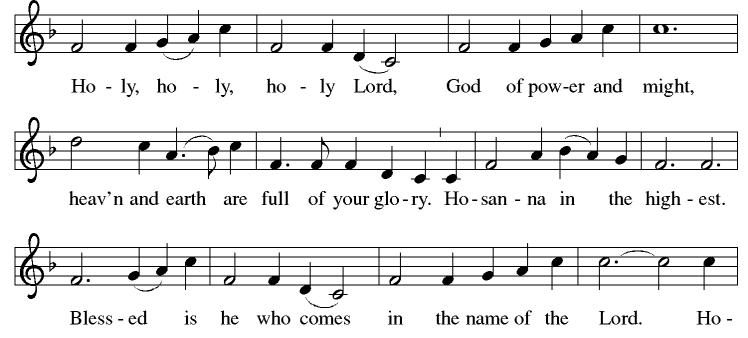
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

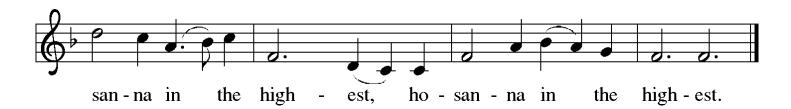
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord*.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Let us 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

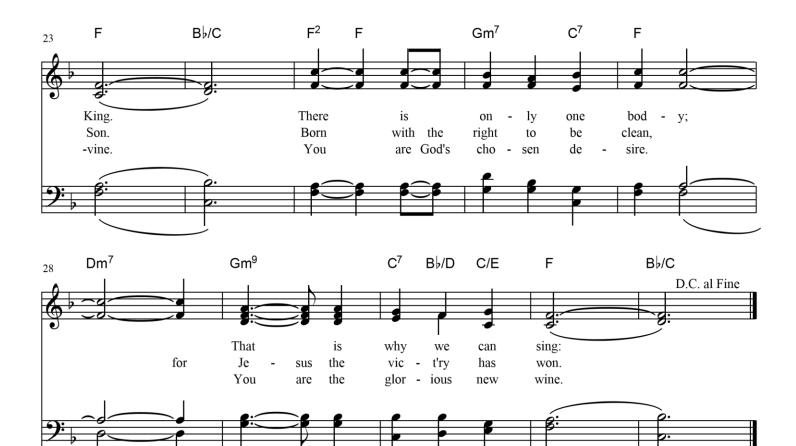
We sit.

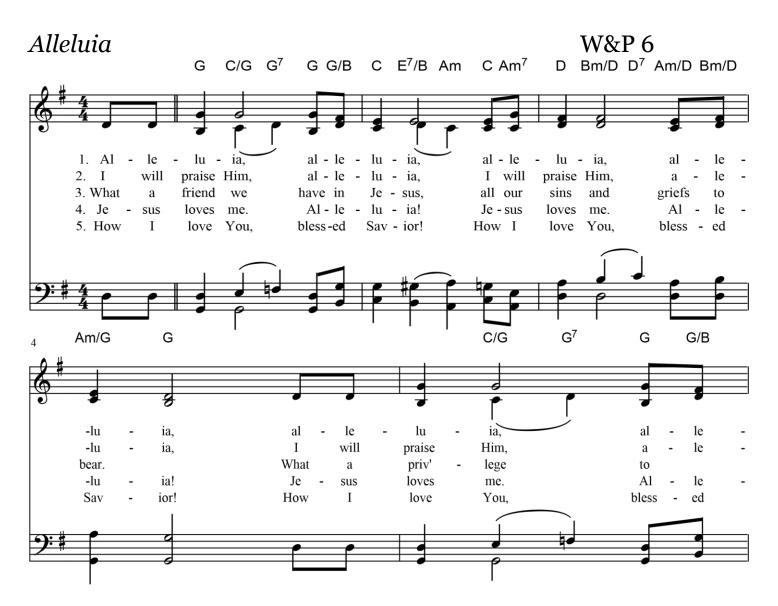
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION







We stand.

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. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now,

that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the **†** Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

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



DISMISSAL

Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. Go in peace. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

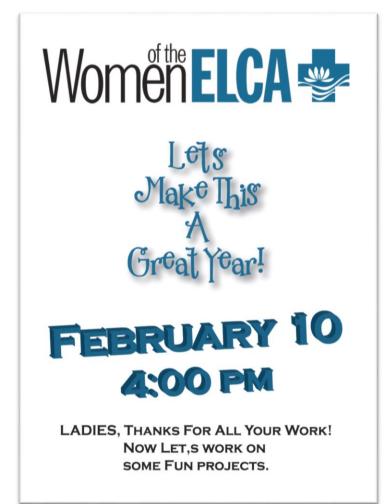
Prelude and Fugue in E minor

J.S. Bach

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God Dedicated to and in honor of our wonderfully supportive congregation. Love, Mt. Hermon LCY

Our Next Adopt-A-Highway will start at 9:00am in the church parking lot on Saturday, February 9th. Please dress for the weather and join us if you can. (Also not the next pick up after February 9th is May 11, 2019.) If you have any questions contact Tom Stahl

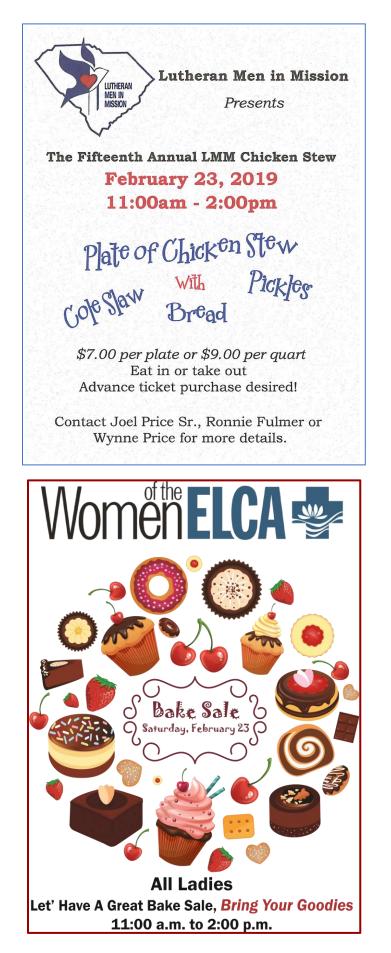


Scouting for Food is an ongoing annual program where Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts across America help collect food for local food banks. Mt. Hermon has about 8 Scouts who are active members in Pack 331 and Troop 331 at Mt. Hebron. These Scouts will be participating in Scouting for Food this year. Your donation of food items from the suggested food items listed below will not only show your support for our Scouts during Scouting for Food, but will also help families in our community. All items donated and placed in the collection bin will be used to help restock the Mt. Hermon Food Pantry. The collection bin is located in the Education Building near the breezeway doors. Scouting for Food donations will be accepted now through Sunday, February 10. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If additional information is needed, please contact Wayne Eargle

Mt. Hermon Suggested Food List

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Meat (Tuna, Stew, etc.)
- Canned Vegetables (Beans, Corn, Soup, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (Apple Sauce, Peaches, Oranges, etc.)
- Bag of rice or box of instant potatoes
- Box of spaghetti noodles or other pasta
- Jar of peanut butter / jar of jelly
- Cornbread or muffin mix
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Bar of Soap





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	Serving Today*	Serving February 3rd*
Greeter:	Laura Stevens	Herb Bucknam
Crucifer:	Joel Price Sr.	Jackson Price
Acolytes:	Skyler Miller	Karly Addy
	Connor Eargle	Brayden Rutherford
Lector:	Kay Bryant	Larry Amick
Communion Asst.		
	Ronnie Fulmer	Trudy Bouknight
	Bryce Addy	Karly Addy
	Perry Bouknight	
Children's Sermon:		
	Ruthie Brannen	Sheila Eargle
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Emily &	Grace Roof, Haley Addy, &
	Moises Arroyo	Karen Nicholson
Food Pantry: Jan. 30		<u>Feb. 6</u>
	Connie Bucknam	Annette Price

Serving in January*

Council Representative: Jamie Addison

Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

Tabulators: Buddy Hydrick, Jo Leach, Kay Little, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Angie Hydrick

Ushers: Herb Bucknam, Wayne Eargle, Parker Boulware, Tom Stahl

* 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

Mt. Hermon Prayer List 2019

The Member Care Committee is again asking you to use the enclosed prayer list as part of your daily devotions. This list gives dates and names to be prayed for each day over the next few months. You will be praying for others even though you may not know the person or their needs, but God knows. Others whom you do not know will be speaking to God on your behalf as well. Prayer is powerful! God loves it when we care for others. Enjoy your conversations with God.

1/27/2019 David & Scottie Marsh | Jacob Marsh | Ernest & Lib Swygert

1/28/2019 Cyndi & Dennis Thurman | Ruthie Brannen | Renee & Dave Greenbaum

1/29/2019 Alyson & Jeff Price | Austin Price | Kay & Preston Bryant

1/30/2019 Grace Roof | Earl & Mary Frances Sease Jr. | Mt. Hermon Young at Heart

1/31/2019 Denise Thurman & Mackenzie Burns | Carl & Myra Kinard | Margie Hook

2/01/2019 Mike & Dianne Watford| Tom & Tina Lipscomb | South Carolina Synod

2/02/2019 Bryan & Missy Addy | Haley Addy | Bryce Addy

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Lexington Place* Pearl Dennis, *HarborChase* Lynwood Crout, *Presby. Home* Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home* Hazel Bockus, *Home* Margie Hook, *Home* Lib Swygert, *Lowman Home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place* Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens* Ronnie Mathias, *Providence Hospital*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Connie Bucknam Parker Boulware Clifton Addy Perry Bouknight Lila Catt Mary Frances Hamilton Trudy Bouknight

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam) Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Scott Coleman, brother of Dennis Thurman Jim & Vickie Burcham, family of Dennis Thurman W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi) Nellie Gantt (Mary Price) Jimmy Mills, father of Tommy Mills Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick) Sue Reeves (Thurman) Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi) Jason Thurman, son of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman Richie Tallent (Danny Scott) Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy) Evelyn Newman, friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight Charlotte Martindle, family of Kelli Mills Kaiden Robinson, friend Kelli Mills Rose Little, daughter of Marie Kleckley Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Allyson Price Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15-18

LCY retreat

February 23

Lutheran Men in Mission 15th annual Chicken Stew 11:00am-2:00pm \$7.00 per plate or \$9.00 per quart

WELCA Bake Sale will be happening in conjunction with the Chicken Stew event. Bake Sale will be 11:00am-2:00pm

February 24

LCY Sunday

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

3011 Leaphart Road West Columbia, SC 29169 office@mthlc.org 803.794.6430 Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pmPastor Gina 803.951.3784

Rev. Gina D. Metze, Pastor 803.951.3784 Ruthie Brannen, Cantor Brittany Mailleue, Parish Administrator

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, Terry Swygert Secretary, Alyson Price Financial Secretary, Annette Price PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com RuthieBrannen@gmail.com office@mthlc.org

Vice President, Ronnie Fulmer Treasurer, Emily Morris Sextons, Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert

Sunday, January 27th

- 7:30 am LCY Pancakes
- **Worship Service** 9:00 am
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Youth Choir
- 11:00 am Tone Chime Choir
- 2:00 pm Graceworks Celebration at St. Paul's, Columbia
- 6:35 pm Pray

Monday, January 28th

Lutheran Men in Mission District Meeting at Emmanuel 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 29th

- Arthritis Chair Class 1:00 pm
- **Bulletin Deadline** 1:00 pm
- MAT/ Pilates Class 2:00 pm
- 6:35 pm Pray

Wednesday, January 30th

- Archives 9:30 am
- **Chancel Bells** 6:00 pm
- **Chancel Choir** 6:30 pm
- 6:35 pm Pray

Thursday, January 31st

Arthritis Chair Class 1:00 pm

MAT/ Pilates Class 2:00 pm

Friday February 1st through February 3rd

Leadership Retreat at Camp Kinard