

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 13, 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 on a Theme of Gustav Holst "Thaxed" by Callahan

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

Glorify Thy Name

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445 (Red Book)



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 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.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

- ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 - and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
- I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
- I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

Will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the

forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

READING: Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

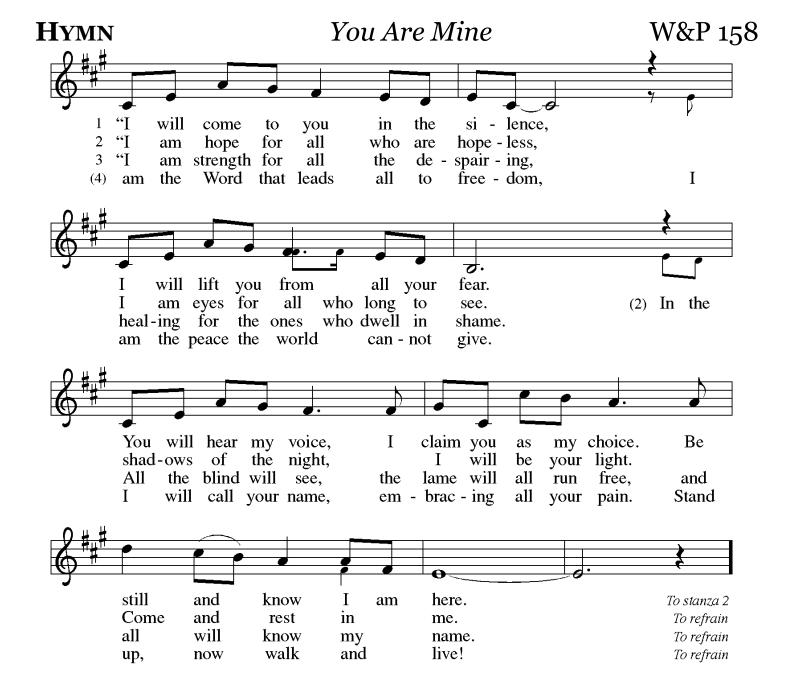
Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

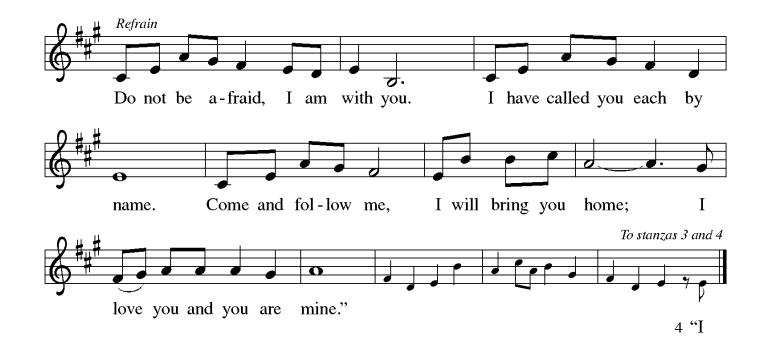
Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

The Heavens Opened

We stand.





NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

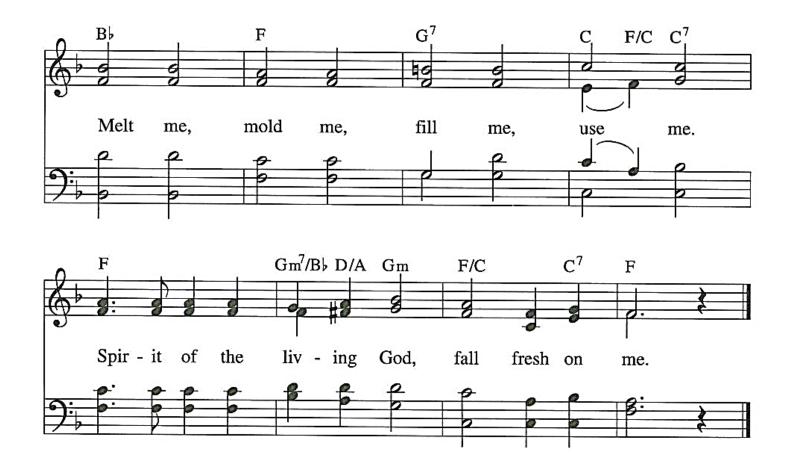
OFFERING

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

Spirit of the Living God **O**FFERTORY W&P 129 Gm⁷/B D/A Gm F/C C^7 F Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me, Gm⁷/B♭ D/A Gm F/C \mathbb{C}^7 F Spir - it liv - ing of the God, fall fresh on me.



OFFERING PRAYER

Amen.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

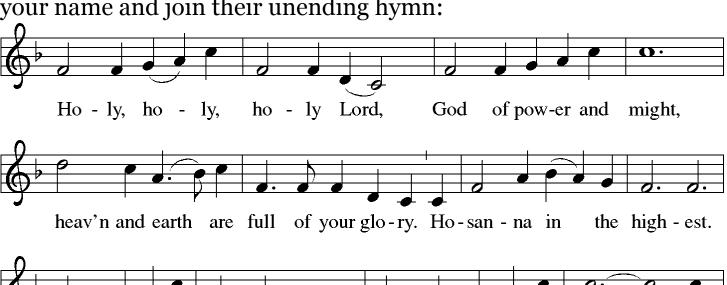
We lift them to the Lord.

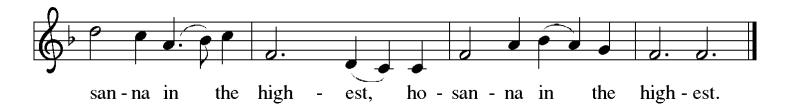
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

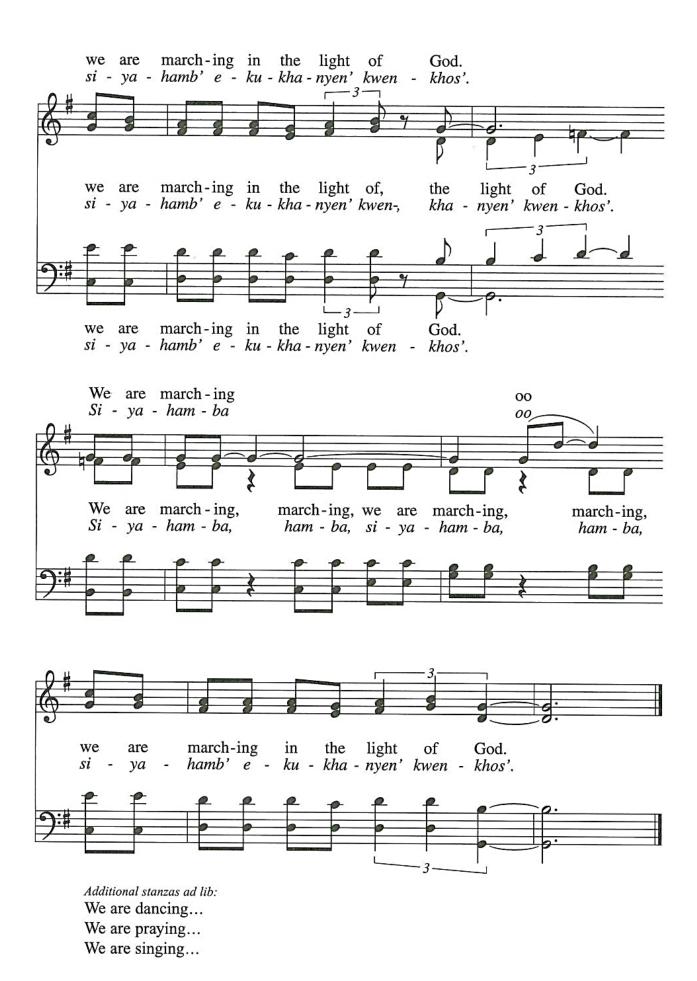
We sit.

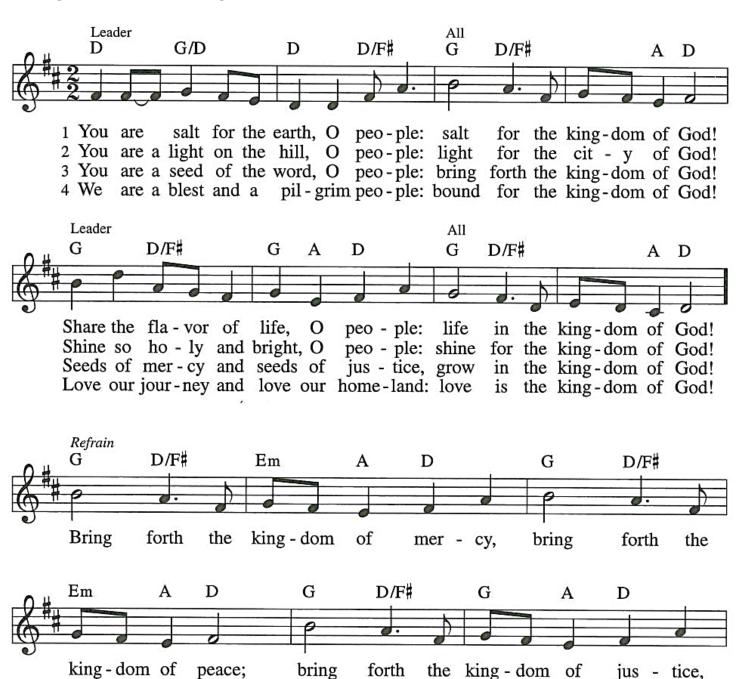
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

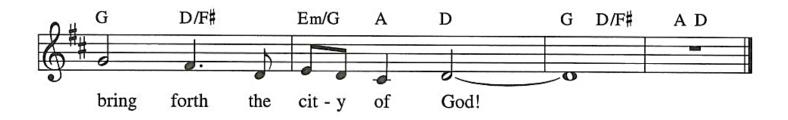
All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward 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.

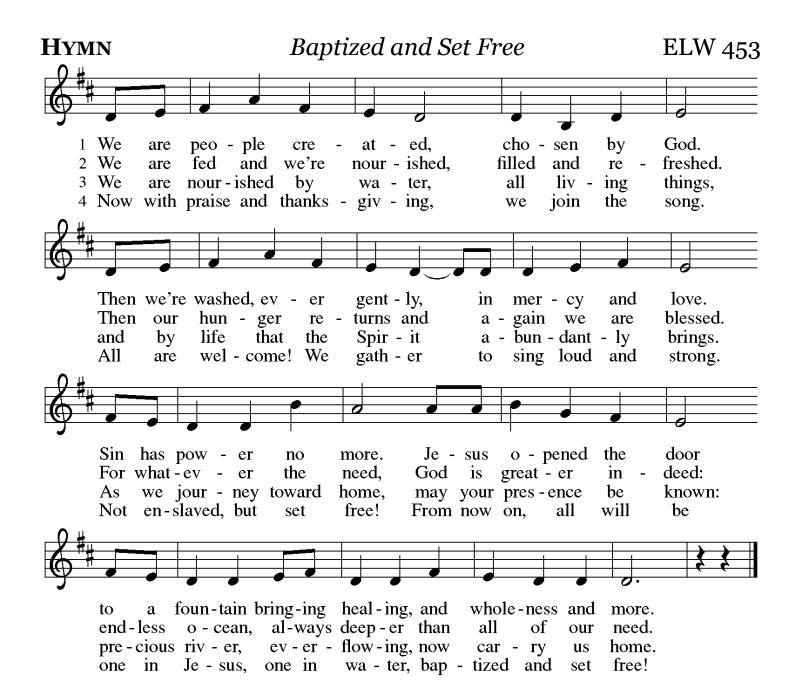
THE SENDING

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 **T** 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

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

Arr. Callahan

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jean Shealy and James Hallman's anniversary.

Wednesday, January 16th The Young @ Heart will meet in the fellowship hall. Zestos Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions please call Connie Bucknam at (803) 356-4365



Lets
Make This
A
Great Year!

JANUARY 13 4:00 PM

LADIES, THIS IS OUR FIRST MEETING
OF THE NEW YEAR!
COME WITH YOUR IDEAS.

LCY House of Pancakes

Come in your **PJ's** and enjoy breakfast served by Mt. Hermon's LCY

Tickets

* Adult - \$7.00

Child 0-3 yrs. - Free

27th 7:30-8:30am

> Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

Nothing else STACKS UP!

> All proceeds will benefit Mt. Hermon's LCY activities

Wednesday January 23rd 6:00pm Week of Pray for Christian Unity hosted at Mt Hermon Lutheran Church.

As Christians from separated communities, we gather here to pray for unity. This year, the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity chosen by the churches in Indonesia is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:20) This theme is imperative due to the recurring situations that bring divisions and conflicts. As we gather to worship together, we are reminded that our calling as members of the body of Christ is to pursue and embody justice. Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of life.

This is a community worship service and pastors in the West Metro Clergy Association will be leading, reading, preaching, and presiding at communion.

The worship will be followed by a Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans now to attend the service and then the meal to follow as we pray for unity and justice in the world.

Serving Today* Serving January 20th*

Greeter: David Marsh Kay Bryant

Crucifer: Skyler Miller TBD **Acolytes:** Ainsley Allen TBD

Mackenzie Burns TBD

Lector: Joel Price Sr. Buddy Hydrick

Communion Asst.

Emily Morris Joel Price Sr.
Trudy Bouknight Dion Metze

Bryce Addy Breanna Metze

Children's Sermon:

Diane Boulware Mary Koon

Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick & Grace Roof, Jamie Allen &

Kay Bryant Alyson Price

Food Pantry: Jan. 16 Jan. 23

Angie Hydrick Renee Greenbaum

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

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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.

1/13/2019

Jo Leach | Jimmy & Doris Maddox | Nell Buff

1/14/2019

Karen Nicholson | Lynn Bouknight | Jim & Kathy Whitaker

1/15/2019

Rodney Oswald | Kay Little | Dana & Jeff Jacobs

1/16/2019

Pastor Gina, Dion Metze | Breanna Metze | Buddy & Angie Hydrick

1/17/2019

Ashton Norris | Shane Norris | Annette Price | Gene & Jane Sexton

1/18/2019

Adam, Sarah *Adelaide & Scarlett* Bryant| Ann Bouknight | Perry & Trudy Bouknight | Mt. Hermon Kids for Christ

1/19/2019

Linda Waters-Hamilton | Jennifer & Ryan Price | Jerry Price III

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, Lexington Place Margie Hook, Home

Pearl Dennis, *HarborChase**Lynwood Crout, *Home*Lib Swygert, *Lowman Home*Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home* Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Clifton Addy Mary Frances Hamilton

Connie Bucknam Mary Frances Sease Perry Bouknight
Georgianna Gray Lila Catt Trudy Bouknight

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam)

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Scott Coleman (Thurman)

Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)

W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi)

Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)

Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)

Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)

Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)

Sue Reeves (Thurman)

Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi)

Jason Thurman (Thurman)

Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)

Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy)

Evelyn Newman, friend of Ricky and Fran Bouknight

Charlotte Martindle, family of Kelli Mills

Kaiden Robinson (Kelli Mills)

Rose Little, daughter of Marie Kleckley

Mandy McLemore friend of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy and Allyson Price

Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 20th

9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15am Youth Choir

11:00am Tone Chime Choir

4:00pm Confirmation

6:35 pm Pray

Tuesday, January 22nd

1:00 pm Arthritis Chair Class

1:00pm Deadline for 1/27/19 bulletin

1:00pm Deadline for February Newsletter

2:00 pm MAT/ Pilates Class

6:35 pm Pray

Wednesday, January 23rd

6:00 Mt Hermon will host Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall

6:35 pm Pray

Thursday, January 24th

1:00 pm Arthritis Chair Class

2:00 pm MAT/ Pilates Class

6:35 pm Pray

January 28

Lutheran Men in Mission

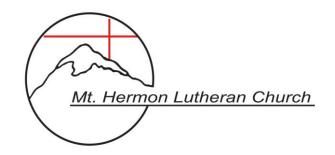
District Meeting, Emmanuel Lutheran

February 1 – 3

Mt Hermon Leadership Retreat, Camp Kinard

February 23

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



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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, *Terry Swygert* Secretary, *Alyson Price* Financial Secretary, *Annette Price* Vice President, Ronnie Fulmer Treasurer, Emily Morris Sextons, Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert

Sunday, January 13th Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School

10:15am Youth Choir

11:00am Tone Chime Choir

4:00pm WELCA

6:00pm Council Meeting

6:35 pm Pray

Monday, January 14th

11:00am Archives

6:30pm Lutheran Men in Mission

Tuesday, January 15th

1:00pm Deadline for 1/20/2019 Bulletin

1:00 pm Arthritis Chair Class

2:00 pm MAT/ Pilates Class

6:35 pm Pray

Wednesday, January 16th

12:00pm Young @ Heart

6:00 pm Chancel Bells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

6:35 pm Pray

Thursday, January 17th

1:00 pm Arthritis Chair Class 2:00 pm MAT/ Pilates Class