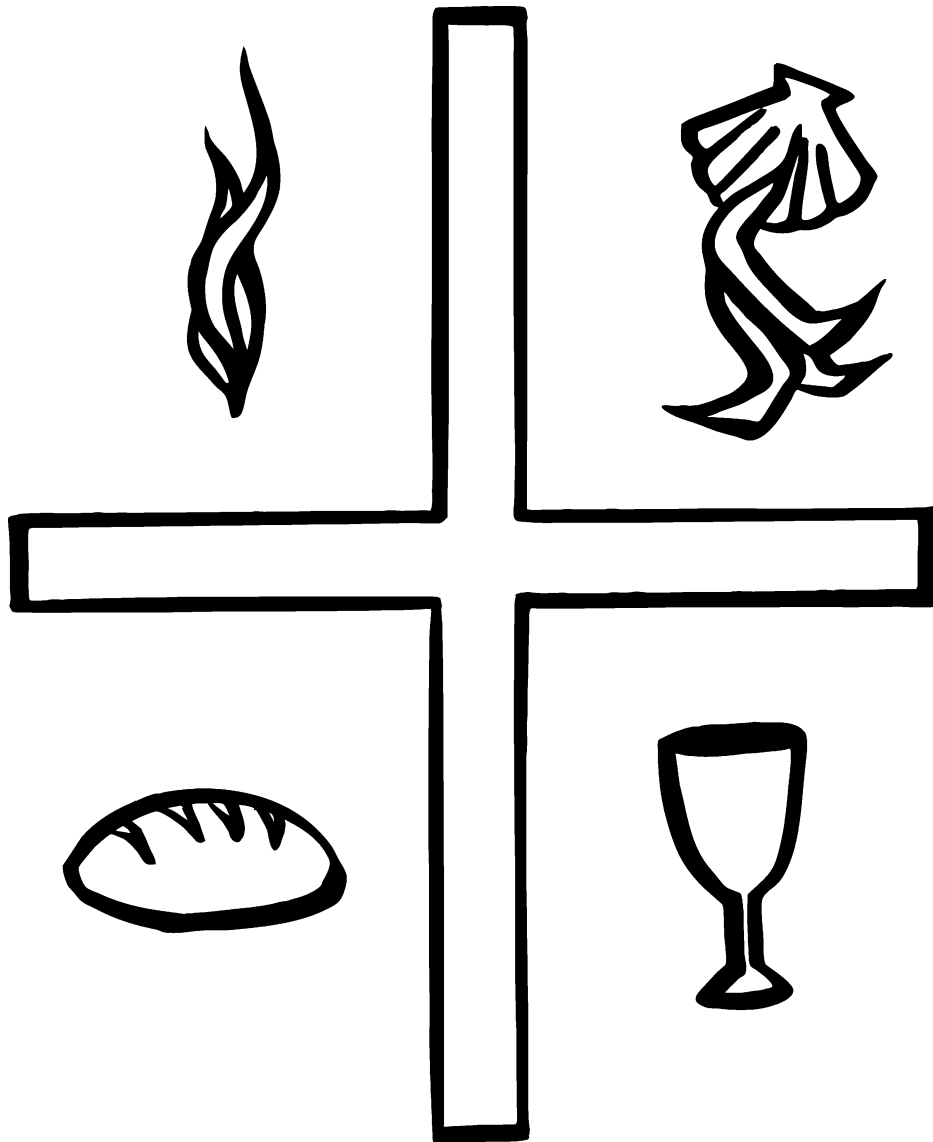


Seventh Sunday of Easter



Sunday, June 2, 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

Blessed Assurance

Hayes

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

Our Great God

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 door of the Fellowship Hall. 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.***

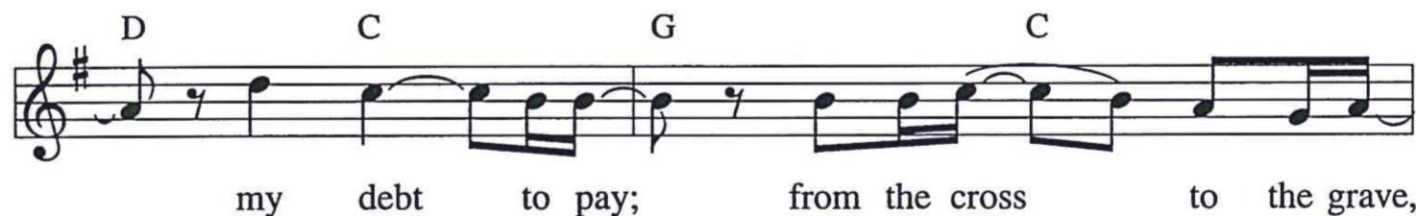
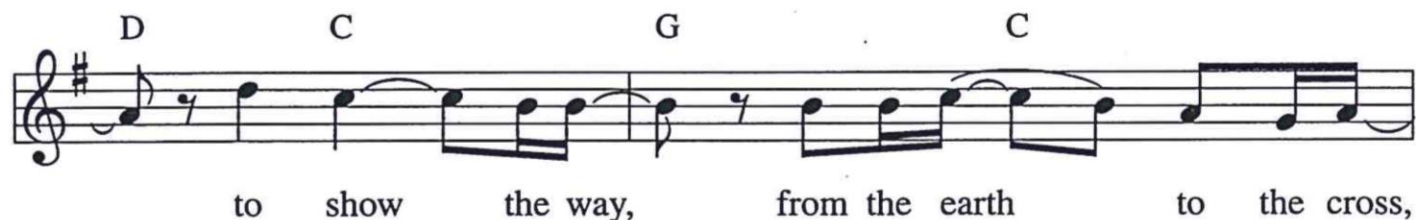
Hear the voice of Jesus:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives."
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
I proclaim to you that your
sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen.

As the cross passes your seat, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.

HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

W&P 90

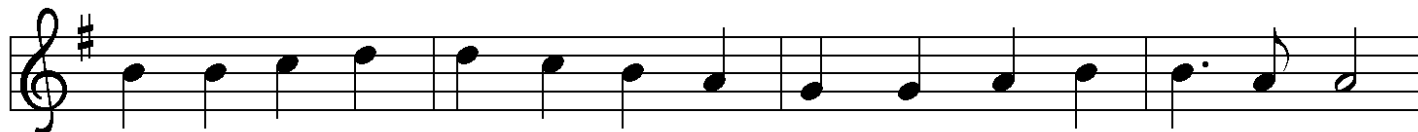


GREETING

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.

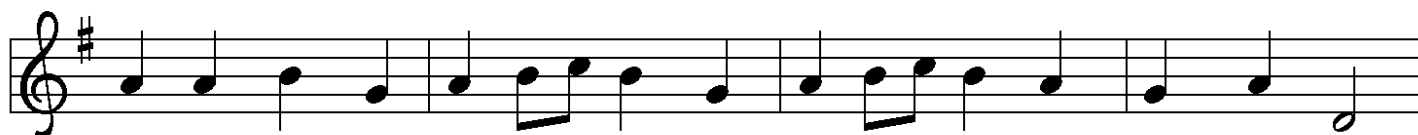
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these

instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97
Read responsively.

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

***²Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations
of God's throne.***

³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

***⁴Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.***

⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

***⁶The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.***

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false
gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

***⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.***

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil!

***God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them
from the hand of the wicked.***

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

***¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.***

READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according
to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and
the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have
the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for
the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright
morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

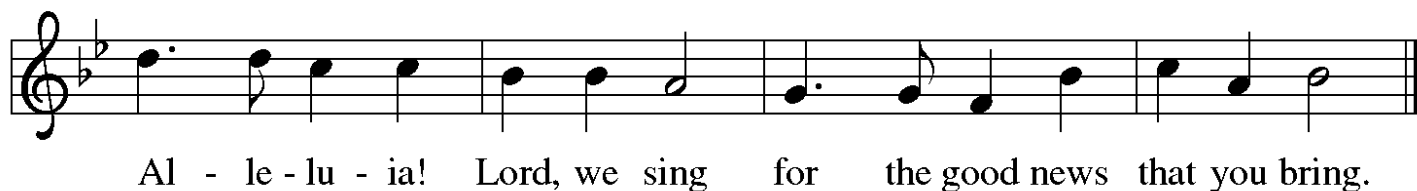
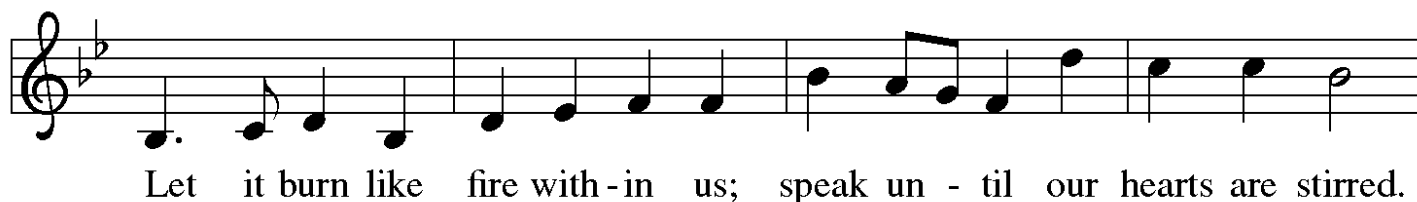
²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may

they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE

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.

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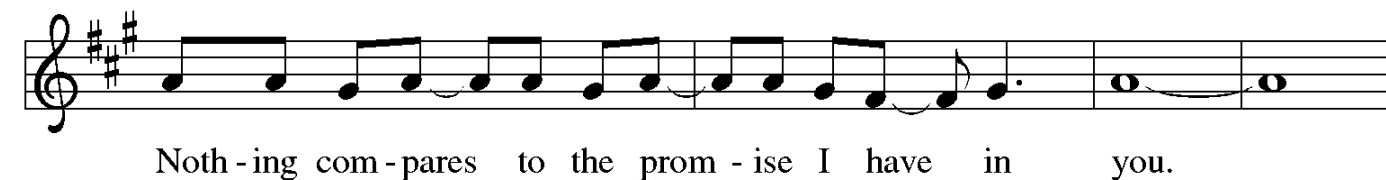
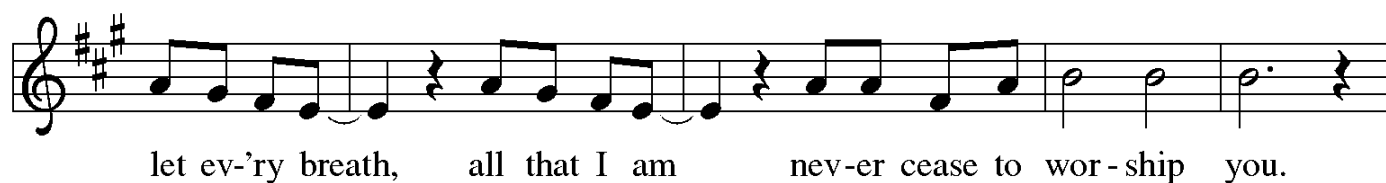
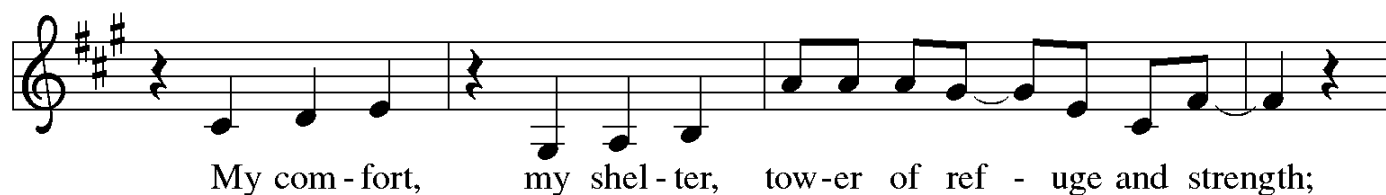
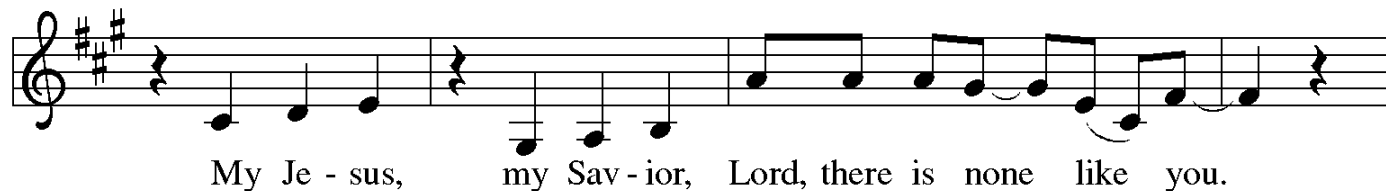
Jesus prayed.

We stand.

HYMN

Shout to the Lord

W&P 124



PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

New Disciple of Christ at Mt Hermon: Sheila Starkey

Sheila, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

APOSTLES' CREED

Sheila, I ask you and this community to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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.***

Sheila, be reminded that you are a child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let us welcome this new disciple into this community of faith.
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. 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.

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 take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located on the first chair by the center aisle.

OFFERING

Kyrie

Huntsinger

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Name Above All Names

W&P 77

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 12/8 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: D, F#m7, Em7, A, D, F#m7, Em7, A7, (D), G/A, and A. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,

Em - man - u - el, God is with us,

bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

***as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
meet us now in this meal.***

Nourish us to follow you,

using our gifts to feed the hungry

and tend the weary,

and all for your love's sake. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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:



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and 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.

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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. The ushers will direct worshippers. Gluten-free wafers are also available. 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

Lamb Of God

W&P 83

F#m¹¹ *D²* *E*

take a - way the sin of the world.
I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain
A² *E/F# F#m¹¹* *D* *D/E E* *A*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

E/F# F#m¹¹ *D²* *E* *A* *E/F# F#m¹¹* *D*

mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda \oplus *D/E E* *D/F#* *Esus E* *A* *F#m¹¹* *D²* *E* *D.C.*

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

\oplus *Coda* *D/F#* *Esus E* *A* *F#m¹¹* *D²* *E* *A²*

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Spirit of the Living God

W&P 129

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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.

***Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your
healing love into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

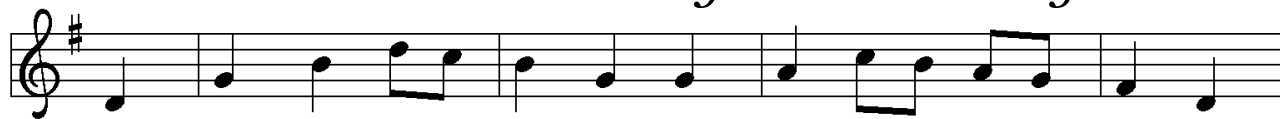
The blessing of the living God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.
Amen.

*As the cross passes your seat, please turn and follow as we are sent into the world to
proclaim the Gospel through our lives.*

HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



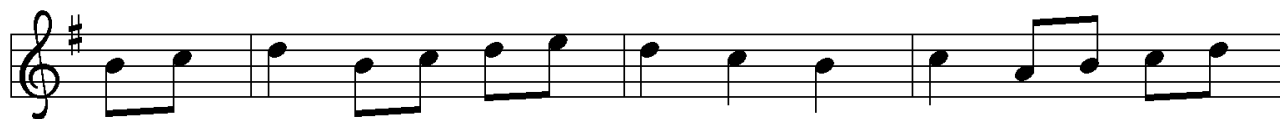
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Peace be with you. Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Forever

Hayes

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given in honor of Karly Addy's graduation from Brookland-Cayce High School. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Daddy and Tanner

*****PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN KARLY'S CARD ON A
TABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL*** THANK YOU!**



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TODAY @ 4:00
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
TO DISCUSS THE PARSONAGE.**

Tithes, and Offering for 05-26-19

Attendance: Worship –91; Sunday School –41

Current & Benevolent

Over/(Under)

Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$2,284.50	(\$1,790.25)
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Building Improvement

Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$395.00	\$48.85
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Building on Holy Ground

Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$1,215.00	(\$431.15)
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Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Jack Means and Dale Anderton
by Herb & Connie Bucknam

In honor of Pastor Price's Ordination Anniversary
by Parker & Diane Boulware

Send pictures of events you capture around the church!

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Women^{of the} ELCA 

ALL LADIES

**WE HAVE A BUSINESS MEETING
LET'S START MAKING PLANS FOR
THE REST OF THE YEAR.**

JUNE 9

4:00 PM

SEE YOU THERE!!

**Save the Date
Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th**

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Connie Bucknam, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof

Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, *friends of Herb and Connie Bucknam*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Scott Coleman, *brother of Dennis Thurman*

Jim & Vickie Burcham, *family of Dennis Thurman*

W.A. "Buddy" Keller, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Nellie Gantt, *mother of Mary Price*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*

Sue Reeves, *friend of Dennis and Cyndi Thurman*

Linda Rea, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Jason Thurman, *son of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Charlotte Martindle, *family of Kelli Mills*

Kaiden Robinson, *friend of Kelli Mills*

Rose Little, *daughter of Marie Kleckley*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Debbie Anderson, *daughter of Georgianna Gray*

Serving Today*

Greeter: Fran Bouknight

Crucifer: Skyler Miller

Acolytes: Josh Koon
Lawson Morris

Lector: Jamie Addison

Communion Asst.

Jennifer Miller

Children's Sermon:

Mary Koon

Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick,
Kay Bryant

Food Pantry: June 5
Annette Price

Serving June 9th

Cindy Price

Joel Price Sr.

Connor Eargle

Mackenzie Burns

Jamie Addison

Jackson Price, Trudy &
Perry Bouknight

Diane Boulware

Grace Roof, Jamie Allen,
Alyson Price

June 12
Angie Hydrick

Serving in June*

Council Representative: Devona Price

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tabulators: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease,
Alternate: Larry Amick

Ushers:

6/2 Ricky Bouknight, Fran Bouknight, Joel Price Jr., Cindy Price

6/9-6/30

Jimmy Whitaker, Dennis Thurman, Marion Leapheart, Tommy Mills

** 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*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 9th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

Sunday, June 9th – Saturday, June 15th

Confirmation Camp, Lutheridge, Arden, NC

Monday, June 10th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men – Shealy's

Tuesday, June 11th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, June 12th

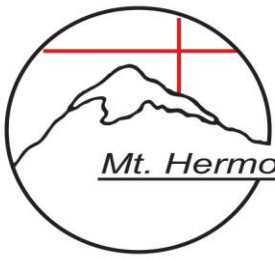
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, June 14th

6:00 pm Mills/Boyd Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 15th

5:00 pm Mills/Boyd Wedding



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 2nd

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship &
Graduation Recognition

10:15 am Sunday School

4:00 pm Congregational Meeting – Parsonage

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, June 3rd

6:00 pm Worship Team

Tuesday, June 4th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, June 5th

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, June 7th – Saturday, June 8th

WELCA State Convention,
St. Stephen's, Lexington, SC