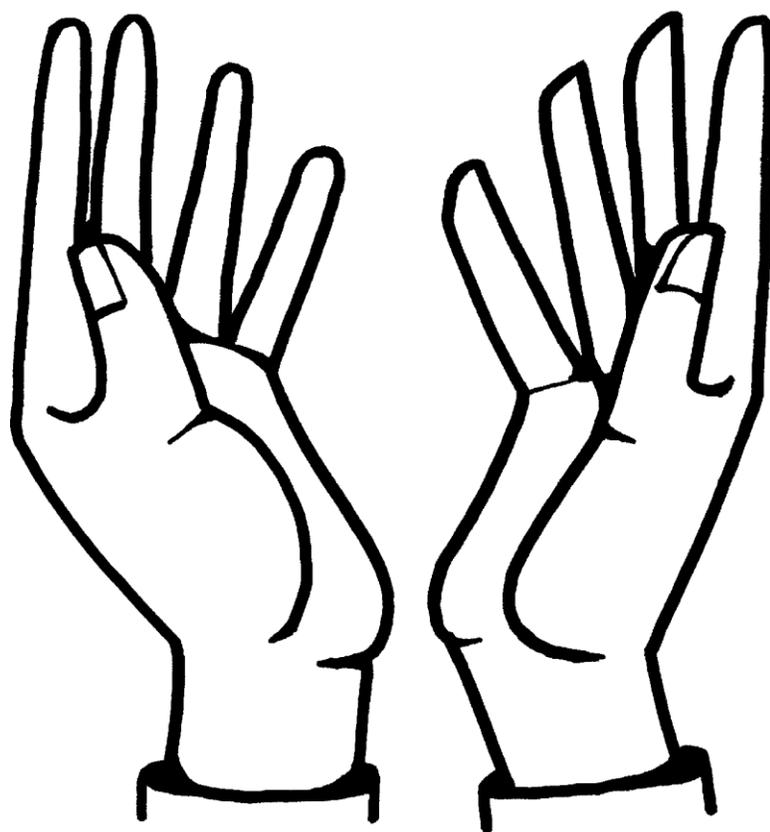


ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
WITH
A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC
OF J.S. BACH



Sunday, August 25, 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!

Today at Mt. Hermon, it's Bach and Blue Jeans Sunday as we celebrate the music of Lutheran Church musician, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) who is remembered in the church each year on his death date, July 28th. Bach was simply a church musician, and did the work needed to support the preaching of the Gospel through music just as our own musician does today in our congregation. Bach was the cantor at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany and is buried inside the church. All these years later, there are still fresh flowers placed on his grave. Doing the work of a local church musician, Bach's genius and his contributions are unique. Bach was an amazing composer, creating works for the organ and appropriate pieces for his adult and children's choirs to sing. He wrote about two hundred cantatas including at least two for each Sunday and festival in the Lutheran calendar of his day. He has been called "the fifth evangelist" for the ways he proclaimed the gospel through music.

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Fugue á la Gigue

J.S. Bach

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

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor

J.S. Bach

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.

We gather for worship in the name of the Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water –
The Saluda River, the Broad River, the Atlantic Ocean,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water!

We praise you, O God, for our water stories –
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that can heal leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water!

We remember the waters of Jesus –
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
washing the disciples' feet,
on the cross thirsting for us.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water!

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit,

Today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

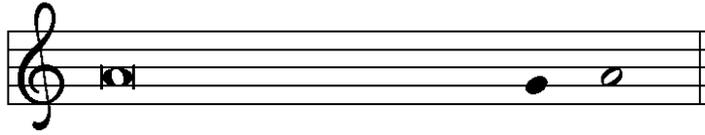
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



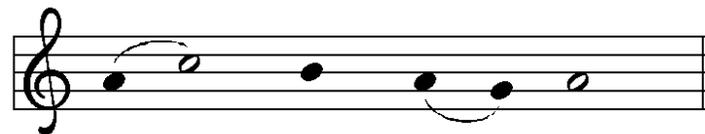
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



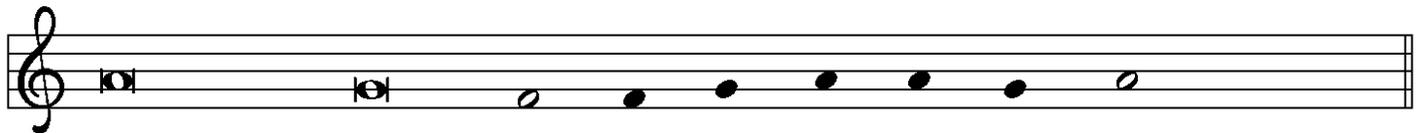
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



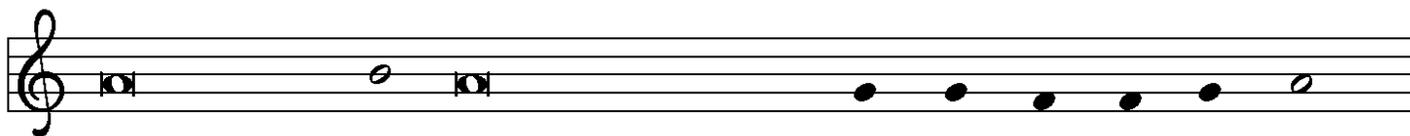
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



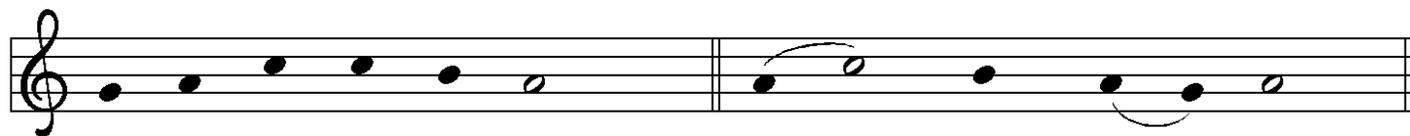
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

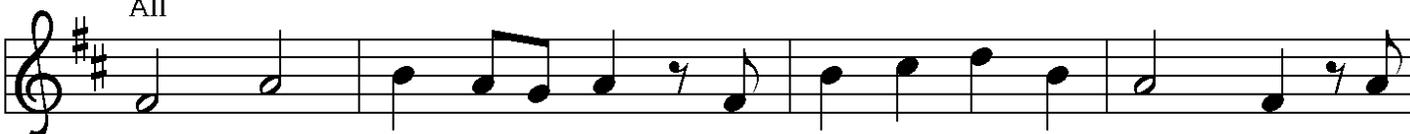
GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



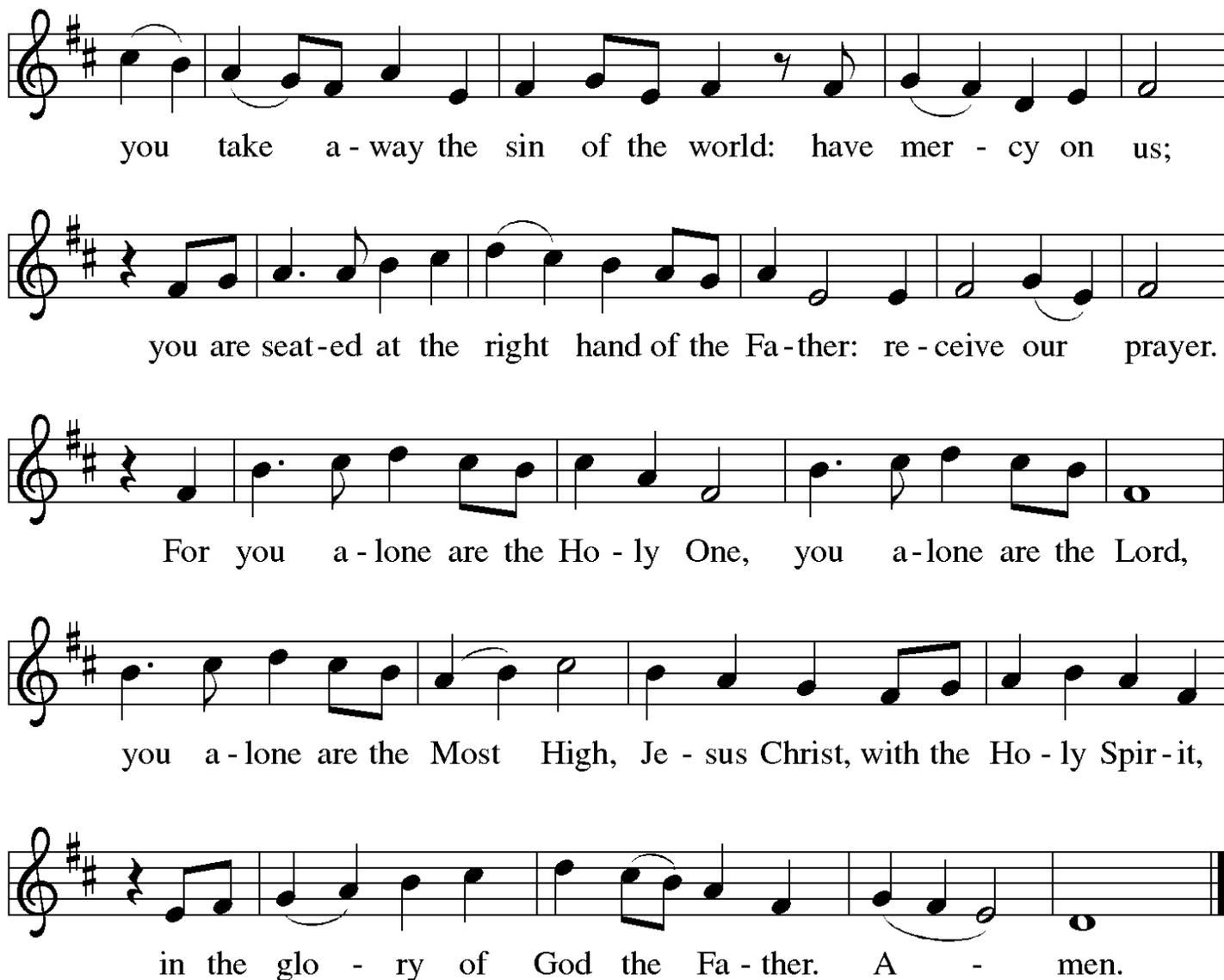
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM ANTHEM: *Sing Your Praise to the Lord*

Mullins

(The introduction to this song has a section adapted from Bach's Fugue No. 2 in C Minor)

READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not

another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

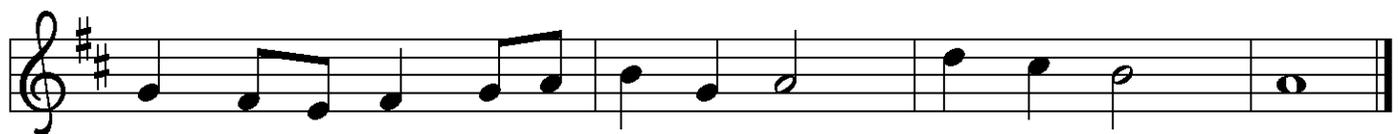
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Timing is everything.

We stand.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

(see insert)

Verse 1-All

Verse 2-All

Verse 3-Choir Alone

Verse 4-All

(The arrangement of the third verse of “A Mighty Fortress” sung by the choir comes from Bach’s cantata on this hymn *Ein feste Burg istg unser Gott* (BMV 80) written to be sung by his choir at St. Thomas on Reformation Day. This choral is the fifth of eight parts to this cantata which is 44 pages in its entirety).

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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

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

The Prayers conclude:

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

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 at the center aisle.

OFFERING *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J.S. Bach
(No. 3 of the Schübler Chorales – Melody in the organ pedals)

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***Blessed are you, O God,
for the greening earth given for all,
for the talents we are given to share,
and for this bread and wine.***

***Transform us to be the body of Christ,
that, feasting on this food and drink,
our lives may reflect your generosity;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

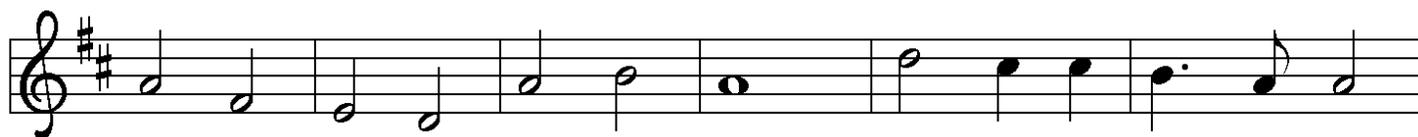
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

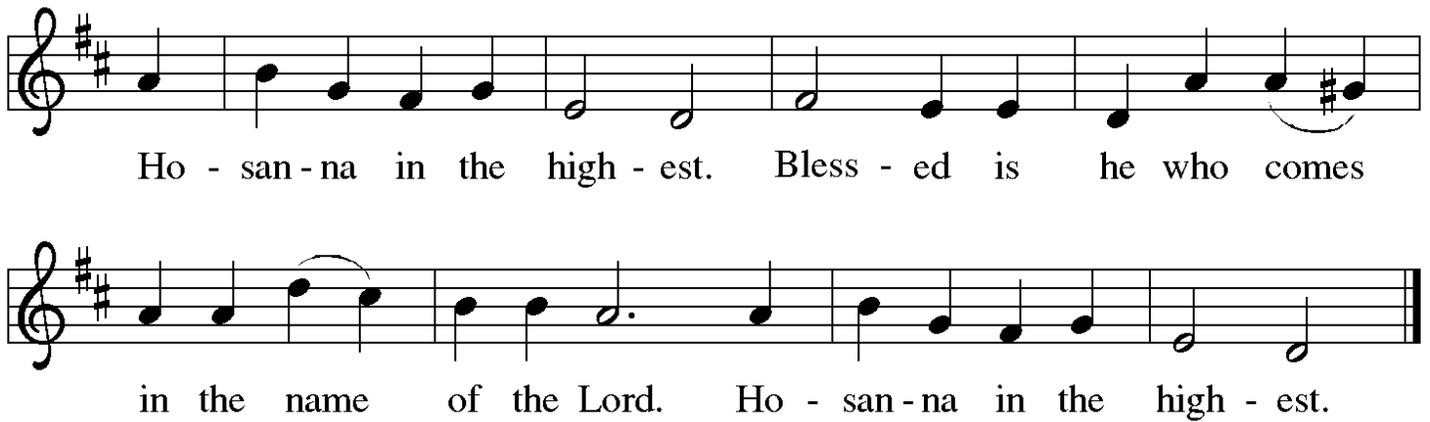
SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. We gather around the elements and we proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. ***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.*

We sit.

AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God invites you to this table of bounty.
Come, the banquet is ready.

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 chair.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sheep May Safely Graze

from Cantata #208
by J.S. Bach

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.

***O God, in this holy communion
you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.
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.

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Little” Prelude and Fugue in A minor J.S. Bach

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of David & Thelma Moyer’s birthdays (Diane’s parents) by Parker & Diane Boulware.



There is an open date for the altar flowers  
on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
If you would like to place the flowers on this date,  
please contact the church office.



## Farming Church Update

Sunday, September 8th  
LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Immediately following Sunday School  
join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon  
and an update from Farming Church.  
(If you don't attend Sunday School,  
please come to the Fellowship Hall  
for coffee and cookies following worship.)

Plan now to attend this informational meeting  
and be a part of Mt. Hermon's vision for the  
future of God's church!

### Tithes, and Offering for 08/18/2019 Attendance: Worship – 112; Sunday School – 50

| <b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b> |            |          |            | Over/(Under) |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Needed                          | \$4,074.75 | Received | \$3,186.85 | (\$887.90)   |
| <b>Building Improvement</b>     |            |          |            |              |
| Needed                          | \$346.15   | Received | \$345.00   | (\$1.15)     |
| <b>Building on Holy Ground</b>  |            |          |            |              |
| Needed                          | \$1,646.15 | Received | \$640.00   | (\$1,006.15) |



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You may download the Tithely app and select Mt. Hermon  
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Or you may give from our website at [www.mthlc.com](http://www.mthlc.com) and  
select Online Giving

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Inspired for Life!

**Interested in being Happier, Healthier  
and Living Longer?**

*If you are over 50, please join us  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual*

**“50Forward” Living Well Retreat**

**Oct. 18-20, 2019**

**Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center**

**For more information, see Terry or Allison Swygert**

**or**

**go to [50forwardlife.org](http://50forwardlife.org)**



# Clergy and Congregations Confronting Racism

**October 15, 2019**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(a working lunch)

Host: Mt. Hermon

Lutheran Church

3011 Leaphart Road,

West Columbia, SC 29169

Our presenter will be

**Dr. Will Willimon**

from the faculty of Duke

Divinity School and author of

*WHO LYNCHED WILLIE EARL?*

*PREACHING TO CONFRONT RACISM*



Pre-registration required: \$15 per attendee (includes lunch)

**Registration Due: Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

# OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

## ***Homebound and Care Facilities***

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Home*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Grace Roof, *Lexington Extended Care*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Connie Bucknam, *Home*

\*Preston Bryant, *Encompass Rehab  
Rm 256B*

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

Alberta Berry

Linda Waters-Hamilton

Tom & June Roof

Ernie Swygert

Jim Whitaker

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

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

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*

Linda Rea, *friend of Marion & Cyndi*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Charlotte Martindle, *family of Kelli Mills*

Kaiden Robinson, *friend of Kelli Mills*

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

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

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

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Betty Keefe, *grandmother of Kim Addy*

Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Jake Harris, *co-worker of Jennifer Price & Allison Swygert*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

\*Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

## **Serving Today\***

**Greeter:** Jean Shealy  
**Crucifer:** Wynne Price  
**Acolyte:** Tanner Addy  
Mackenzie Burns  
**Lector:** Mary Price  
**Communion Asst.**  
Wynne Price  
Ronnie Fulmer  
Marion Leaphart

## **Children's Sermon:**

Mary Koon

**Nursery:** Grace Roof, Haley Addy,  
Karen Nicholson

**Food Pantry:** August 28  
Becky Koon

## **Serving September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Al Stevens  
Joel Price Sr.  
Brayden Rutherford  
Lawson Morris  
Devona Price

Mitch Stevens  
Emily Morris

Ruthie Brannen  
Grace Roof, Larry Amick,  
Kay Bryant  
September 4  
Annette Price

## **Serving in August\***

**Council Representative:** Alyson Price

**Altar Guild:** Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

**Tabulators:** Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Ann Addy

**Ushers:** Danny Scott, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman, Tommy Mills

## **Serving in September**

**Council Representative:** Robin Ellisor

**Altar Guild:** Mary Frances Sease, Marie Kleckley, Kim Jolly

**Tabulators:** Buddy Hydrick, Everette Price, Jean Shealy (Parker Boulware)

**Ushers:** Joel Price Jr., Dennis Thurman, Jim Whitaker, Parker Boulware

*\* 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, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

## **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Labor Day – Office closed

## **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

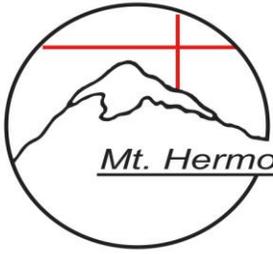
## **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Team for Ministry Meeting



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## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

### **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship and  
Bach and Blue Jeans  
10:15 am Sunday School  
1:00 pm LCY – Fellowship Hall  
2:00 pm Youth Pool Party  
205 Carriage Hill Ct, Lexington, SC 29072

### **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Worship Team

### **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

### **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Chancel Choir