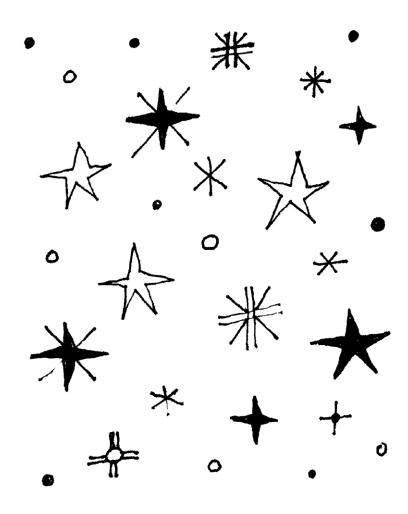
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, August 11, 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 As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus 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

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *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

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us **†** all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news! *Amen.*

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

Hymn

<u>Verse 1</u>

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God. You're all together lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor. **CHORUS**

<u>Bridge</u>

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. **CHORUS**

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. Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love. 2 Glo-ry be to now ac-claim you; Lord 3 Ho-ly One we a - lone, to you we call; cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Might-y God of all of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove; Son Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: you, we a - dore you, we lift high our we ex - alt thanks and praise. on the cross you died to now you reign at save us; 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. in - her - it, For the peace that we glo - ry be God on high! to

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

READING: Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

Read responsively.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine. ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

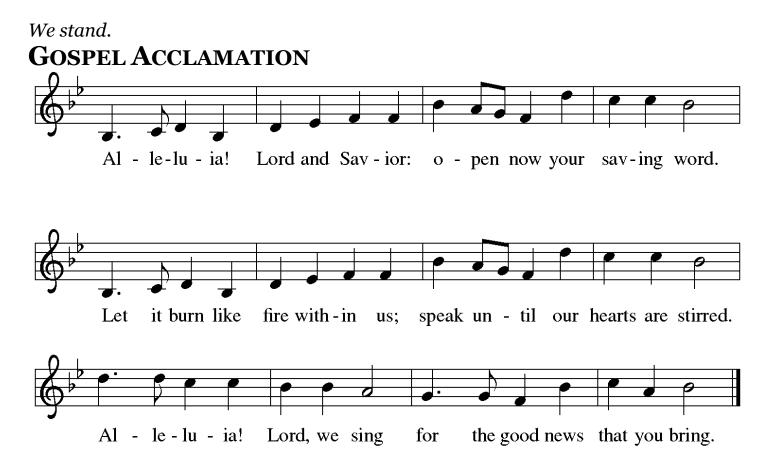
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the

innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40 The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Don't be afraid!



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: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

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.

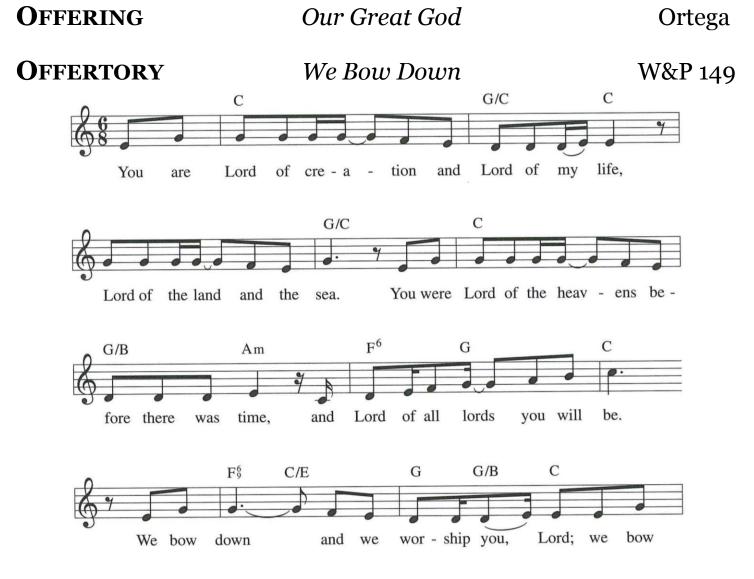
We sit.

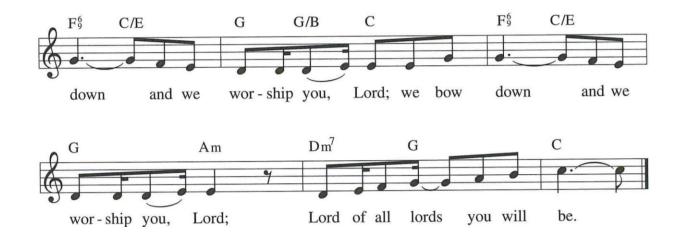
THE MEAL

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 on the first chair by the center aisle.





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

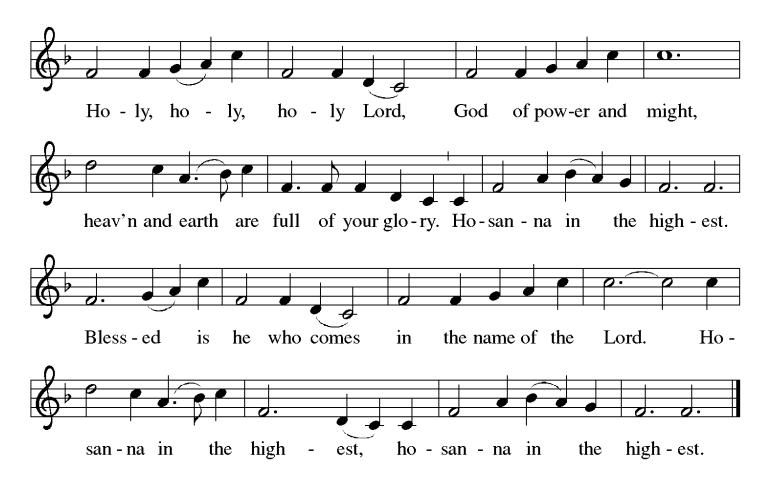
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out your Spirit, uniting in one body, people of every nation and tongue. 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...

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.

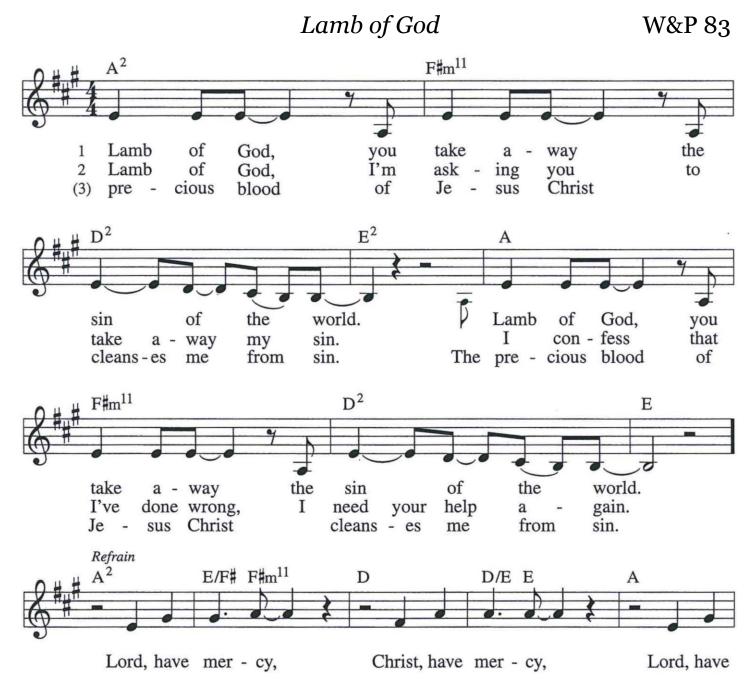
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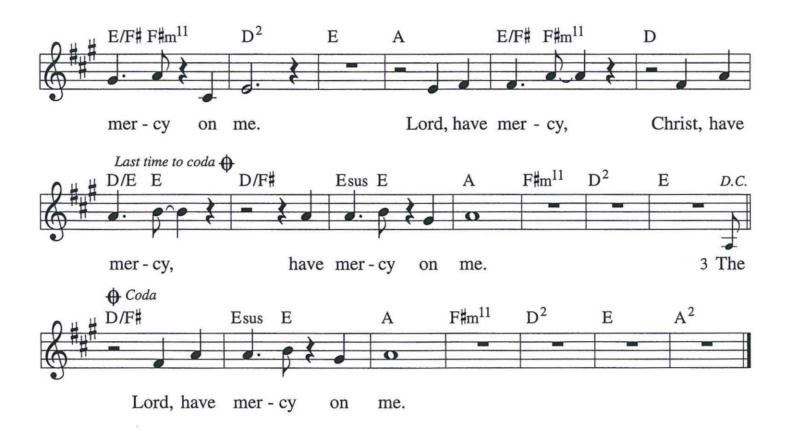
God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready. We sit.

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 chair.

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

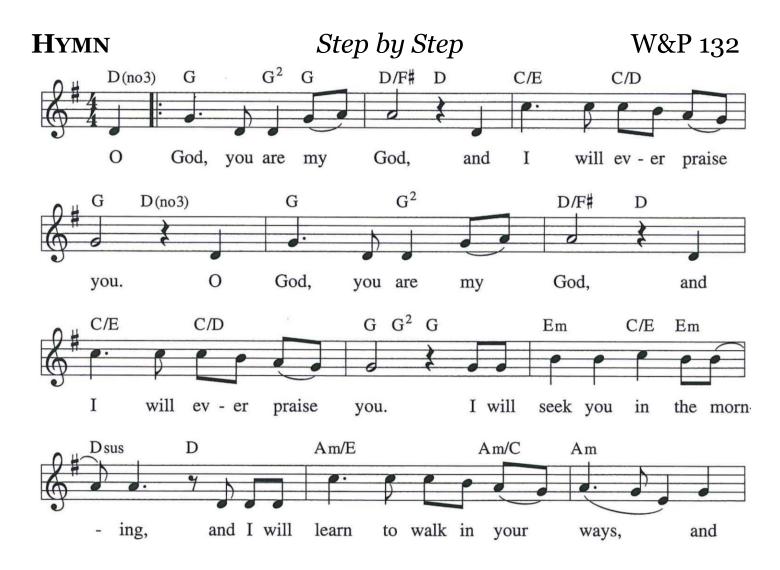
We pray together. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made;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

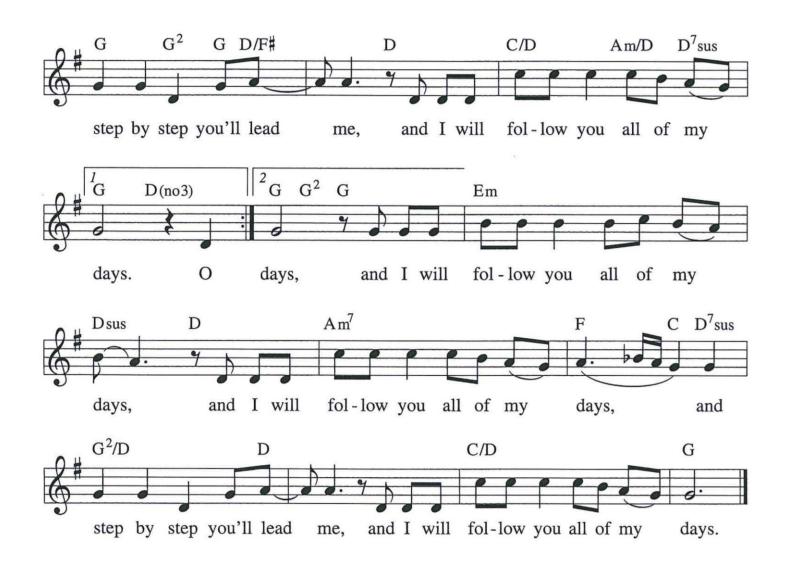
THE SENDING

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.





DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is sending you. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Glorify Thy Name

Hayes

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Bernice Price and in honor of Momma and Daddy's anniversary on August 10th by David, Scottie and Jacob Marsh.



There are open dates for flowers for the upcoming Sundays: August 25th and September 15th. If you would like to place the flowers on the altar on any of these Sundays, please contact the church office.



The Heating and A/C installation has been completed!

We return to the sanctuary on Sunday, August 18th.

We give thanks to God for keeping all of the workers safe as they "removed the old and put in the new" air-conditioning system.

We are ever thankful for the sextons and the jobs they do to

keep all of our facilities clean and beautiful!

On Saturday, August 17th at 9:00 am there will be a clean-up day for items that we would never expect the sextons to complete. The tasks for that day are those things that you do around your homes once a year.

Tasks identified thus far are, cleaning the wooden parts of the pews, applying oil treatment to the wood, vacuuming and spot cleaning the pew cushions, cleaning and organizing some of the storage rooms.

Come and join the work and fun as we continue to live in community with the family at Mt. Hermon!

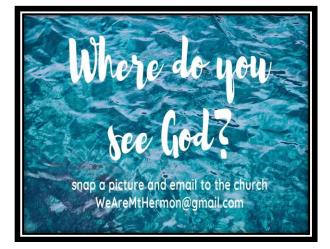


Everyone involved in teaching and nurturing students, will be blessed at worship on August 18th.

Bring your backpacks, lunchbox, tote, dance shoes, musical instrument, football, soccer ball, cleats,etc. for a special blessing.

We send you into the school year to be the light of Christ. Bach arv Jeans Blue Jeans Sunday, August 25 9:00 Worship Sanctuary

Wear your blue jeans as we remember the birthdate of Johann Sebastian Bach, Lutheran Church musician. Worship will be filled with Bach's original work.

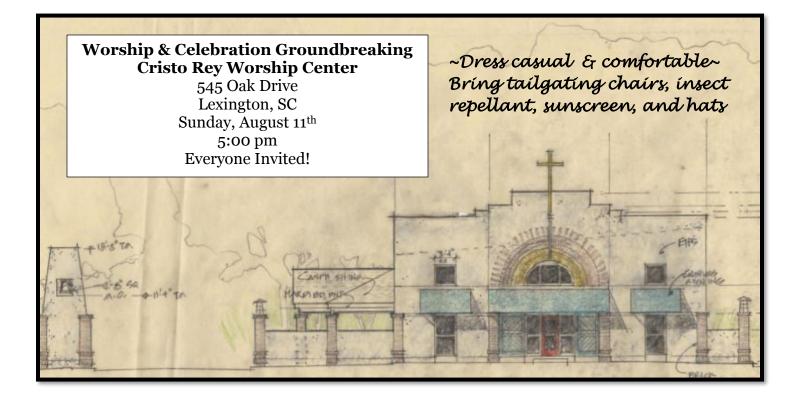


... "Joining God In The Neighborhood"



Please join us if you can!

Note: Next pickup date November 16th





School Supply Drive August 1st – 20th

Mt. Hermon is blessed to have many educators in our congregation!

You can help support their neediest students by participating in our School Supply Drive!

The following items are requested:

- Pencils (standard & mechanical)
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 1" & 2" Binders
- Tab Dividers
- Backpacks (standard size, please no extra small packs!)
- Notebook paper
- Ear buds
- Highlighters
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Index Cards
- Post it Notes
- Tissue boxes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand sanitizer

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koon 803-807-0283



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Current & Needed	a Benevolent \$4,074.75		\$7,553.00	Over/(Under) \$3,478.25	
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Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Thomas Riley by Parker & Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of Jack Means by Linda Waters-Hamilton



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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

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Margie Hook, *Home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place* Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home* Connie Bucknam, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta BerryLinda Waters-HamiltonTom & June RoofErnie SwygertJim 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 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 Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam Mason Williams, friend of Breanna Metze 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

Serving Today* Serving Today		berving August 18 th			
Greeter:	Jenny Scott	Faye Sox			
Crucifer:	Wynne Price	OPEN			
Acolyte:	Lawson Morris	Connor Eargle			
-		Mackenzie Burns			
Lector:	Emily Morris	Cyndi Thurman			
Communion Asst.					
	Wynne Price	OPEN			
	Emily Morris	OPEN			
	Angie Hydrick	Ronnie Fulmer			
Children's Sermon:					
	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Sheila Eargle			
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Brittany Aller	n Grace Roof, Emily &			
	Alyson Price	Moises Arroyo			
Food Pantr	'y: <u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>			
	Angie Hydrick	Doris Maddox			

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

* 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, August 18th

9:00 am We return to the sanctuary for worship Holy Communion Worship Blessing of the Backpacks
10:15 am Sunday School

Tuesday, August 20th

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 21st

6:30 pm Chancel Choir7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting – Conference Room



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 11th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Cristo Rey Worship Center Groundbreaking

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, August 12th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men Meets

Tuesday, August 13th

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 14th

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, August 17th

9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway – Church Parking Lot 9:00 am Clean-up Day