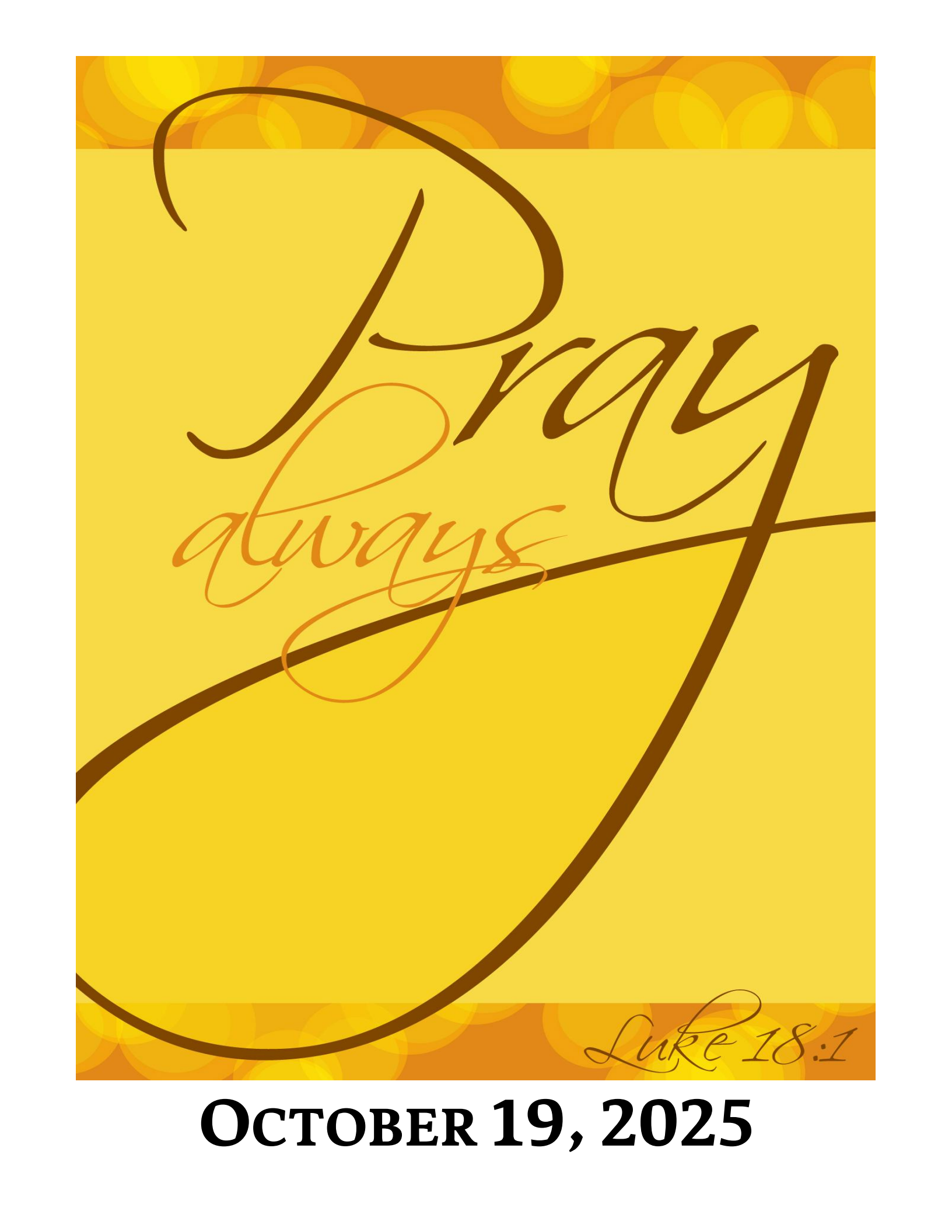




Pray
always

Luke 18:1

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

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**.*

We leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. ***Amen.***

PRELUDE

Medley
Roof

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Trusting in God's mercy, we confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

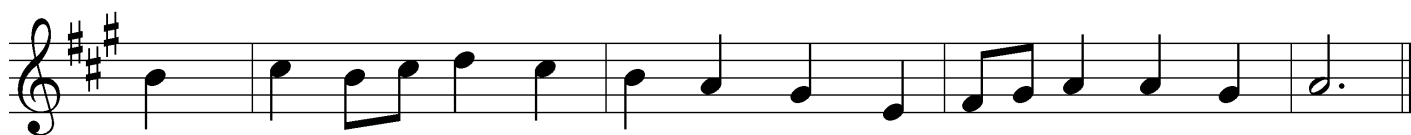
HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

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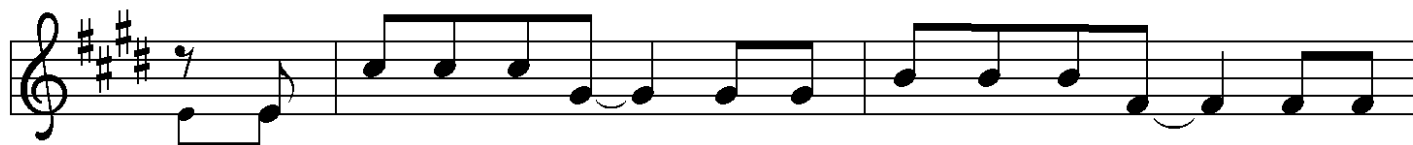


Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

GENESIS 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

We read responsively.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

² ***My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.***

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ ***Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;***

⁵ the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ ***the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.***

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ ***The Lord will watch over your going out and your
coming in, from this time forth forevermore.***

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

A reading from 2nd Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

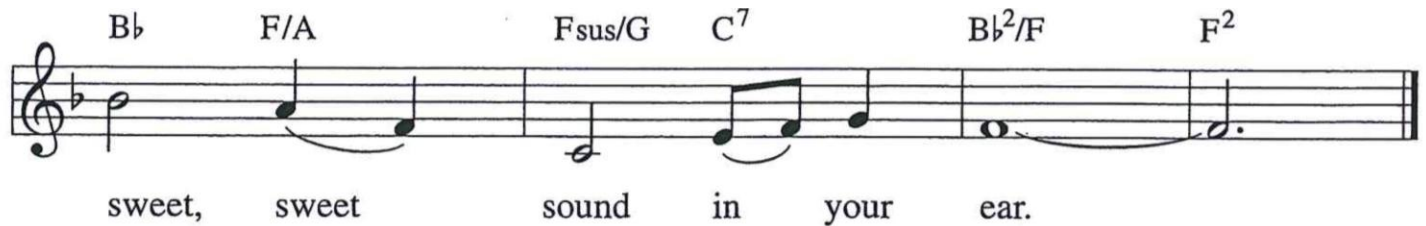
We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord

Klein/CCLI #25266

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, the chords F², Gm/F, and F are indicated. The lyrics 'I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The chords Bb, F/A, Gm⁷, F/A, C⁷_{sus}, C, Bb/D, and C/E are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take' are written below the staff. The third staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The chords F², Gm/F, F, and F⁷ are indicated above the staff. The lyrics 'joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a' are written below the staff.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

pray

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.

SERMON

pray, and let God

We stand

HYMN

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Converse/Public Domain



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

God of grace, ***receive our prayer.***

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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.

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 contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. **Friendship pads** have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.*

OFFERING

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Dorsey/CCLI #7205306

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Frager/CCLI #2405227

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are also some unusual notations, such as a '4' in a circle and a '7' in a circle, which may be typos or specific performance instructions. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a - gain; Ho - ly Spir - it rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly Spir - it, rain down.'

Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O

Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a - gain; Ho - ly Spir - it

rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your

voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly

Spir - it, rain down.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

***Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.***

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

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 the way to everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We remember the sacrifice of Christ, his eating with outcasts and sinners. We remember his resurrection from the dead and his ascension to you. Now we share this promised feast. ***Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.***

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fulness of the kingdom of heaven, and we may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. ***Amen, Come, Holy Spirit.***

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, 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.***

We sit.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors, and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

MUSIC

Medley
Roof

POST COMMUNION 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, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
Who gives justice to the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry,
Who sets the prisoners free,
† bless you now and forever. *Amen.*

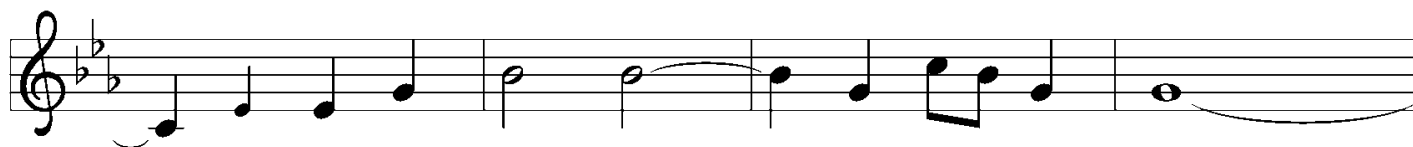
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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

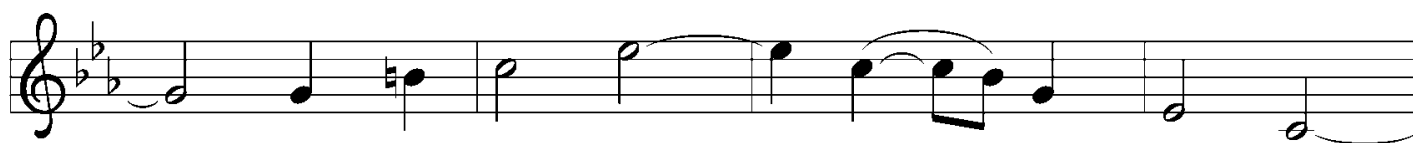
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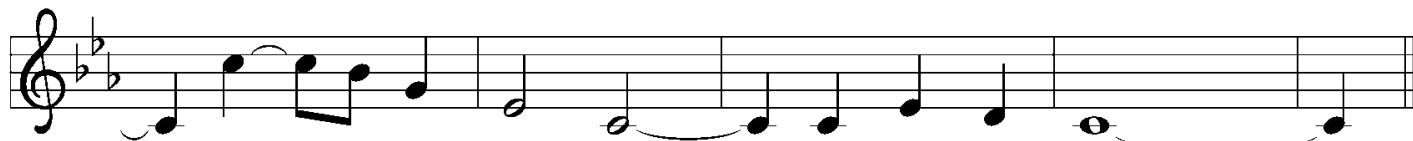
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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

SENDING

The Blessing

Brown/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .
— A - men, a -
-men, a - men. A - men, a -
-men, a - men. D.C. |

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

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my sweet husband, Gale by Sherwood Garrett.

Coffee, Food, and Fellowship ~ November 2nd

Following Service for all the Saints, new confirmands, and new members. The congregation is asked to bring food items. There will be a sign up sheet in the breezeway. All teams are asked to participated in set up and clean up.



Community FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 26 🍁 4:30PM-6:30PM

INFLATABLES

GAMES

FOOD

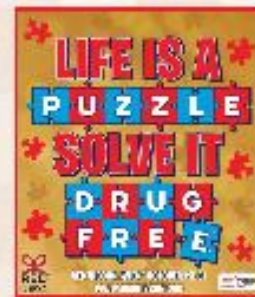
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& LCSD WILL HAVE
TRUNKS, TOO!



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WALKING TOGETHER, FOSTERING HOPE

Mental Health and Spiritual Care in the Lutheran Tradition



SAVE THE DATE: November 1, 2025

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

Suicide Awareness and Mental Health

Guest Speaker Dennis Gillan of Half a Sorrow

Presented by South Carolina Synod

Mempkin Abbey
Creche Festival
Saturday, December 6



Travel with us to Mempkin Abbey Creche Festival
theme: Nativity in Wood and With Wood

Bus leaves at 8:30 am

Lunch after at Music Man's Bar-B-Que

Reservations limited to 35 people - sign up in breezeway

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

10/12/2025

9:00 worship 66 + live stream 173 = 239

Sunday School= 9

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$836.14
Building Fund	Received	\$1,370.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$20.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

n/a

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Danny Scott	Frank Bouknight
	Jenny Scott	Wynne Price
Crucifer:	Cameron Bucknam	Brayden Rutherford
Acolyte:	Chanler Coppens	Aaron Head
Lector:	Angie Hydrick	Dylan Whitaker
Communion Assts:	Cameron Bucknam	Brayden Rutherford
	Chanler Coppens	Dylan Whitaker
	Cheri Coppens	Aaron Head
	Angie Hydrick	David Marsh
	Marie Gardner	Scottie Marsh
Audio:	Blake Allen	Brandon Donaldson
Video:	Breanna Metze	Marie Gardner
Nursery:	Alyson Price	Kay Bryant
	Brittany Allen	Larry Amick
Flowers:	Sherwood Garrett	Joel, Jr & Devona Price

SERVING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL REP: Danny Scott

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Georgianna Gray, *home*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gloria Mathias, *home*
Ronnie Mathias, *Lex Med Center*
Jean Shealy, *Lex Ext Care Rehab*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll	Debbie Duval	Renee Greenbaum
Joye Haygood	Frankie Jackson	Doris Maddox
Skyler Miller	Dennis Thurman	Mary Frances Sease
Jim Whitaker		

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, <i>friend of Danny Scott</i>	Will & Summer Satcher,
Stetson Cooper, <i>grandson of Dan Cooper</i>	<i>friend of Courtney Bucknam</i>
Paula Miller, <i>friend of Brittany Allen</i>	Lauren Addy,
Dawn McIlwain-Merck,	<i>friend of Kathy Cooper and Metz</i>
<i>friend of Robin Ellisor</i>	Sam Lockridge, <i>friend of Scottie Marsh</i>
John Catoe, <i>family of the Ellisors</i>	Mary Duffie, <i>mother of Alyson Price</i>
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),	Thelma Moyer, <i>mother of Diane Boulware</i>
<i>friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart</i>	Kaiden Howell,
Iris Wellborn, <i>sister of Earl Sease</i>	<i>friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik</i>
Mrs. Cruz, <i>teacher of Abbey Carroll</i>	Randy Stonehill, <i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer</i>
Phil Dennis, <i>brother of Lavonne Roof</i>	Linda Bennett, <i>mother of Beth Jordan</i>
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,	Neice of <i>Abbey Carroll's teacher</i>
<i>friends of Debra & Dave Butts</i>	Singley & Parisano families,
Sandra Watson,	<i>friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper</i>
<i>aunt of Courtney Bucknam</i>	Joy Jordan, <i>friend of Michelle Gantt</i>
Jaimie Womack,	Dorris Layton,
<i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price</i>	<i>friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease</i>
Cynthia Rabon, <i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price</i>	Jody Harper, <i>friend of Kelli Goff</i>
Blase Rhine,	Tressa Oswalt, <i>Angie Hydrick's sister</i>
<i>grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight</i>	Wayne LaBounty, <i>friend of Herb Bucknam</i>
Jeslyn, <i>friend of Scarlett Bryant</i>	Scarlett Redmon, <i>cousin of Kinard Family</i>
Faye McCartha, <i>mother of Debra Butts</i>	Jon Ellis, <i>friend of Ryan Price</i>
Robbie Rector, <i>friend Jennifer Miller</i>	Joe & Billy Corder, <i>friends of Ryan Price</i>
Bill Geddings, <i>father of Allison Swygert</i>	Michael Williams,
Jane Baxley, <i>cousin of Michelle Gantt</i>	<i>son-in-law Georgianna Gray</i>
Joyce Davis, <i>grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik</i>	



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Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President

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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am Council Meeting

11:30 am CR: Teach Team

3:00 pm Youth: Marty Party

Tuesday, October 21st

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

6:30 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, October 22nd

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Rick & Debbie Duval, Jamie & Nancy Addison)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship

Saturday, October 25th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)