



He Is  
Risen!

EASTER  
SUNDAY

# **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 ...*

*We enter into darkness, silence, and anticipation.*

**MUSIC**

*His Heart Beats*

Peterson, Shrive/CCLI #7110696

*The light enters the sanctuary.*

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen!*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed!*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

*We stand.*

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

*He washes away our sin and  
all that separates us from God.*

*Empower our witness to the resurrection.*

*Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.*

*We ask this through Christ,*

*who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.*

# HYMN

# *Thine is the Glory*

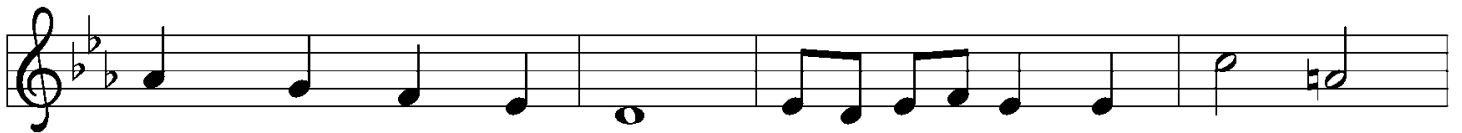
Public Domain



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

# GREETING

We gather for worship on this Easter Resurrection Sunday  
in the name of the † One, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Amen.*

# KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



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,



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## 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**.*

## THE WORD

### ACTS 10:34-43

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

***<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”***

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

***<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in  
the tents of the righteous:***

***“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!***

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

***<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the  
works of the LORD.***

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

***<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.***

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

***<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered***

***me and you have become my salvation.***

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>***By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.***

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>23</sup>***By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.***

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

*A reading from Colossians.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We stand and face the cross as the Word is brought among us.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

***Christ The Lord is Risen Today***

***(He's Alive)***

Bolin, Gentiles/CCLI #7191152

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

*The holy gospel according to St. John the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

*We turn to face the altar as the cross leads us.*

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL**

*Christ The Lord is Risen Today  
(He's Alive)*

Bolin, Gentiles/CCLI #7191152

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*the stone is rolled away*

## 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

*the story continues*

## MUSIC

*Christ The Lord is Risen Today (He's Alive)*

Bolin, Gentiles/CCLI #7191152

*We stand.*

## 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.***

*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](http://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.

## ANTHEM

### *How Great Thou Art (Until That Day)*

Redman, Wong, Hine/CCLI #7195204

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

### *Great is the Lord*

Smith, Smith/CCLI #1149

C Dm G/B C



Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C Bb/C F/C Bb/C F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C



love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B♭/C F/C B♭/C G/C C B♭/C F/C B♭/C

Great is the Lord, and wor- thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am<sup>7</sup>/G Dm Gsus G C C<sup>sus</sup> C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***Merciful God,***

***accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.***

***You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.***

***Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,***

***that goodness and mercy may follow us***

***and bless the world you love.***

***In the name of Jesus, 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, 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence.

***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. ***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**

**Come to the table of grace. Receive the risen Lord.**

## **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*

*We stand.*

## **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.*

***Holy One,***

***through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.***

***Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,***

***and to bring your healing to the nations.***

***In the name of Jesus, Amen.***

## **THE SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

***Amen.***

### **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Christ is Risen! ***He is risen!***

Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed!***

Christ is Risen! ***He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

**HYMN**  
*Sing Twice*

*This is the Day*

Garrett/CCLI #32754



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be



glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the



Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*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.***

*We invite you to follow the procession to the courtyard cross.*

*We will place the worship flowers in the flower cross.*

***All who pass will see and know: He is alive!***

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** are to the glory of God by Mt. Hermon Disciples. May we use these flowers to make a difference in the world during worship and then to all who drive by the outdoor cross!



Jesus,  
is alive

The Pineview Ruritans are collecting new and gently worn shoes again this year. There is a drop off box at their location: 2906 Pella Ave. West Columbia, 29170. It is right off Methodist Park Road on the left before you get to Aldi. Anyone wanting to donate shoes can leave them there. ***Thank you on behalf of the Outreach Team for all the support and giving you provide.***

# Save The Date!

# VBS

**June 15, 16, 17**

5:30 Dinner

6:00 Opening Program

6:15 Activity Rotations

8:00 Closing Program

Programs for children, youth, & adults

Invite your Friends & Neighbors!



**Mt Hermon Travelers** are planning many trips and events this year. They invite you to come and help plan and go on these trips. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Bouknight or any other member of the team.

Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #5B153820. New Revised Standard Version Bible updated edition. Copyright © 2021, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2026 OneLicense.com. Annual License A-730945. Used by permission Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-730945. All rights reserved. Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Copyright © 2026 Christian Copyright Licensing International. Annual License #2016869. All rights reserved. Copyright © Concordia Publishing House, cph.org. Used by permission. NewsletterNewsletter.com; graphic

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Parker Boulware	Dan Cooper
	Diane Boulware	Joel Price, Jr.
Crucifer:	Hayden Eargle	Mackenzie Burns
Acolyte:	Sydney Bucknam	Connor Eargle
Banner Bearer:	Chanler Coppens	n/a
Bible Bearer:	Connor Eargle	n/a
Torch Bearer:	Brayden Morris	n/a
	Mackenzie Burns	n/a
Lector:	Emily Morris	Elyse Kinard
Communion Assts:	Hayden Eargle	Mackenzie Burns
	Sydney Bucknam	Connor Eargle
	Emily Morris	Elyse Kinard
	Brayden Morris	Scottie Marsh
	Chanler Coppens	David Marsh
Audio:	Ryan Corley	Arron Kinard
Video:	Breanna Metze	Quentin Kinard
Flowers:	Mt Hermon	Addison

### **SERVING IN APRIL**

**COUNCIL REP:** Fran Bouknight

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

**TABULATORS:** Diane Boulware, Annette Price

# MT HERMON PRAYS

## *Continual Prayer*

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Agape Hospice House*  
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*

Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*  
Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

## *Members in Special Need of Prayer*

Lauren Addy                      Bonnie Bouknight  
Chris Carroll                     Debbie Duval  
Doris Maddox                    Skyler Miller  
Jim Whitaker

Andrea Bowers                    Sarah Bryant  
Joye Haygood                     Frankie Jackson  
Cyndi Thurman                    Dennis Thurman

## *Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Dan Cooper*  
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck,  
*friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),  
*friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,  
*friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Sandra Watson,  
*aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Jaimie Womack,  
*friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Blase Rhine,  
*grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*  
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*  
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*  
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*  
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*  
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*  
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*  
Will & Summer Satcher, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*  
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*  
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*  
Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*

Singley & Parisano families,  
*friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper*  
Joy Jordan, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Dorris Layton,  
*friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*  
Jody Harper, *friend of Kelli Goff*  
Tressa Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's sister*  
Wayne LaBounty, *friend of Herb Bucknam*  
Scarlett Redmon, *cousin of Kinard Family*  
Joe & Billy Corder, *friends of Ryan Price*  
Michael Williams,  
*son-in-law Georgianna Gray*  
Wayne & Kristen Watkins,  
*friends of Courtney Bucknam*  
Meredith Thorndike,  
*goddaughter of Wayne & Charlene Corley*  
Melissa, *niece of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*  
Addie, *granddaughter of Lavonne Roof*  
Elizabeth McKee, *aunt of Bonnie Bouknight*  
Frank Flinn, *friend of Ryan Price*  
Bishop Ginny Aebischer, *bishop of SC Synod*  
David Stevenson, *brother of Laura Carroll*  
Cindy Maple  
Kristin Oliver, *sister of Michelle Gantt*  
Jimmy Maddox, *husband of Doris Maddox*  
Mr. Reed, *friend of Cyndi Thurman*  
Natalie Liimatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*  
Paul Jacobs, *friend of Paul & Wanda Addy*  
Aria and Shelly Hamilton,  
*friends of Scarlett Bryant*



WeAreMtHermon

[www.WeAreMtHermon.com](http://www.WeAreMtHermon.com)  
3011 Leaphart Road ~ West Columbia, SC 29169  
803.794.6430 / 803.240.3143 cell/text

Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor*  
Administrative Asst

803.951.3784  
803.240.3143 cell

*PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com*  
*Office@WeAreMtHermon.com*

### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Terry Swygert, *President*  
Diane Boulware, *Secretary*  
Parker Boulware, *Financial Secretary*

Ronnie Fulmer, *Vice President*  
Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*  
Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am Sunrise Worship – Outdoor Sanctuary
- 7:30 am Youth Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Resurrection Worship – Indoor Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Flowering the Cross

### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Executive Team

### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Debra & Dave Butts, Sharon Keefe)
- 12:05 pm One Body

### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm CR: Travel Team

### Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens, Frank Bouknight)