

REFORMATION SUNDAY CONFIRMATION & NEW DISCIPLES OCTOBER 27, 2024

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 prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Cornerstone
Myrin/CCLI #6158927

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



His might is

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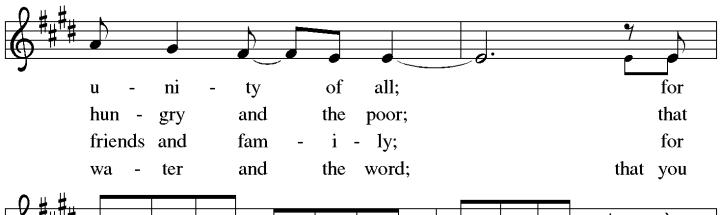
GREETING

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.*





- 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
- 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

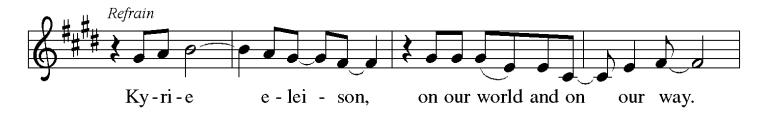




this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod-y and blood,







PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

ROMANS 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

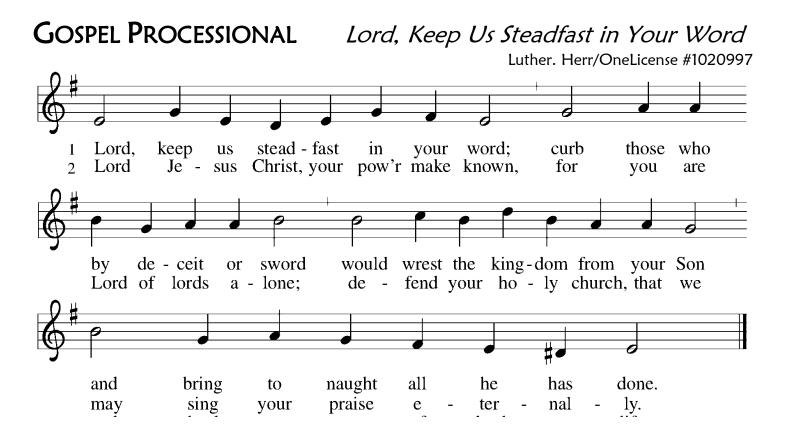
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine

forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Luther. Herr/OneLicense #1020997 Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, Lord for you are 0 Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and a - lone: Lord of lords fend your ho - ly church, that de fi - nal strife u - ni - ty on earth; sup port us our in may sing your praise e nal ly. lead and ofdeath to life. us out

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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

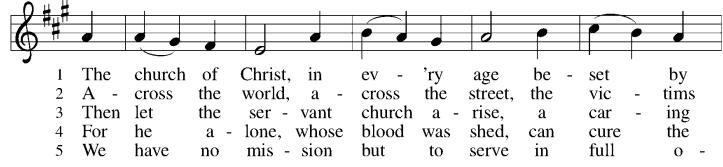
faith in Jesus Christ

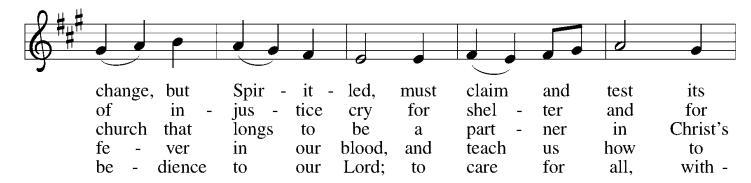
We stand.

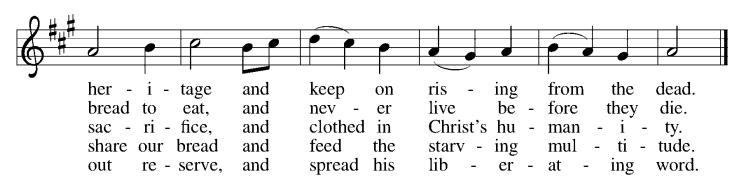
HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Chanler Coppens who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

We pray together.

Merciful God, we thank you for this disciple of Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

Chanler,

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Confirmands: *I renounce them.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Chanler, you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Chanler, do you promise to continue this covenant? Chanler: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,

do you promise to support this disciple of Christ and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Individually each confirmand and their parents come to the font. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Chanler the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Chanler receives a candle from their parents to mark this day.

Daniel, Cheri, and Adrian Coppens and Robin Machajewski, has expressed a desire to become part of this community of faith.

People of God, you have assisted in the nourishment of the faith of this student and these visitors at Mt. Hermon. I ask you to join them as we state our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Welcome to the new disciples of Christ who call Mt Hermon, "Home."

Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God.

We proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

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.

ANTHEM

Lord, I Believe in You
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OFFERTORY

Change My Heart, O God

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. 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.*

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We humbly seek your face, and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your wisdom to empower us. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

Music

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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 God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
† bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. *Amen.*

HYMN

Listen, God Is Calling

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

SENDING The Blessing



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 honor of Jackson Price's 20th birthday on October 28th love Mom, Dad, and Spencer.

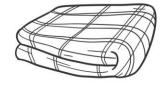






Wrap a Child in a Warm Blanket

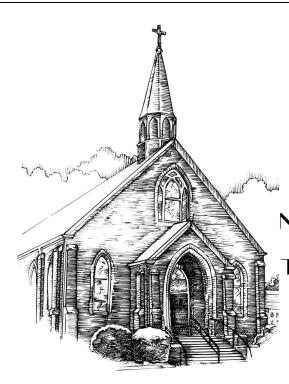
Many of the students at one of the local elementary schools need warm blankets for this winter. They need twin blankets that are warm and a solid color or a simple pattern to help prevent jealousy among the children. We will be collecting these now through Thanksgiving.



Please donate if you can. We will be collecting these also as a special offering at the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24.







2024 Annual Meeting Notice

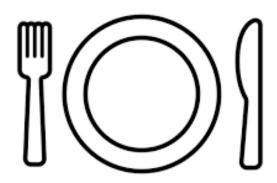
Annual Meeting November 17

Nominating Meeting November 3

Tie-Break Meeting November 10

Mt Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Rd West Columbia





He-Brews Supper clubs will meet November 9, 2024. This will give our members an opportunity to share a meal together, get to know others in our congregation, and encourage one another in our faith journey. How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway or with the online link. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for dinner. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people.

Deadline to sign up is November 3.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS 10/20/2024 In Person 93 + Live Stream Worship 129 = 222

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,714.18
Building Fund	Received	\$650.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$90.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

- In memory of Dot Mathias by Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer, Ricky & Fran Bouknight, Greg & Andrea Summers, Emily Summers, Tyler & Rebecca Turnage, David, Scottie, & Jacob Marsh.
- In memory of Shirley Cooper by Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer, Charles D. Cooper, Patrick & Renee McCormick
- In memory of **Tom Roof** by Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer.
- Birthdays of our mothers by David, Scottie, & Jacob Marsh.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Rick Anthony	Kirby Johnson
	Jamie Addison	Cindy Price
Crucifer:	Chanler Coppens	Jake Dugan
Acolyte:	Sam Koon	Bryson Johnson
Lector:	Sam Koon	Ricky Bouknight
Communion Assts:	Chanler Coppens	Ricky Bouknight
	Sam Koon	Fran Bouknight
	Dylan Whitaker	Lynn Bouknight
	Brayden Rutherford	Jake Dugan Daryl Leigh Anthony
	Marie Gardner	Kirby Johnson
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	
	DJ Plummer	
Flowers:	Joel Jr & Devona Price	Fulmer & Gardner

SERVING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Laura Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Arron & Quentin Kinard

Mt Hermon Prays

Continual Prayer

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

Gloria Mathias, home Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place Cyndi Thurman, Prisma Baptist Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Parker Boulware Chris Carroll
Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker Marie Gardner

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

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
Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll
Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll
Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott
Sandra Watson, aunt of Courtney Bucknam
Sarah Harmon, friend of Courtney Bucknam
Quentin Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)
Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan Lucas, friend of Hayes Wingard Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant Tom Shaul, friend of the Kinard Family Debbe Dearman, neighbor of Kathy Cooper Jillian Stover, friend of Erin Rose Bryce McKelvey, friend of Regan Gross Max Schronce,

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts Hayes Wingard,

grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Amy Morrison, friend of many
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert
Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt
Mark King, coworker of Michelle Gantt
Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik
Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam Family of David Kaylor,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy, friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Tim Burrows, friend of Michelle Gantt
Jodi Harper, friend of Erin Rose
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Lutheran Disaster Recovery workers
Hurricane Helene survivors and families

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 3rd All Saints Sunday

Day Light Savings Time Ends

9:00 am Nominating Meeting for Council

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Children's Choir

10:30 am FH: Coffee, Food, and Fellowship

3:00 pm Confirmation Class / Parents

Monday, November 4th

6:00 pm CR: Care Team

6:30 pm Team for Ministry

Tuesday, November 5th

5:00 pm GR: Executive Team

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, November 6th

9:00 am Apple Picking to Hendersonville

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7th

5:00 pm Drive Thru Prayer until 7:00 pm

Friday, November 8th

6:00 pm BYODinner / 7:00 pm Movie on the Mt.

Saturday, November 9th

9:00 am Food Pantry (The Koon Family)

6:00 pm HeBrews Supper Club



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Terry Swygert, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 27th Reformation

9:00 am Worship: Reformation Sunday/Confirmation

10:15 am Children's Choir

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

Tuesday, October 28th

10:30 am CR: Pastor's planning for Thanksgiving Service

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, October 29th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware, Mary Price)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 1st

6:00 pm BYODinner

7:00 pm Movie on the Mt.

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (The Koon Family)