

JUNE 8,2025

# **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** 

All Who Are Thirsty

Brown/CCLI #2489542

# THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. In the name of the Father, and † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Baptized into Christ, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. *Amen.* 

### HYMN

# Shine Jesus Shine

Kendrick/CCLI #30426



#### **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**

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

#### ACTS 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said,

"They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.* 

## PSALM 104:24-24,35b

We read responsively.

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, And Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> All of them look to you To give them their food in due season.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;

You open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; And so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; You touch the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

35b Bless the Lord, O My soul. Hallelujah!

#### **ROMANS 8:14-17**

A reading from Romans.

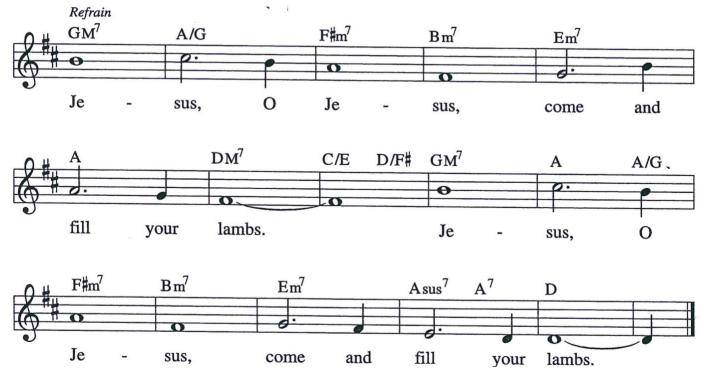
<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

# Spirit Song

CCLI# 27824



We stand.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27
The holy gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the

Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

Jesus in your heart

### 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 abide

## **H**YMN

# Spirit of Gentleness

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## **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.

### **DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS AND COMMUNION WARE**

Sisters and Brothers, today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these paraments and communion ware to the glory of God.

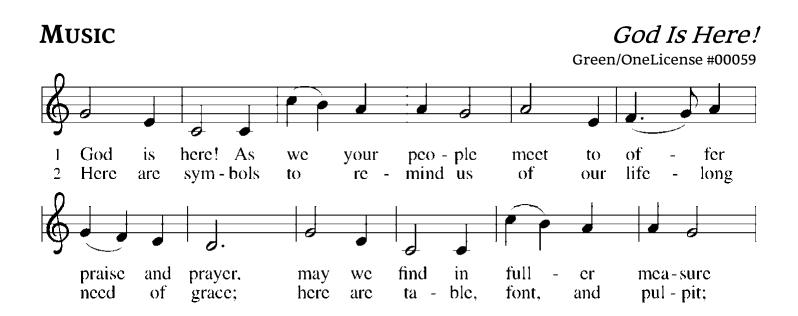
O God, we ask for your blessing.

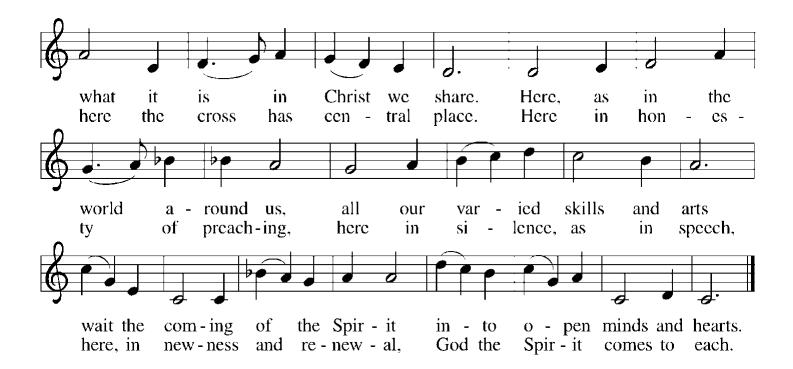
We give thanks to you, O God, creator of the universe for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with our lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on these paraments which we set apart today. May they adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness and so we proclaim the glory of your majesty.

Send your blessing on these communion vessels, which we also set apart today. May all who receive the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing be sustained by your grace and power.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *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** 

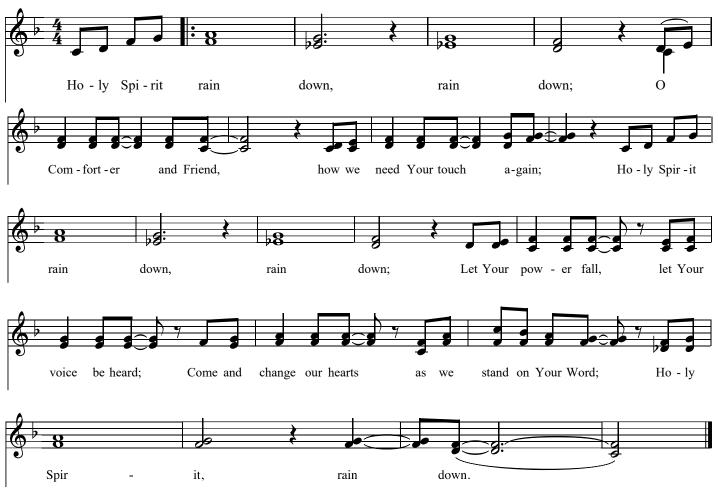
Sweet, Sweet Spirit
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## **OFFERTORY**

# Holy Spirit Rain Down

### Sing twice

Frager/CCLI 2405227



### **OFFERING PRAYER**

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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. Fulfilling the promise of resurrection, you pour out the fire of your spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. With all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name.

#### 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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

We sit.

#### **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 challis 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.

**C**OMMUNION Breathe

Smith/CCLI #7054045

#### 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.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

# **THE SENDING**

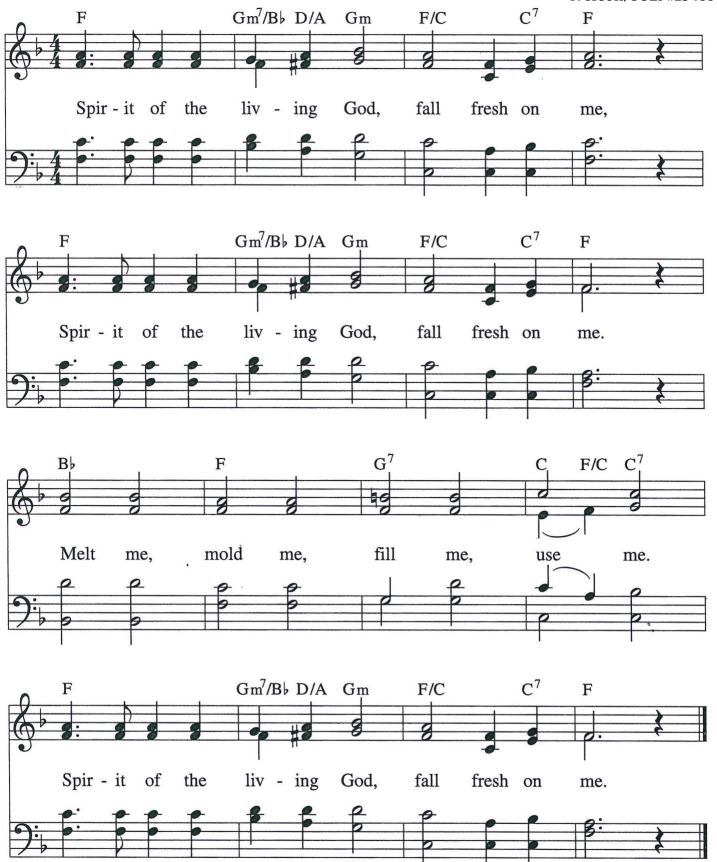
#### **BLESSING**

The triune God, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, Light your way with resurrection dawn, Now and always. *Amen.* 

# **H**YMN

# Spirit of the Living God

Iverson/CCLI #23488



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

SENDING The Blessing



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

- men.

men.

### SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

-men,

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 to the glory of God and in honor of all the 2025 graduates. Congratulations! By Al & Laura Stevens

Please find your way to the wall outside of the church office. Please initial next to your photograph if you are ok using that photo in the directory. If you would like to submit another/newer photo, please send to office@WeAreMtHermon.com at your earliest convenience.



### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

06/01/2025

9:00 worship 79 + live stream 121 = 200

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,511.93
<b>Building Fund</b>	Received	\$1,955.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$505.00

#### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Francis Eargle** by Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Herb Bucknam, Mary & Earl Sease, Danny & Jenny Scott, Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer, The Earl Eargle Family (Eva Keisler Eargle, Rex & Michelle Eargle, Greta & Rob Watkins, Eva Kat Eargle and Megan, Katie & Laura)

# In memory of Bobby Carver by Herb Bucknam.

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# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Dion Metze	Wayne Eargle	
	Frankie Jackson	Ronnie Fulmer	
Crucifer:	Tanner Addy	Connor Eargle	
Acolyte:	Sydney Bucknam	Aaron Head	
Lector:	Terry Swygert	Angie Hydrick	
Communion Assts:	Tanner Addy	Connor Eargle	
	Sydney Bucknam	Angie Hydrick	
	Terry Swygert	Daryl Leigh Anthony	
	Allison Swygert	Debbie Fulmer	
	Jerry Price	Sheila Eargle	
Audio:	Ryan Corley	Arron Kinard	
Video:	Breanna Metze	Quentin Kinard	
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Robin Machajewski	
	Laura Carroll	Brittany Allen	
Flowers:	Al & Laura Stevens	Ricky Bouknight	

# **SERVING IN JUNE**

**COUNCIL REP:** Al Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

## MT HERMON PRAYS

\*family of Kenny Drafts

## 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*Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*Cyndi Thurman, *home*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home* 

## Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll Debbie Duval Michelle Gantt Joye Haygood Frankie Jackson Dennis Thurman Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker Wynne Price

#### 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

Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll 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

Neice of Abbey
Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Linda Starkey,
Blase Rhine,

sister-in-

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
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy,

friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware
Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer
Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Linda Starkey,

sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper Nicki Davis,

neighbor of David & Debra Butts



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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

Terry Swygert, *President* Sheila Eargle, *Secretary* Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary*  Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## Sunday, June 8th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Council Meets

## Tuesday, June 10th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women (Shealy's BBQ)

### Wednesday, June 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship

### Thursday, June 12th

6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team 6:00 pm Travel Committee

# Saturday, June 14th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)