



LUKE 10:2, ESV

*Pray earnestly  
to the Lord of the  
harvest to send out  
laborers into  
his harvest.*

**JULY 6, 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.***

## **THE GATHERING**

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

In the name of the Father,

and ✝ the Son,

and the Holy Spirit.

***Amen.***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood  
*you delivered Noah and his family.*  
Through the sea you led your people Israel  
*from slavery into freedom.*  
At the river your Son was baptized by John  
*and anointed with the Holy Spirit.*  
By water and your Word  
*you claim us as daughters and sons,*  
making us heirs of your promise  
*and servants of all.*

We praise you for the gift of water  
*that sustains life,*  
and above all we praise you  
*for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.*  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
*and renew our lives*  
*with your forgiveness, grace, and love.*  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## 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.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### ISAIAH 66:10-14

*A reading from Isaiah.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing  
stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD  
is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

## **PSALM 66:1-9**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

***<sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.***

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies  
cringe before you.

***<sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."***

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

***<sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.***

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

***<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.***

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.



## **GALATIANS 6:1-16**

*A reading from Galatians.*

<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is

everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We stand.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.

<sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

### 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

### NICENE CREED

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,***



*maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.*

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

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

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. ***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.*

## **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...

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

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

*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 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.*

## OFFERING *You are invited to bring your offering as you come forward to receive communion*

*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.*

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

*We invite those who will serve as eucharistic ministers for this month to come forward and receive the communion.*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick or homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding

presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

### **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.*

***Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.***

## **THE SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace. *Amen.*

### **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 our wedding anniversary by Robin Machajewski.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Ushers:	Kirby Johnson	Ricky Bouknight
	Frankie Jackson	Fran Bouknight
Crucifer:	Mackenzie Burns	Hayden Eargle
Acolyte:	Bryson Johnson	Walker Kinard
Lector:	Frankie Jackson	Hayden Eargle
Communion Assts:	Mackenzie Burns	Debbie Fulmer
	Denise Thurman	Walker Kinard
	Kirby Johnson	Ricky Bouknight
	Frankie Jackson Melanie Jackson	Fran Bouknight
	Wynne Price Mary Price	Lynn Bouknight
Audio:	Blake Allen	Arron Kinard
Video:	Breanna Metze	Quentin Kinard
Nursery:	Kay Bryant	Cassie Swygert
	Larry Amick	Laura Carroll
Flowers:	Robin Machajewski	Herb Bucknam



# MT HERMON PRAYS

*\*family of Nina Gates*

## ***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	Dennis Thurman	Mary Frances Sease
Jim Whitaker	Wynne Price	

## ***Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer***

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



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### CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

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Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary*

Ronnie Fulmer, *Vice President*

Frank Bouknight, *Treasurer*

Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

### Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

### Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Executive Team

6:30 pm Life Group at the Jacksons



**Pastor Gina  
Will Be Away**

### Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Gina returns from Vacation

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm OneBody Worship

### Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Travel Committee

### Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth)

6:00 pm HeBrews Supper – Deadline to sign up is July 6<sup>th</sup>