

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 Price/Roof

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 the Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. *Amen.* Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

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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.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

A reading from Deuteronomy

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

PSALM 25:1-10

We read responsively. ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² *My God, I put trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

³ Let none who look to you be out to shame; Rather let those be out to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, For you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, For they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; Remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice And teach the lowly your way.

> ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

A reading from Colossians.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ

in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord

Klein/CCLI #25266



We stand. HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

We sit. CHILDREN'S TIME

being good

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

We stand.

Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

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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. We sit.

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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

Mercy in Me Agnew/CCLI #4432377

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit Rain Down



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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...

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 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.

MUSIC

Communion Medley Price/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. 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

t bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love Нуми Colvin/OneLicense #00047 Refrain fill Je su, Je su, us with your love, show the neigh-bors we have from how to us serve you. Kneels at his friends, the feet of si - lent-ly wash-es their feet, 1 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race. 2 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; 3 of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet: 4 Kneel at the feet Refrain mas - ter who slave them. acts as a to neigh-bors near - by and far are way. a all these neigh - bors to and are us you. this will live is the way we with you.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

SENDING

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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 to the glory of God and in memory of Connie Bucknam, the love of my life. I miss you terribly by Herb Bucknam.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/29/2025

9:00 worship 91 + live stream 102 = 187 Sunday School= 19

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,205.18
Building Fund	Received	\$405.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$110.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS n/a

07/06/2025

9:00 worship 58 + live stream 138 = 196

Sunday School=27

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,385.23
Building Fund	Received	\$435.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$155.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS To the glory of God in memory of Nina Gates, Mary Price's sister by Ann Addy, Earl & Mary Frances Sease

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Serving in Worship

	Today	Next Sunday		
Ushers:	Ricky Bouknight	Joel Price, Jr.		
	Fran Bouknight	Cindy Price		
Crucifer:	Hayden Eargle	Spencer Price		
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Quentin Kinard		
Lector:	Hayden Eargle	Quentin Kinard		
Communion Assts:	Debbie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr.		
	Walker Kinard	Joel Price, Sr.		
	Ricky Bouknight	Spencer Price		
	Fran Bouknight	Devona Price		
	Lynn Bouknight	Quentin Kinard		
Audio:	Arron Kinard	Arron Kinard		
Video:	Quentin Kinard	Quentin Kinard		
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson		
	Laura Carroll	Katie Donaldson		
Flowers:	Herb Bucknam	Carrolls		

SERVING IN JULY

<u>COUNCIL REP:</u> Sherwood Garrett <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick <u>TABULATORS:</u> Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

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

Members in Special Need of Prayer

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

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 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 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 Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper Joy Jordan,

friend of Michelle Gantt

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 20th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am CR: Teach Team
3:00 pm Connor Eargle Eagle Scout

Tuesday, July 22nd

6:30 pm CR: Support Team6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, July 23rd



9:00 am Food Pantry (David & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval) 12:05 pm OneBody Worship

Thursday, July 24th

5:00 pm Drive Thru Prayer

Saturday, July 12th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)



Wayne and Sheila Eargle and Boy Scout Troop 331 cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

Connor Eargle

Sunday, July 20, 2025 3:00 pm Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Reception following ceremony



EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 13th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Council Meets

Monday, July 14th

6:30 pm FH: Quinton Commons

Tuesday, July 15th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Support

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price)

Thursday, July 17th

6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Saturday, July 19th

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