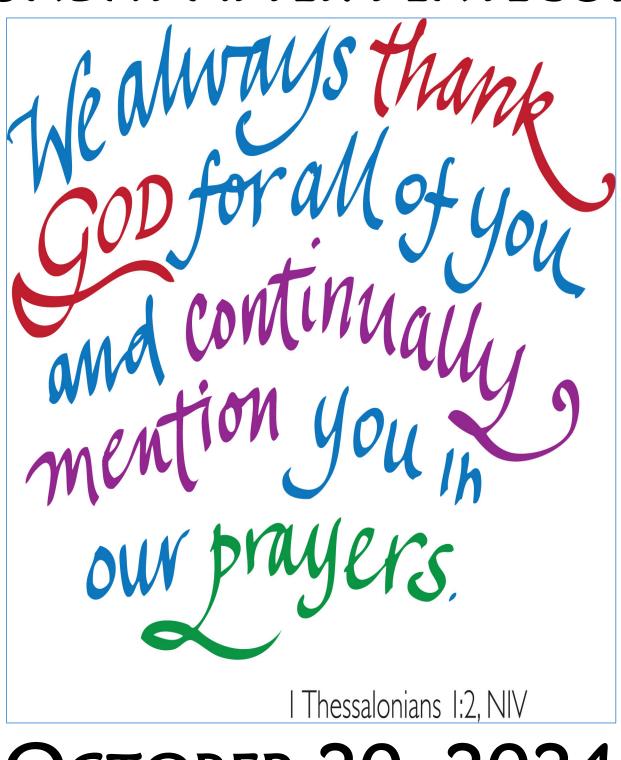
Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost



OCTOBER 20, 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**

We Gather Together Hudson/OneLicense #WL600034-22

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.* 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 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, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 This is My Father's World

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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.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 1

A reading from 1st Thessalonians

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

praying for others

Blessing of items for Hurricane Helene

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

in our prayers

We stand. HYMN

Give Thanks

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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.

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.

Lord Most Holy ANTHEM Liebergen/OneLicense MR We stand. Change My Heart, O God OFFERTORY Espinosa/CCLI #1565 Refrain Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true. End Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Ι am the clay. pot ter;





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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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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

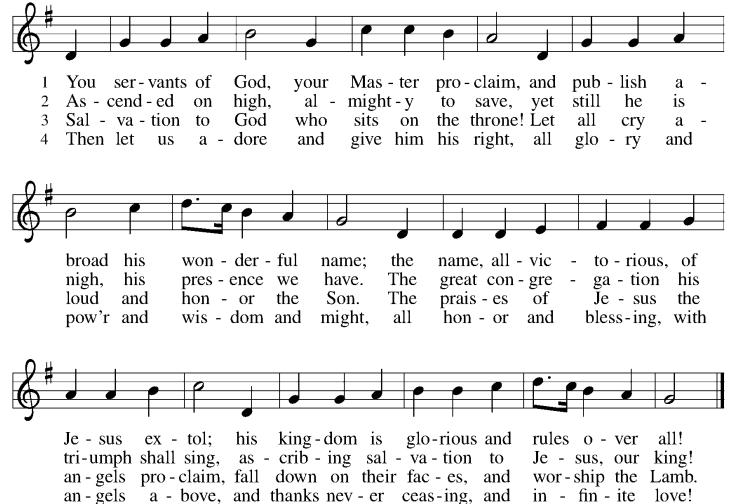
Blessing

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

Hymn

You Servants of God

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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

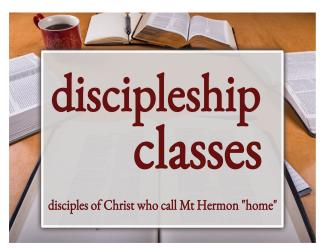
We follow the light of Christ into the world. We are God's people on a mission. We have gathered. We have been fed. Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Gina who not only shepherds this flock who calls Mt Hermon home but also shares the love of Jesus wherever she goes.

New Discipleship Class:

If you are interested in becoming a "disciple of Christ who calls Mt. Hermon "home", please meet TODAY at 10:30 in Pastor Gina's office.



Lots of fun for all ages! Harvest Festival



Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:00 - 7:30

Needs:

candy, volunteers, trunks, candy, musicians, cooks, candy, support staff, more

candy

If you have any questions, please contact Frankie or Melanie Jackson



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All Saints Sunday

November 3rd, 2024

Memorials to honor loved ones who have

passed will be listed in a special bulletin.

Funds received will be used to assist in the feeding of bereaved families.

Funds to the office by October 28th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



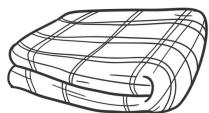
NOVEMBER 3, 2024 LIGHTING CANDLES AND REMEMBERERING THOSE WHO PASSED DURING THIS YEAR



Watching "The Chosen" Season 4

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.

Chartered Bus to Hendersonville

Fill the bus! November 6th

suggested donation \$20

Sign up sheets in breezeway or you may call the church office. Contact Frank Bouknight if you have any questions!



HONORING CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FAMILIES OF THE SAINTS CELEBRATED

> Fellowship Hall

November 3

TITHES AND OFFERINGS 10/13/2024 In Person 87 + Live Stream Worship 132 = 219

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,805.80
Building Fund	Received	\$1,657.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$150.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

- In memory of Dot Mathias by Richard & Darlene Long, Ronnie Mathias, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Gloria Mathias, Rick & Debbie Duval, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Ann Addy, Deborah Duval, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Deborah Gleaton, Jim & Catherine Hodge, Ed Dotts Jr., Diane Ivy (Dotts), Gail & Steve Kirkland, Ashton, Saint & Richard Cornelius, Marvin Dekle
- In memory of Shirley Cooper by Linda Waters-Hamilton, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Ann Addy, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Robert & Joan Smith, Janet & Carlisle Shirer

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	David Marsh	Rick Anthony	
	Terry Swygert	Jamie Addison	
Crucifer:	Hayden Eargle	Chanler Coppens	
Acolyte:	Cameron Bucknam	Sam Koon	
Lector:	Emily Morris	Sam Koon	
Communion Assts:	Hayden Eargle	Chanler Coppens	
	Cameron Bucknam	Sam Koon	
	Emily Morris	Dylan Whitaker	
	Sheila Eargle	Brayden Rutherford	
	Melanie Jackson	Marie Gardner	
Nursery:	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley	
	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer	
Flowers:	The Kinard Family	Joel Jr & Devona Price	

SERVING IN OCTOBER

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:</u> Laura Stevens <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick <u>TABULATORS:</u> Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price <u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman <u>AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM</u>: 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 Mary Frances Sease Erin Rose Parker Boulware Jim Whitaker Bryson Johnson Chris Carroll Amanda Robinette 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 Favo McCartha, mother of Dabra Putte

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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 27th Reformation – Wear Red

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

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, October 29th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware, Mary Price)
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 1st

6:00 pm BYODinner7:00 pm Movie on the Mt.

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (The Koon Family)



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 20th

9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Sunday School/Discipleship Class 11:30 am CR: Teach Team 3:00 pm Youth: Marty Party (meet at Mt Hermon at 2:45) Monday, October 21st Pastor Gina will be at 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team Lutheridge Sunday afternoon Tuesday, October 22nd through Wednesday afternoon 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group *learning and serving in* 6:30 pm CR: Support Team Ashville, NC. Wednesday, October 23rd 9:00 am Food Pantry (David & Debra Butts, Mary Price) 12:05 pm OneBody Worship 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Friday, October 25th 6:00 pm BYODinner 7:00 pm Movie on the Mt. Saturday, October 26th 9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley) 5:00 pm Harvest Festival