

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026



MT. HOREB LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 East Boundary Street
Chapin, SC 29036

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ welcoming all who are visiting. It is good that you are here to worship and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offering plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God
to be forgiven, enlightened, fed, and sent into world to serve.*

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

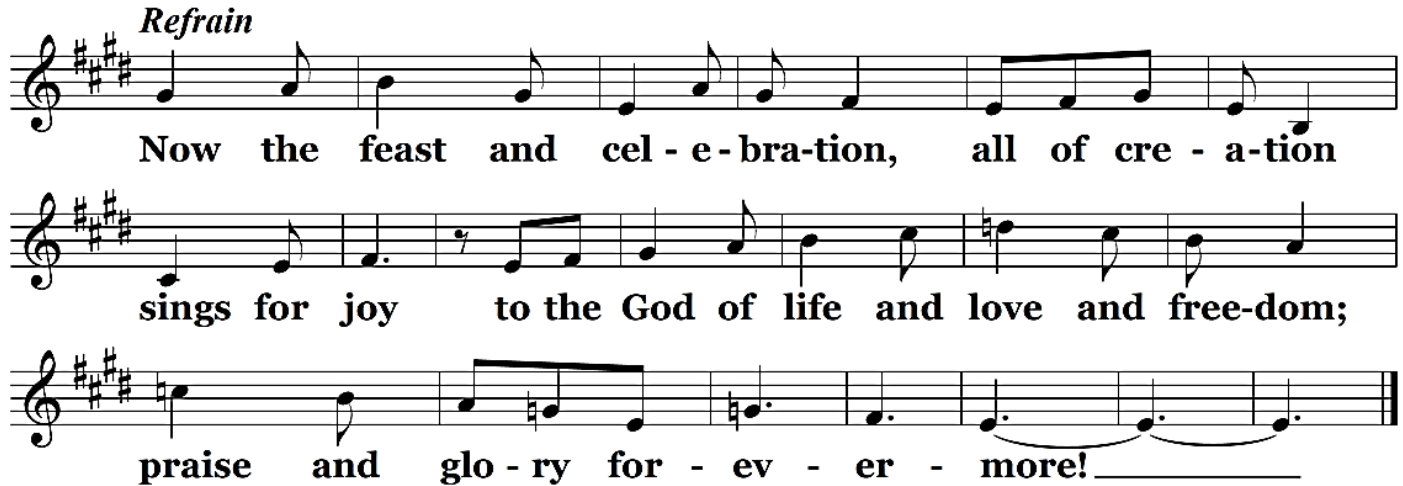
WE GATHER TO SING: HYMNAL #689 PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Now the Feast and Celebration (Join the choir in singing the refrain)*

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood
has freed and united us to be one great people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. **Refrain**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

We hear **the word** of God's promise in Scripture and in preaching. This includes the readings, the sermon, hymns and the Apostles' creed, prayers of intercession and the passing of the peace of Christ.

"We will recount to generations to come the power of the Lord (Ps. 78:4)."

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

8 Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

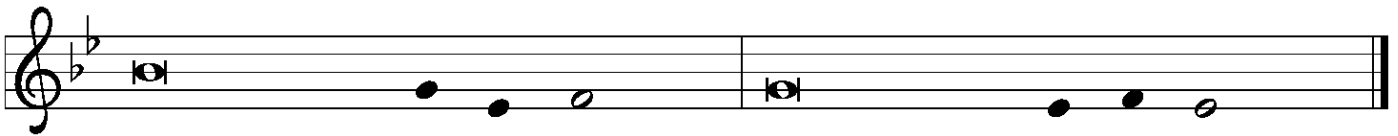
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L The Word of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

Congregation sings the verses in bold.



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¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- ¹ vere your name.

**¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore.**

- ¹³ For great is your ¹ love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.
- ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
 people ¹ seeks my life;
 they have not set you be- ¹ fore their eyes.**
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
 see it and be ¹ put to shame;
 because you, Lord, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

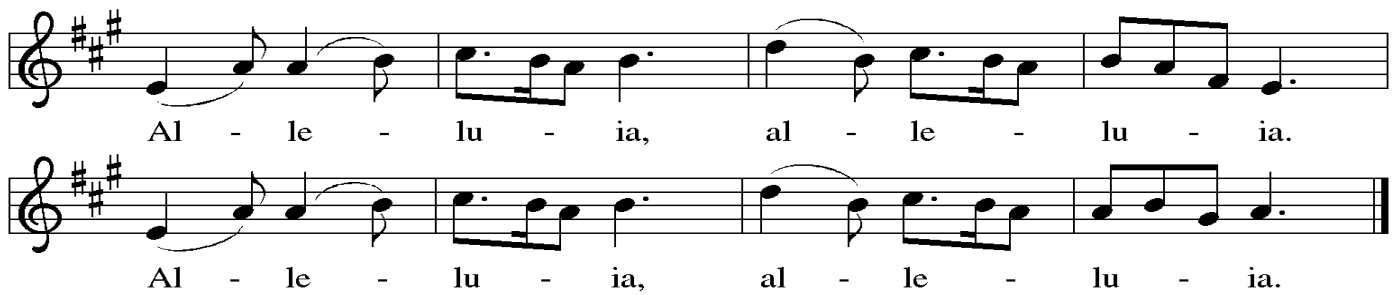
¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L The Word of the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord!
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "WE ALL NEED SOME WEEDING FOR A GREAT HARVEST" REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand.

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #693 COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

TOGETHER WE AFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE AS WRITTEN IN 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 PRAY TOGETHER IN HOPE

P God of Grace,
C **Hear our prayer**

WE SHARE CHRIST'S PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

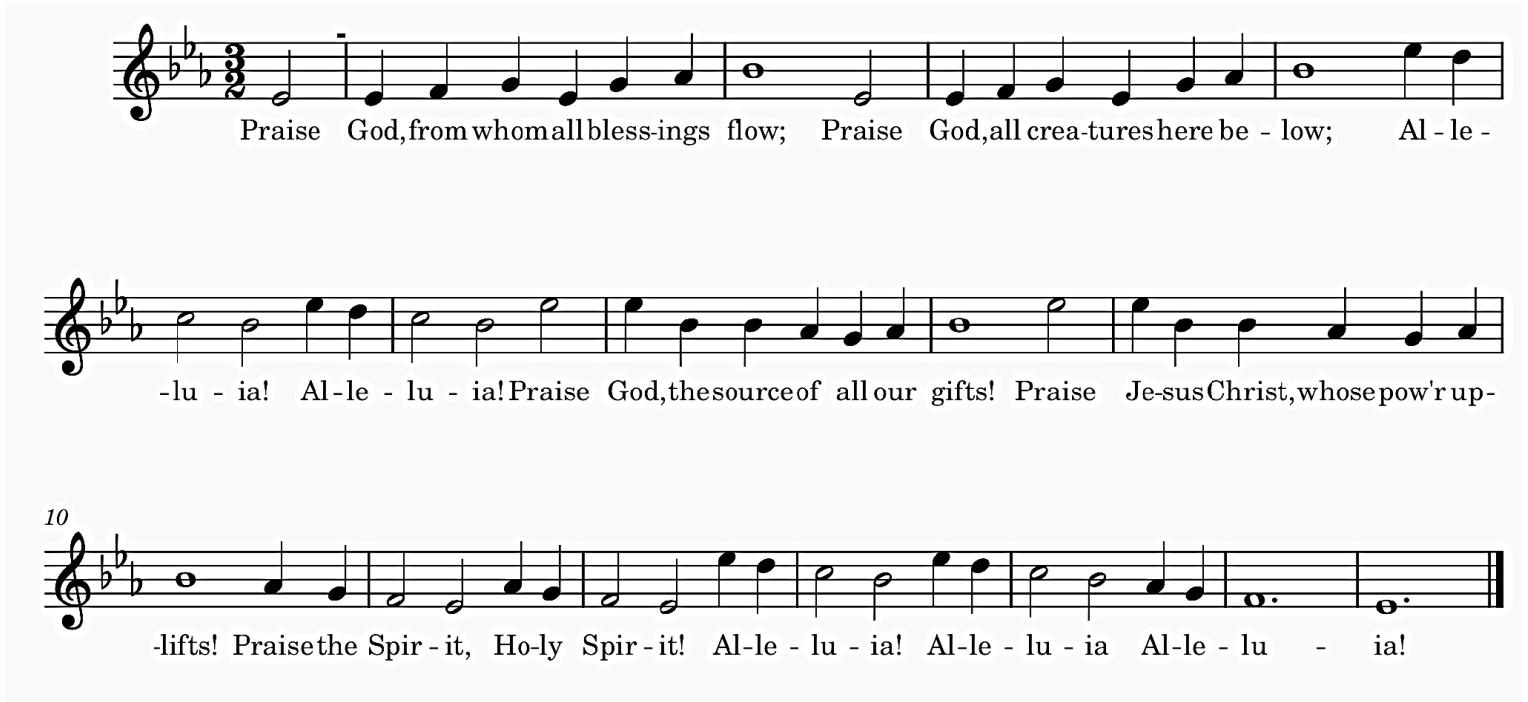
In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money, bread and wine, and praise and thanksgiving.

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Blessed Shall They Be*

Natalie Sleeth

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al - le -

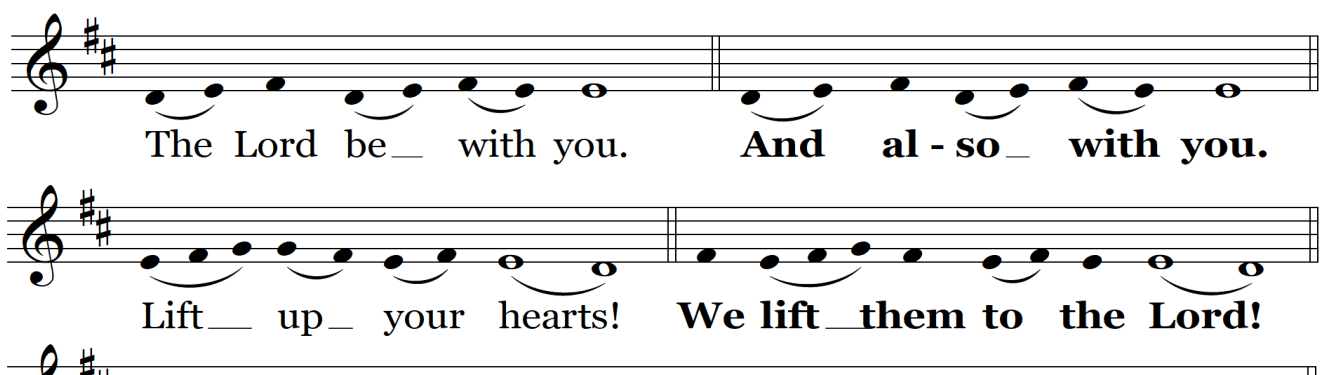
-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up -

10 -lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



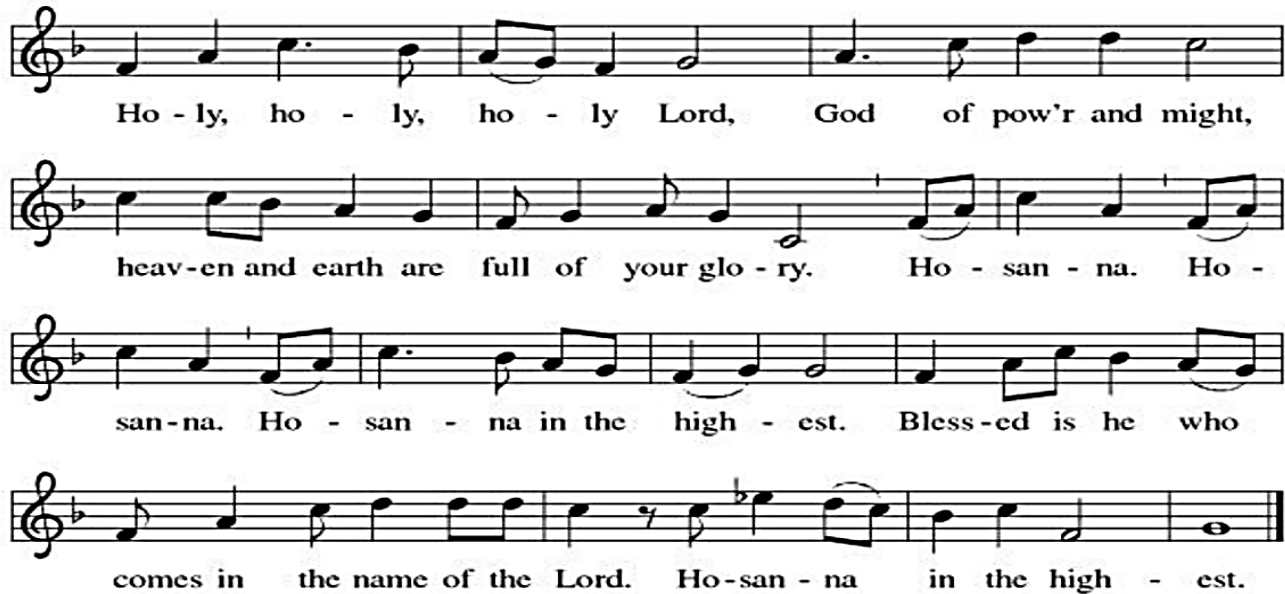
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!

Preface

P: 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. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Holy COMMUNION PRAYER

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and

cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.



WE ARE INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, old and young, for there is room for all.

WE SIT.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #465 As the Grains of Wheat

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #471 Let Us Break Bread Together

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

P Let us pray: Almighty God, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate here, the body of Christ in the world. Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life with joy and singleness of heart, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Our worship comes to a close. We have gathered as a body of believers, received instruction, have been nourished and commissioned to be Christ's body in service to the world.

We are now ready to go and proclaim the good news that has inspired us to authentically love all of God's people as Jesus loves us. We pray that our expressions of love and service reflect who Jesus is in us. We give thanks that we get to come back together to celebrate freely this awesome God who loves us and forgives us, even when we mess up.

BENEDICTION

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Hymn #694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

DISMISSAL

P What will you do with what you've learned today?

C **I will go and share Christ today!**

P As you go in peace, how will you encourage others?

C **I will share my joy with somebody each day!**

POSTLUDE:

NEW FINANCIALS	
JUNE 2026	
Monthly Giving Need	48,008.24
Month to Date Offerings	39,314.40
YEAR TO DATE 2026	
YTD General Offerings	256,296.30
YTD Budgeted Need	312,053.72
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(55,757.42)

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, July 19

Lay Reader	Pat Lewandowski
Acolyte	Charlotte Hutchens
Audio/Video	Marion (Audio), Zach (Video)
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Counts, Katie Morgan, Wayne Addy
Altar Flowers	Pam & Ray Shear in honor of their Children & Grandchildren

Serving Next Sunday, July 26

Lay Reader Acolyte Audio/Video Communion Assistants Altar Flowers		David Williams Caleb Williams Rod (Audio), Barry (Video) Tom Griffin, Pam Shear, Jenna McCall Greg & Kim Shealy in memory of Gloria Houston Page
<i>Please keep the following in your prayers:</i>		<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>Bishop Ginny Aebischer</i> <i>Les Ahrens</i> <i>Janelle Barrett</i> <i>Dan DeFreese</i> <i>Beth Ellis</i> <i>Barbara Feltman</i> <i>Jesse Frick</i> <i>Kevin Frick</i> <i>Robbie Frick</i> <i>Louis Kolb</i> <i>Carol Lindler</i> <i>Craig Lindler</i> <i>Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts</i>	<i>Phyllis Metts</i> <i>Bill Moser</i> <i>Emma Olsen</i> <i>Peggy Roche</i> <i>Margaret Robinson</i> <i>Bill Stockdell</i> <i>Lynette Shealy</i> <i>Zack Slice</i> <i>Jennifer Smith</i> <i>Paul Sweatman</i> <i>Janie Westphal</i> <i>Gayle Wicker</i> <i>George L. Williams</i>	Thank you for your generosity! To give online, scan the QR code or visit mthoreb.net/donate. 
<i>Can we pray for you?</i> <i>Visit mthoreb.net to submit a request.</i> <i>Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the monthly newsletter.</i>		<i>Last Sunday Attendance</i> In-person: 113 Online: 40

This Week at a Glance			
<u>SUN</u>	July 19	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion
<u>MON</u>	July 20	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Visitation Team Meeting Chapin Chirpers
<u>TUES</u>	July 21	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice LutheReaders
<u>WED</u>	July 22	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
<u>THUR</u>	July 23	9:30 a.m.	Pray and Play

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Sign up for our weekly e-news at www.mthoreb.net and follow us on Facebook.

When you know of a church member, whether it is a family member, friend, or acquaintance who has been unable to attend Sunday services or other events at Mt. Horeb, and would like to receive a visit from the Visitation Team, please let the church office know by calling 803-345-2000 or emailing the frontdesk@mthoreb.com.



We are invited to the Rite of Ordination for **Zachary Edward Lindler** into the **Ministry of Word and Sacrament** on **Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church,** 215 St. Thomas Church Road, Chapin, South Carolina.

The installation of The Rev. Wade Roof as Bishop of the South Carolina Synod will take place on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** The installation will take place at **St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington** with a reception to follow.

Publishing Deadlines

Sunday Bulletins: Announcements and Prayer Lists: Monday at 10:00 a.m.; submit via email to the office, frontdesk@mthoreb.net, or via Jotform

Newsletter: 15th of each month; all information and submissions to Stan Shealy at mayorstan@att.net

Pastor Megan Lineberger is sharing if anyone is interested in VBS this summer. Pastor Jackie Utley will be leading the adult class. Registration is online at their website (bethelwhiterock.com) or by calling the office (803)781-2134.

Bethel Lutheran Church
Presents

"Wild Women" of the Bible
Jezebel Vashti Rahab Sojourner Truth

**Featuring Pastor
Jackie Utley**

**July 19-23, 2026
5:45-8PM**

Dinner provided at 5:45

VBS Registration Form 2026 Snow Mountain Challenge

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Age (under 18 only): _____ Grade in School: _____ Name of School: _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other:

Emergency Contact #1: Name/Phone #

Emergency Contact #2: Name/Phone #

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up your youth/child from VBS:

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Signature: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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