

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 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.

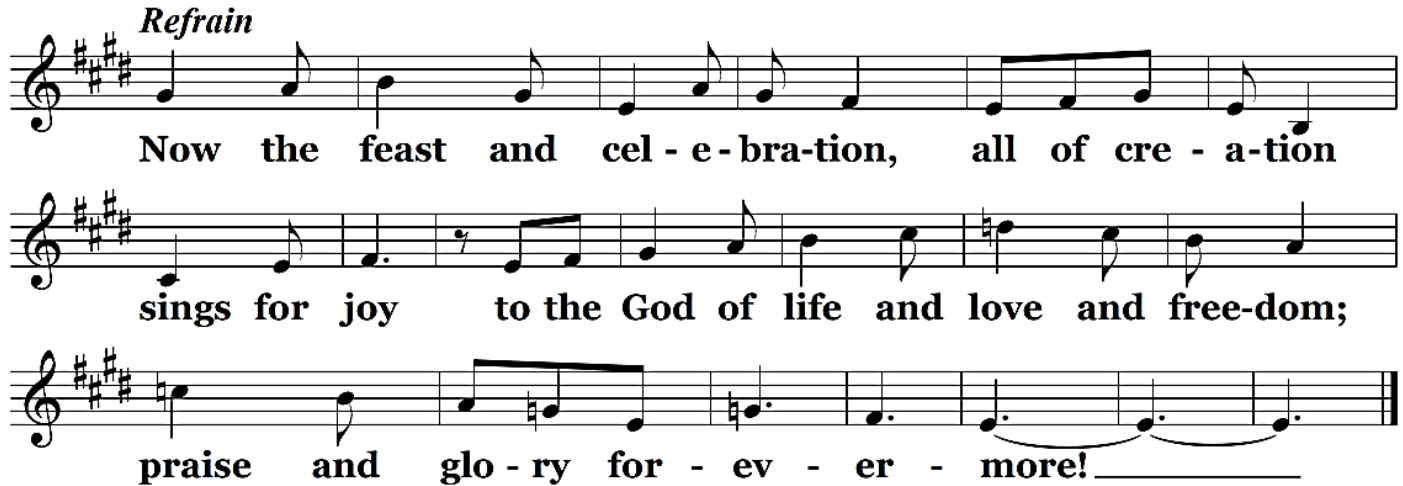
Amen.

WE GATHER TO SING: HYMNAL#532 GATHER US IN

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)*



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 Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

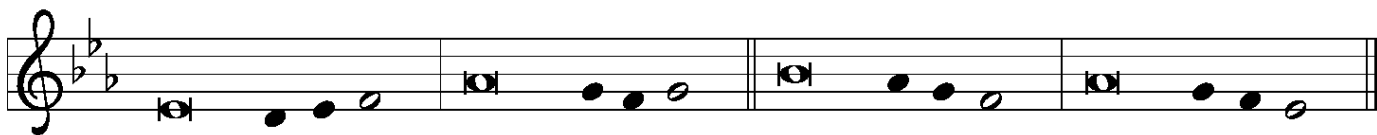
¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

L The Word of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

Congregation sings the verses in bold type.



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¹²⁹ Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰ When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.

¹³¹ **I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.**
¹³² **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**
¹³³ Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴ Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.
¹³⁵ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.**
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

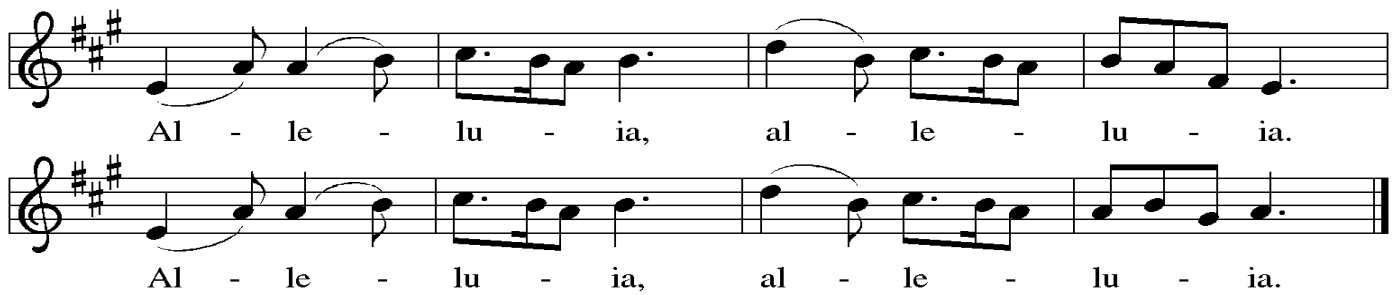
³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P The Gospel of the Lord!

C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "HOW SMALL SEEDS LEAD TO BIG RESULTS" REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand.

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN IN THIS PLACE YOUR WORD IS PLANTED



1. In this place your Word is plant - ed;
2. Let your plant - ing not be wast - ed,
3. Help us treas - ure Ho - ly Wis - dom,
4. Blest are they who, truth re - ceiv - ing,



on our path the seed is sown. To the Church your
wilt - ed soon in ston - y field. Let our world - ly
sa - vor ev - 'ry word you give. Help us cher - ish
know its val - ue more than gold. Blest are they who,



Word is spo - ken; in our hearts a light has shone.
cares not choke it, rob - bing you of right - ful yield.
Je - sus' gos - pel, bread by which your peo - ple live.
per - se - ver - ing, bear good fruit a hun - dred - fold.

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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

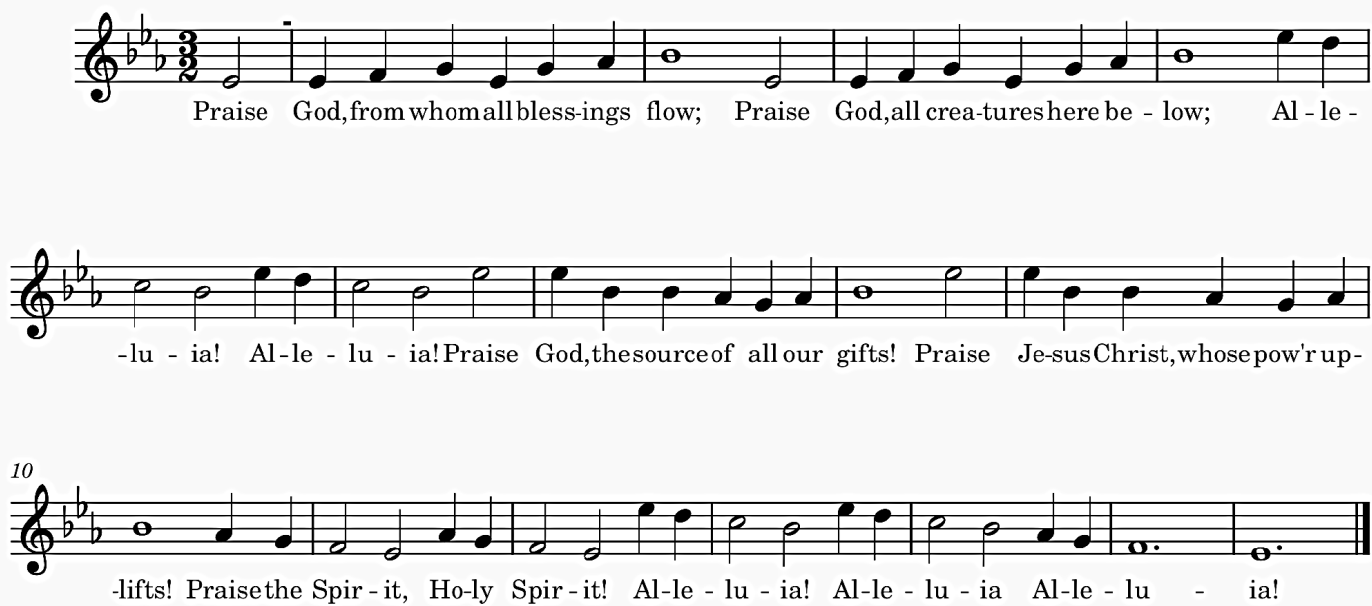
In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money,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

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

Martin Haugen

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



Musical score for the Offertory Song. The score is written on three staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are: 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 - 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

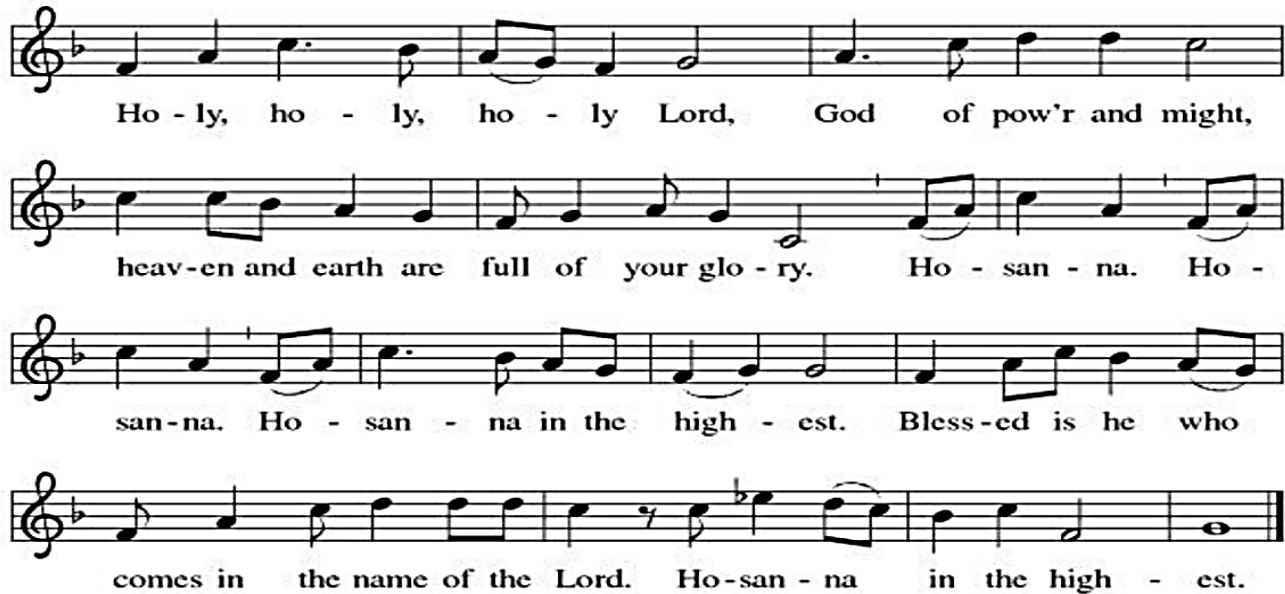


Musical score for The Great Thanksgiving. The score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: The Lord be_ with you. And al - so_ with you. Lift_ up_ your hearts! We lift_ them to the Lord! Let us give_ thanks to_ the Lord our_ God. It is right_ to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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 #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #793 Be Thou My Vision

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 #867 In Thee is Gladness

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:

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, July 26

Lay Reader	David Williams
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Rod (Audio), Barry (Video)
Communion Assistants	Tom Griffin, Pam Shear, Jenna McCall
Altar Flowers	Greg & Kim Shealy in memory of Gloria Houston Page

Serving Next Sunday, August 2

Lay Reader	Rosemary Frick
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Lillie Free, Travis Goodman, Bill Dukes
Altar Flowers	Wanda & Russ Burleson in memory of Our Parents

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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*Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the
monthly newsletter.*

Last Sunday Attendance

In-person: 99
Online: 53

This Week at a Glance

SUN	July 26	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion Worship Team Preschool Committee Meeting
MON	July 27	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	July 28	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice
WED	July 29	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	July 30	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.



The Lutheran Men will meet on August 10th at our usual time of 6:30 p.m. This will be our annual fish fry.

Ladies are invited! Please sign up.

Program to be announced later; we will host The Heartland Conference Men's Meeting on August 20th.



**Preschool Committee Meeting,
today immediately following Worship.**

Publishing Deadlines

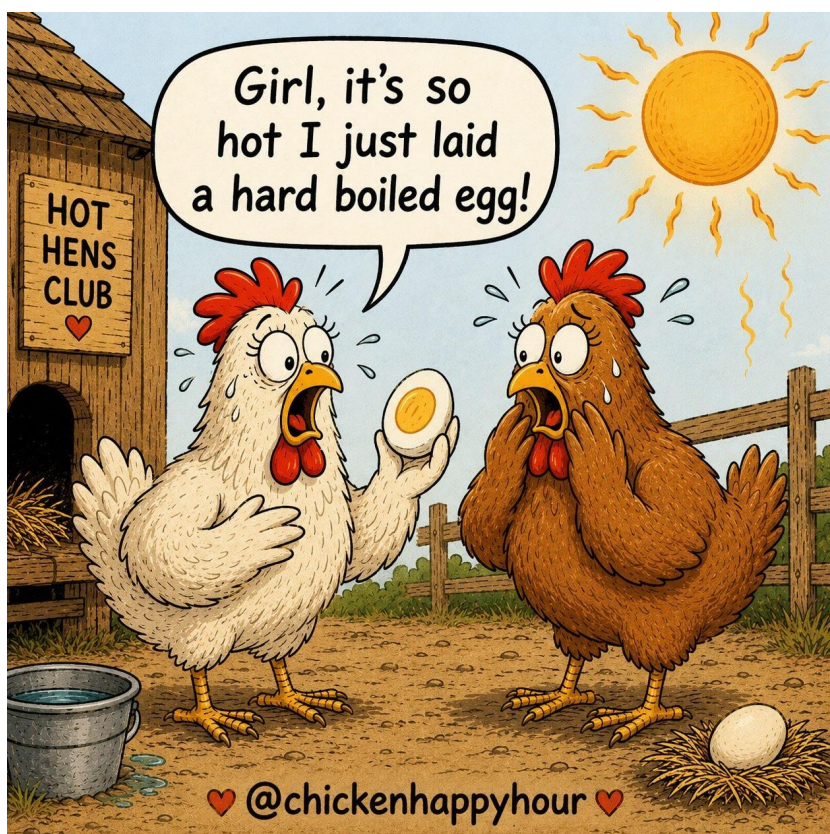
Sunday Bulletins: Announcements and Prayer Lists: Monday at 10:00 a.m.; submit via email to the office, frontdesk@mthoreb.net, or via Jotform

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

The storm doesn't
test the leaves..

it tests the roots.

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