

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 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: Trumpet Tune on "Salzburg"

Grimoaldo Macchia

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#876 LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

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 Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor

and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13

- ⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L The Word of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 69:13-18

Choir sings verses 13-16; all sing 17, 18



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- ¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have [|] set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- [|] failing help.
- ¹⁴ Save me from the mire; do not [|] let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of [|] the deep waters.
- ¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- [|] low me up;
do not let the pit shut its [|] mouth upon me.
- ¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your [|] love is kind;
in your great compassion, [|] turn to me.
- ¹⁷ Hide not your face [|] from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am [|] in distress.
- ¹⁸ Draw near to me [|] and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- [|] liver me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

- ^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.
- ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

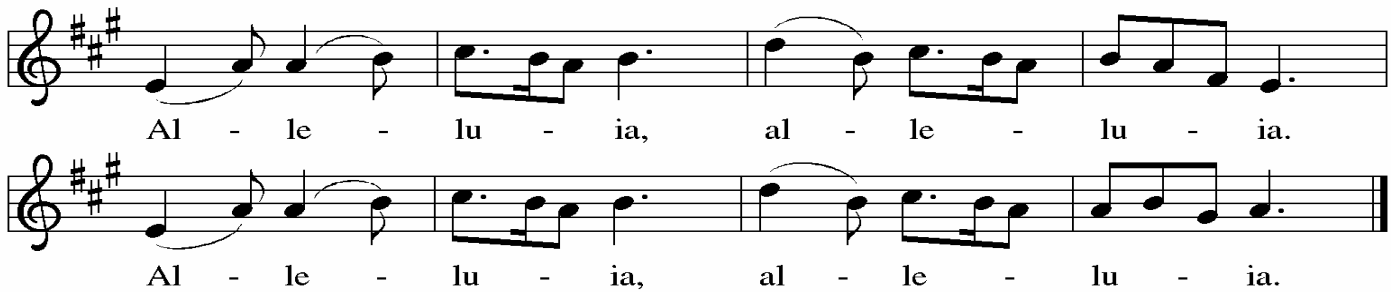
L The Word of the Lord!

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 tenth chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P The Gospel of the Lord!

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

We sit

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "FINDING YOUR COURAGE TO BEAR WITNESS"

REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #810 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

TOGETHER WE AFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

WE PRAY TOGETHER IN HOPE

P Grace of God,

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

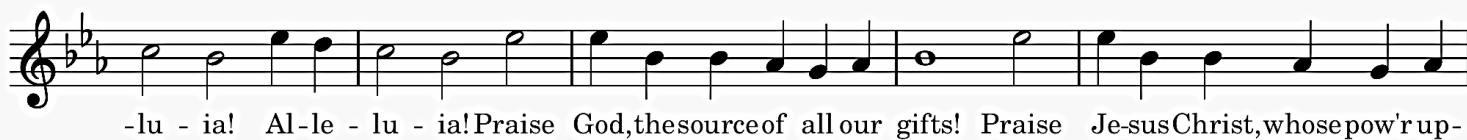
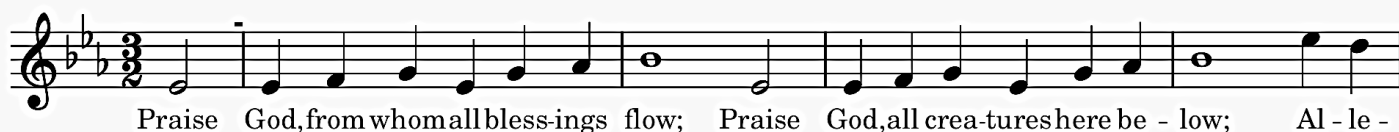
In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money,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

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Paul M. Vasile

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



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!

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

ORGAN MEDITATION "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" David Dahl

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

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: Hymnal #543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P Go in peace, Serve the Lord and have fun doing it!

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

POSTLUDE: Fanfare-Finale

Michael Helman

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

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, June 21

Lay Reader	Zack Stoudemayer
Acolyte	Charlotte Hutchens
Audio/Video	Williams Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Russ Burleson, Pam Shear, Tom Griffin
Altar Flowers	Dan & Robbie DeFreese given to the Glory of God, Happy Father's Day & in memory of Robbie's dad, C.R. Koon's 101st birthday - 6/29

Serving Next Sunday, June 28

Lay Reader	Stan Shealy
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Rod (Audio), Barry (Video)
Communion Assistants	Ashley Williams, Stephanie Stoudemayer, Don Wise
Altar Flowers	Berine & Faye Hawkins in honor of Our 69th Wedding Anniversary – 6/30

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Bishop Ginny Aebischer
Janelle Barrett
Dan DeFreese
Beth Ellis
Barbara Feltman
Jesse Frick
Kevin Frick
Louis Kolb
Carol Lindler
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*Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the
monthly newsletter.*

Last Sunday Attendance

In-person: 98
Online: 47

This Week at a Glance

<u>SUN</u>	June 21	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion
<u>MON</u>	June 22	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
<u>TUES</u>	June 23	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice
<u>WED</u>	June 24	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
<u>THUR</u>	June 25	9:30 a.m.	Pray and Play

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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.



Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Most high, all-powerful, good Lord,
yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to mention your name.
Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who produces
varied fruits with colorful flowers and herbs.
Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned.
Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Blessed are those whom death will find in your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord,
and give him thanks and serve him with great humility.

—*Francis of Assisi*

Happy
FATHER'S DAY

*Blessed is the man
who trusts in the LORD.*

~ Jeremiah 17:7



Now's the Time
That's right, summer is the perfect time. . .
The perfect time to
GIVE CHOIR A TRY!!



Come to the choir room at 8:45, and we'll guide you.

Or

Think about coming either Wednesday, July 15 or July 22
at 6:00 and joining us. No commitment—No fuss; no
muss.

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