

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 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.

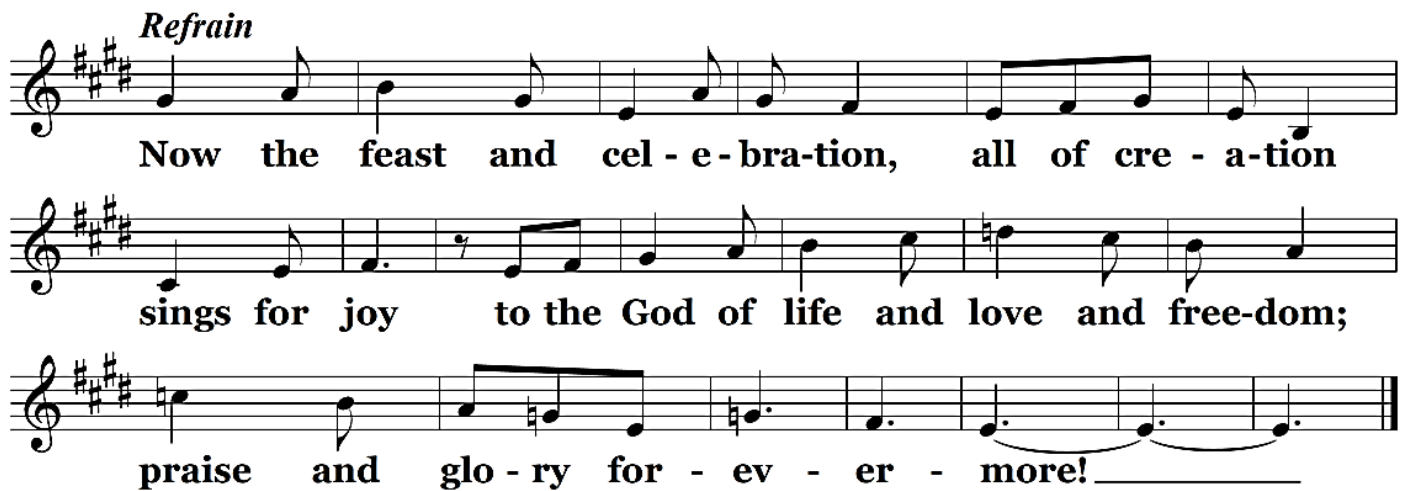
WE GATHER TO SING: HYMNAL#631 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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 You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call

upon you, know you, and serve you, through 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

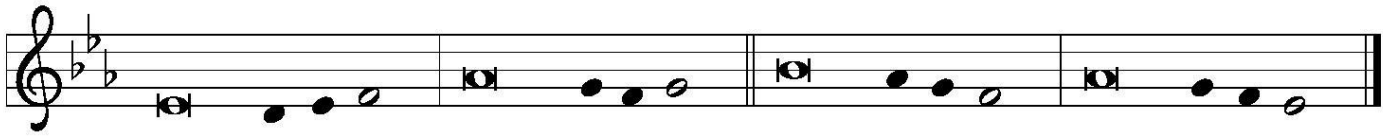
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The Word of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-13



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- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.
- ⁹ Lord, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.
- ¹⁰ **All your works shall praise [|] you, O Lord,**
and your faithful [|] ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory [|] of your kingdom**
and speak [|] of your power,
- ¹² that all people may know [|] of your power
and the glorious splendor [|] of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- [|] out all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and
loving in [|] all your works.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

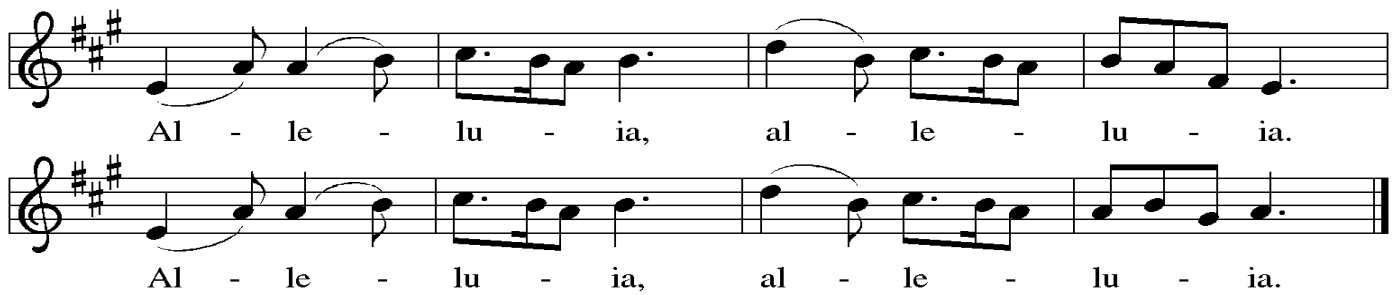
L The Word of the Lord!

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 11th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you

have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of the Lord!

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

We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "WHEN BEING A SMARTY PANTS IS NOT ENOUGH"

REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand.

WE SING TOGETHER HYMN: #796 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

TOGETHER WE AFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE

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: *How Lovely is the House of God*

Eugene Butler

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

Musical score for the Offertory Song. The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. 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.

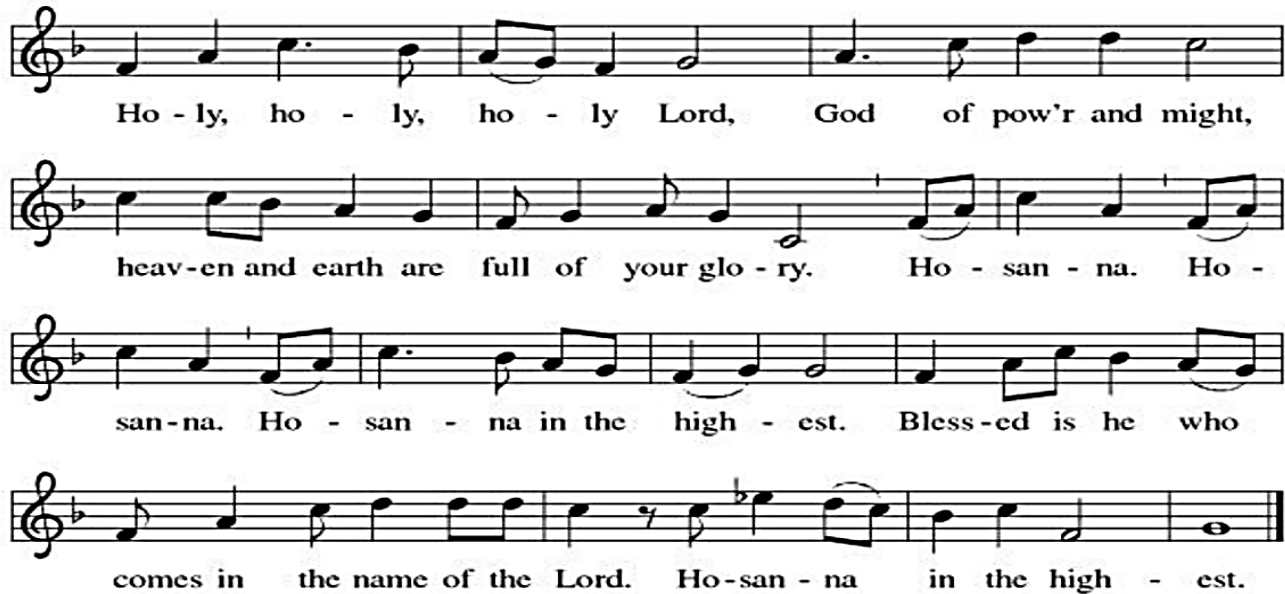
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical score for The Great Thanksgiving. The score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

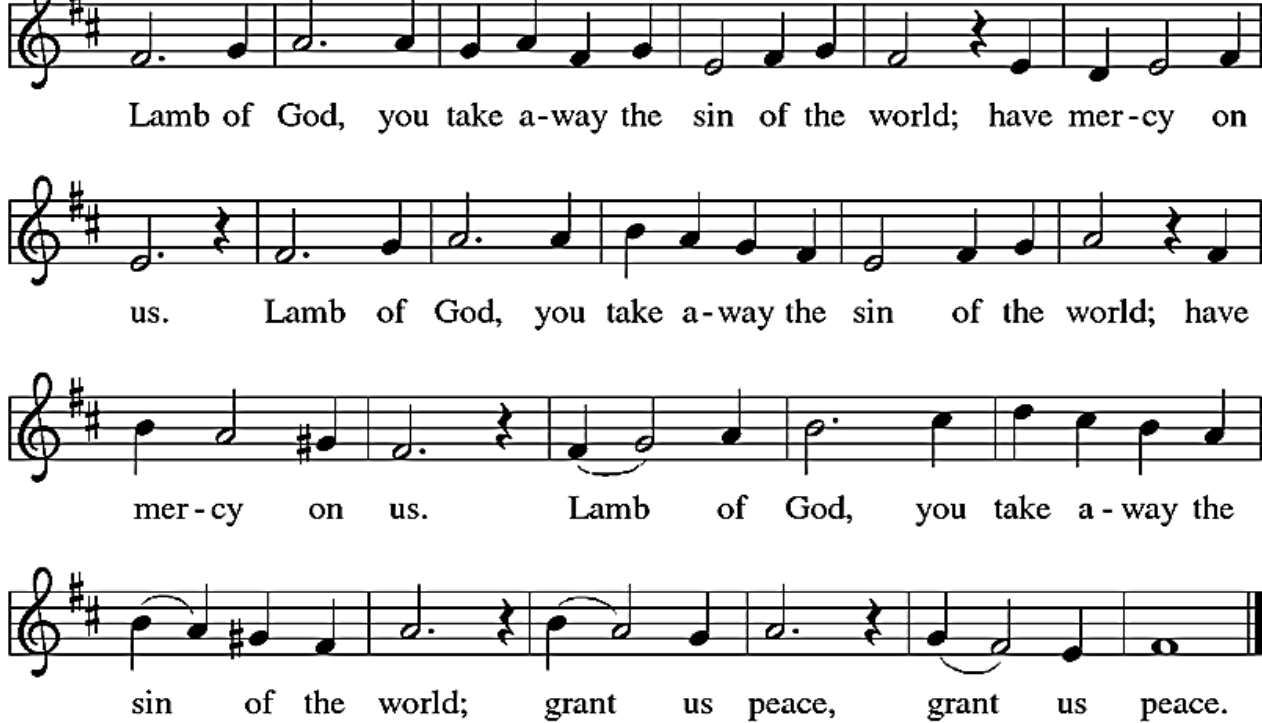


WE ARE INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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



WE SING TOGETHER HYMN #777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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#888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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 God Bless America

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, July 5

Lay Reader	Glenda Lindler
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Rod Davis, Brandon Miller, Karl Fulmer
Altar Flowers	Greg & Kim Shealy in honor of Ann S. Shealy

Serving Next Sunday, July 12

Lay Reader	Pete Ayoub
Acolyte	Wilson Hutchens
Audio/Video	Camille (Audio), Taylor Ann (Video)
Communion Assistants	Esther Philabaum, Billy Griffin, Travis Goodman
Altar Flowers	Bill & JoAnn Dukes To the Glory of God

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Bishop Ginny Aebischer
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Kevin Frick
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*Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the
monthly newsletter.*

Last Sunday Attendance

In-person: 97
Online: 36

This Week at a Glance

<u>SUN</u>	July 5	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion
<u>MON</u>	July 6	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
<u>TUES</u>	July 7	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice
<u>WED</u>	July 8	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
<u>THUR</u>	July 9	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pray and Play Agape Circle

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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.



MEMORIALS & GIFTS

**Thank you all for your thoughtful contributions in memory of
your family, friends, and loved ones.**

In loving memory of Jim Johnston, given by:

Kim & Susan Boland
Glenda Lindler

Cemetery Fund:

In loving memory of Jim Johnston, given by:

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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

**We have this great opportunity
that Pastor Ron has been
talking about!!!
It's called **Greenhouse Day!****

**We are all invited to join Pastor Ron at Pisgah
Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC on
Saturday, July 11 from 9am to 3pm
for a Fresh Expressions Greenhouse Day event.**

**The description on the next page explains
what the event is all about
and how we can learn new tools in witnessing
our faith to others.**

Introduction

Across the United States, amid a Christian landscape that looks and feels like a desert of decline, God is up to something. Inherited congregations, with long histories, deeply rooted in their traditions, are experimenting with cultivating “fresh expressions” of church. A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church. These forms of church are:

- Inclusive
- Transfiguring
- Accessible
- Connectional

When these congregations commit to reaching new people, in new places, and in new ways, revitalization and communal transformation are taking place. We describe this as a “blended ecology of church.”

Greenhouse Day Description

A one-day training that helps teams practically begin to imagine new Christian communities, in new places, and in new ways.

Through exploring Biblical frameworks, as well as emerging stories, and utilizing the “loving first journey,” teams will be prepared, equipped, and activated to cultivate Fresh Expressions of Church.

Key Concepts:

- The compassion of Jesus at the heart of fresh expressions
- The vision for a blended ecology
- The definition of a fresh expression of church
- The opportunities for incarnational mission among needs, networks, and neighborhoods
- The “loving first” fresh expression journey (or the CQ/passional journey)
- Practical next steps for adventurers, advocates, authorizers

Host site provides lunch, materials, and projection capabilities. The four sessions are broken up with interactive exercises. Following the final session there will be a time of Q & A.

At the simplest level, the blended ecology assumes that no single form of church life is adequate to the missional task before us in the West. We need traditional and new forms of church operating together, not in competition, but as compliment.

The fresh expressions movement releases the whole people of God, the “priesthood of all believers,” to be in ministry with the community. Both lay and clergy can fulfill three essential roles that enable all local church people to be involved:

- Adventurers: are passionate about healing mission on the edges.
- Advocates: are passionate about supporting and releasing adventurers.
- Authorizers: use their role to foster release of adventurers and to influence the system to be more willing to experiment.

The training is conversational and practical, exploring simple and creative ways to start contextual churches.

Structure:

- Facilitators: (two by two, one of our trainers supported by a developer)
- Teaching sessions, interactive exercises, stories, and Q & A

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