

**15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Mercy

Gordon Young

GATHERING

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

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness

in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn

our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

WE GATHER TO SING: HYMN #522 AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

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: *This is The Feast*

Refrain



This is the feast_____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



<i>Women and Girls</i>	1.	Wor-thy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose	
<i>Men and Boys</i>	2.	Pow	-	er	rich - es,	wis - dom,	and	strength,	_____	and	
<i>Women and Girls</i>	3.	Sing		with	all	the	peo - ple	of	God,	_____	and
<i>Men and Boys</i>	4.	Bless	-	ing,	hon - or,	glo - ry,	and	might	be	to	
<i>All singing</i>	5.	For		the	Lamb	_____	who	was	slain	has	be -



blood set us free_____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or,_____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *to Verse 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his_____ reign._____ Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

Read responsively. Congregation reads the boldface words.

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.
- ³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.**
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.
- ³⁶ **Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
and not to ¹ unjust gain.**
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.
- ³⁸ **Fulfill your promise ¹ to your servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.**
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments are good.
- ⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for ¹ your commandments;
by your righteousness en- ¹ liven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

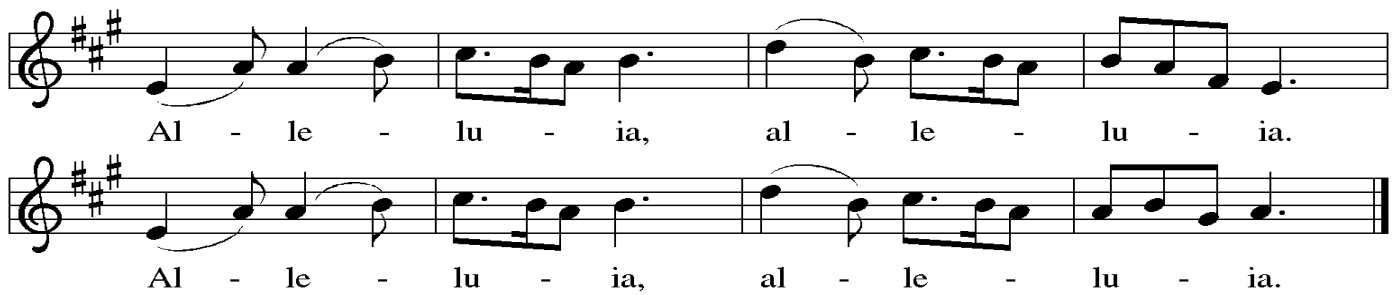
¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord!

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

We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: “Making the effort to reconcile leads to restoration.” **REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM**

We stand.

WE SING TOGETHER: HYMN #603 GOD WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN (VERSES 1, 4, & 5)

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 Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

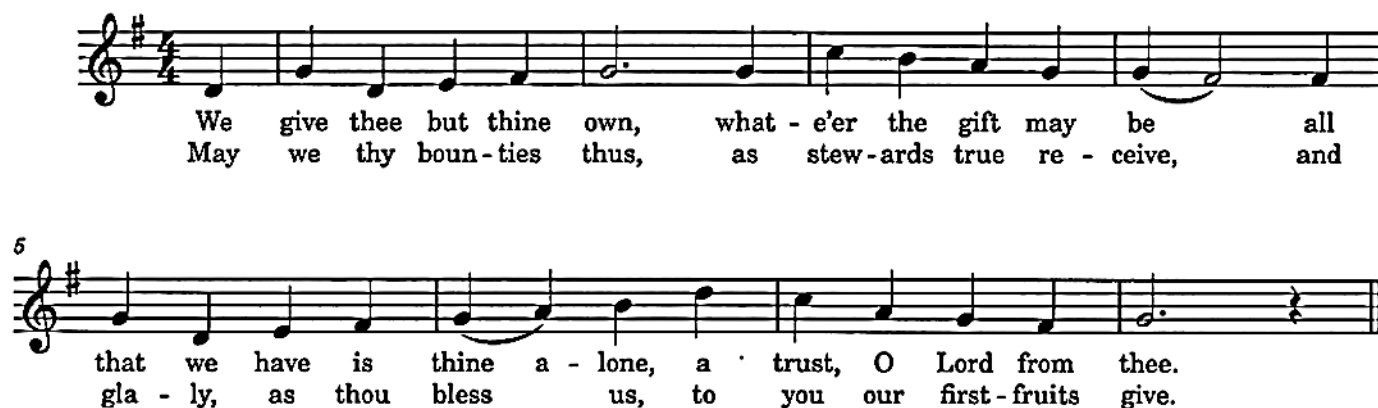
*In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus.
We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: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

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

OFFERTORY SONG: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be all
May we thy boun-ties thus, as stew-ards true re - ceive, and

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that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.
gla - ly, as thou bless us, to you our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our
abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be_ with you. And al - so_ with you.

Lift_ up_ your hearts! We lift_ them to the Lord!

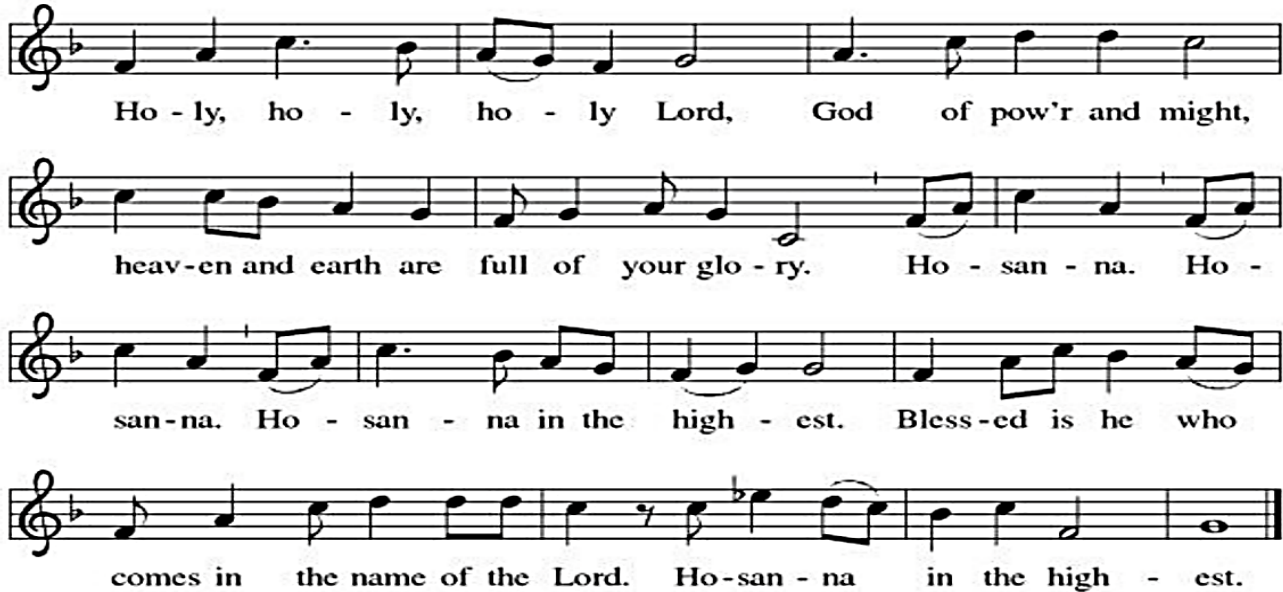
Let us give_ thanks to_ the Lord our_ God.

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



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.

Prayers of Intercession

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 #470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

WE SING TOGETHER: HYMN #359 Where Charity and Love Prevail
We stand.

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

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 #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

P How will others witness Your Faith today?

C By my ACTIONS and WORDS with others.

P As you go in peace, what will you say differently to share God's peace with others?

C Instead of "have a nice day!" I will say May God's peace be with You!

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

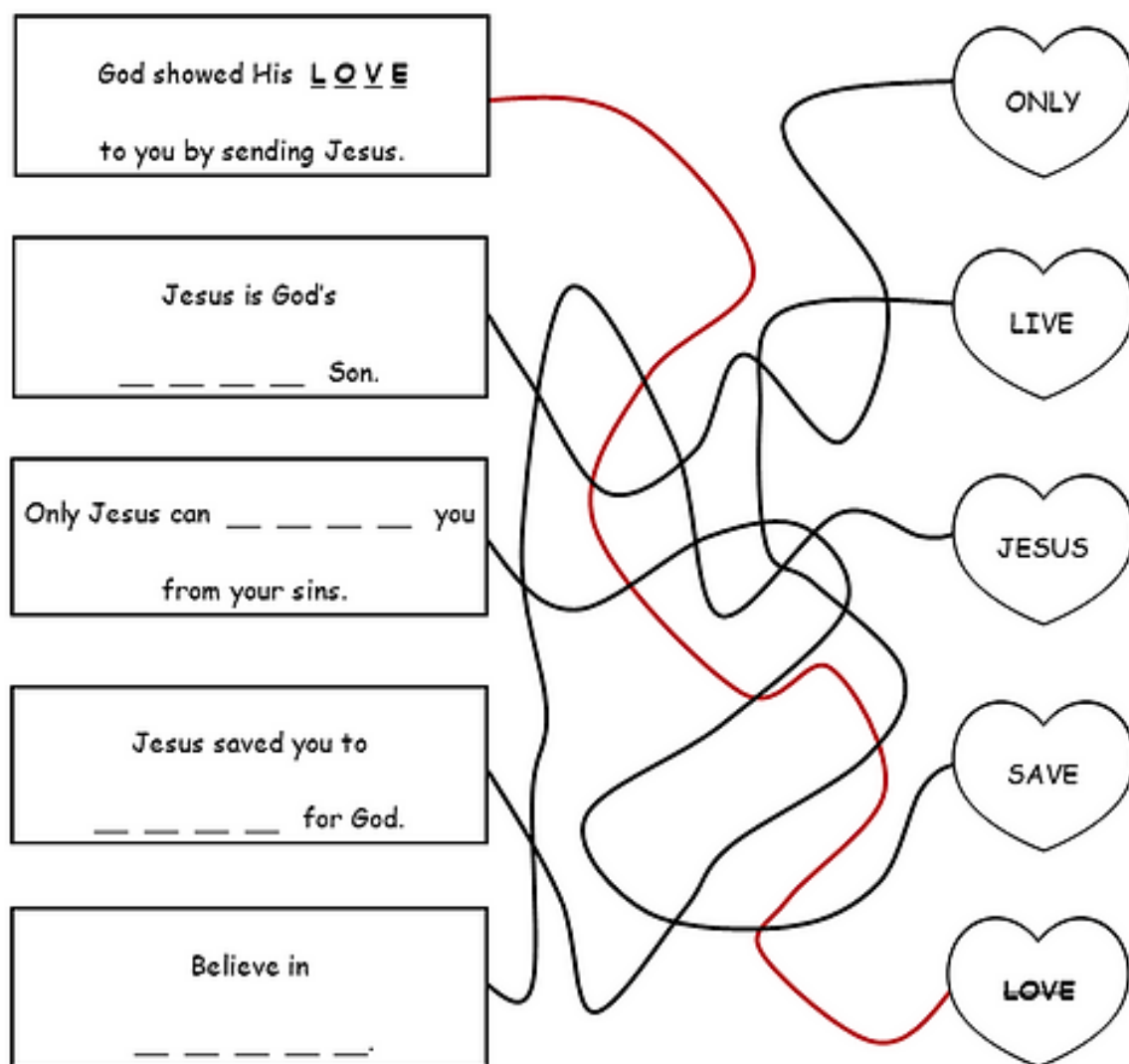
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Rectangles To Hearts

Fill in the missing word
in the each rectangle by following its line to the correct heart word.

Cross out the heart words as you use them.

The first one has been done for you.



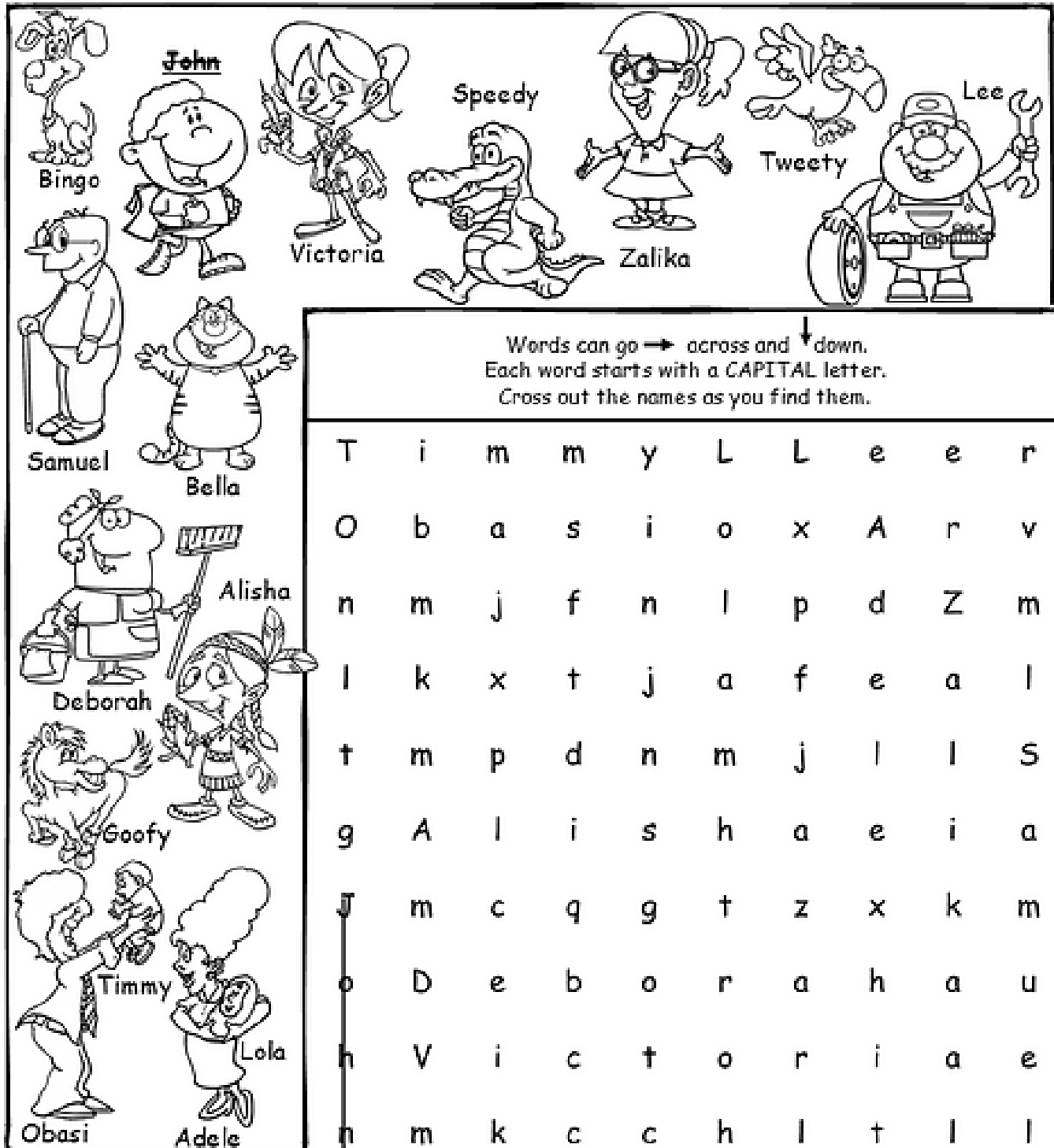
Name Search

In the picture box, underline the names of all those God made special like Himself to live for Him.

Then do a word search of all the names you have underlined.

The first one has been done for you.

Picture Box



Words can go → across and ↓ down.
Each word starts with a CAPITAL letter.
Cross out the names as you find them.

T	i	m	m	y	L	L	e	e	r
O	b	a	s	i	o	x	A	r	v
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n	m	k	c	c	h	l	t	l	l

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, September 6

Lay Reader	Marion Frick
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Jenna McCall, Katie Morgan, Ashley Williams
Altar Flowers	Jerry & Vicky Shealy in honor of Caleb Whitman's 14th birthday

Serving Next Sunday, September 13

Lay Reader	Pam Pope
Acolyte	Wilson Hutchens
Audio/Video	Williams Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Russ Burleon, Rod Davis, Billy Griffin
Altar Flowers	Todd & Kristi Soderlund in honor of Our 28th Wedding Anniversary

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Stewardship

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Barbara Feltman
Jesse Frick
Kevin Frick
Robbie Frick
Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts
Bill Moser*

*Peggy Roche
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Jennifer Smith
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Gayle Wicker
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Visit mthoreb.net to submit a request.

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

Last Sunday Outside Attendance

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This Week at a Glance

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

Stay connected with everything happening at The Mount!
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.



LUTHERAN MEN WILL MEET ON MONDAY, **SEPTEMBER 14** FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING. PLEASE SIGN UP!

THE PLANS FOR THE EVENING ARE:

- A MEAL DIRECTED BY *BILLY*
- A 15-MINUTE PRESENTATION

ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE FORD TRACTOR BY *DON WISE*

ALSO, OUR ANNUAL LUTHERAN MEN SUNDAY WILL BE HELD ON **OCTOBER 4**.
 PLANS FOR THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING.

LADIES ARE INVITED!!!

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

Crossword No.2

**The Book of Genesis
Chapters 3 and 4**

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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

Save the date!!!

Installation of The Rev. Wade Roof as Bishop of the South Carolina Synod

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
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