15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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 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.

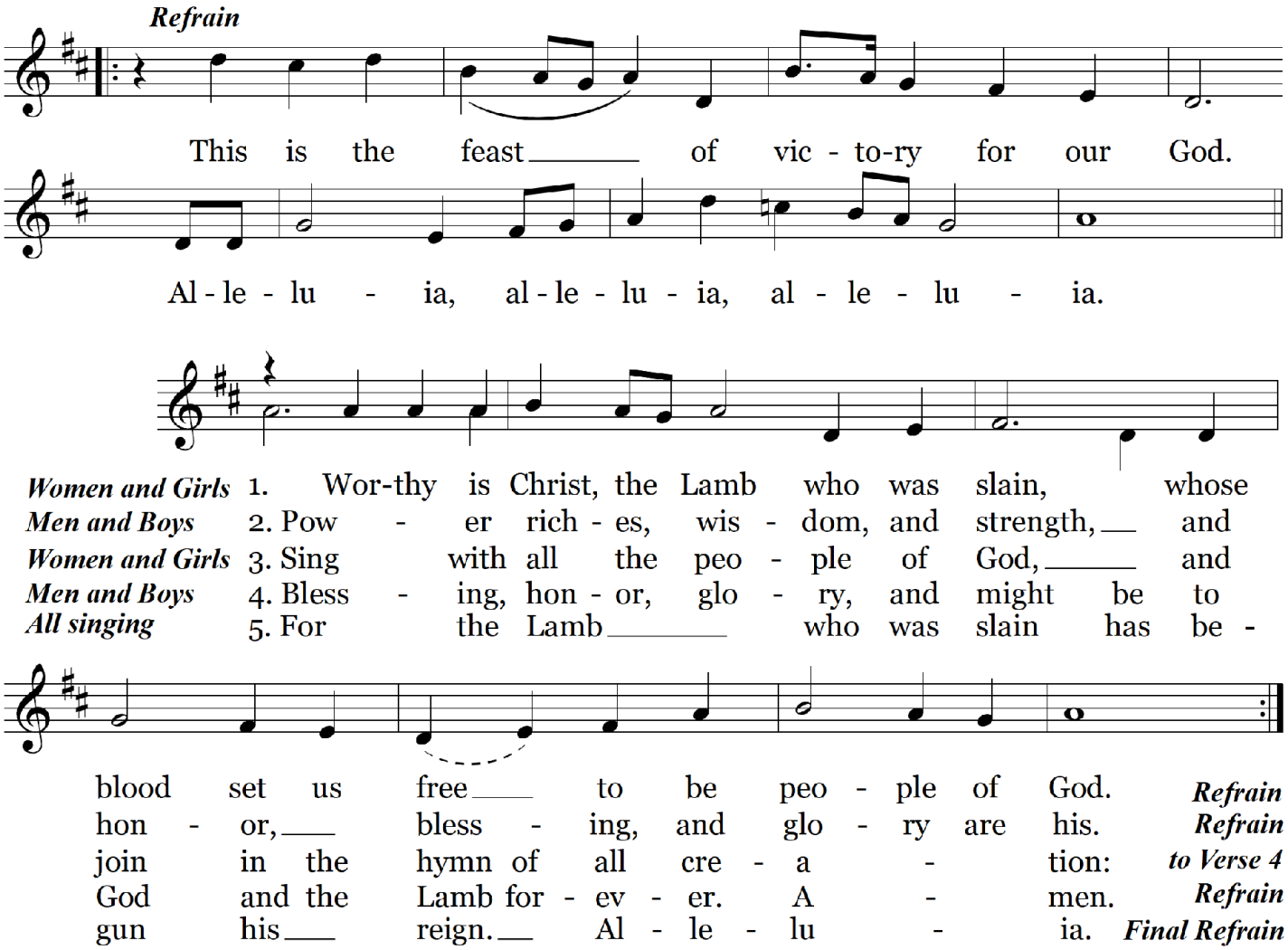
Amen.

We Gather to Sing: HYMN # 452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death *(Verses 1, 3, 5)*

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*





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Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing 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: Genesis 50:15-21

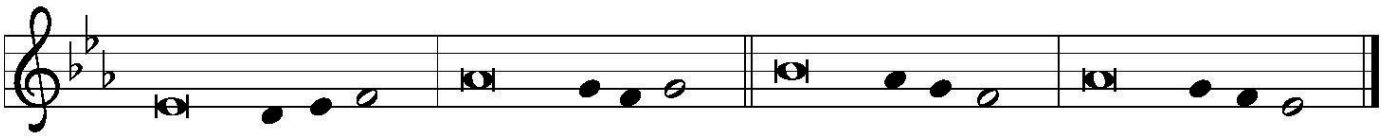
15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a
grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they
approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to
Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming
you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."
Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him,
and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I
in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for
good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I
myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking
kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 103: 8-13

Congregation sings boldface



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8 Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;
9 you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
10 **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
11 **For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,**
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
12 As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.
13 As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over
opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those
who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass
judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment
on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be
upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike.
Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for
the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those
who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to
the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we
are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both
the dead and the living.

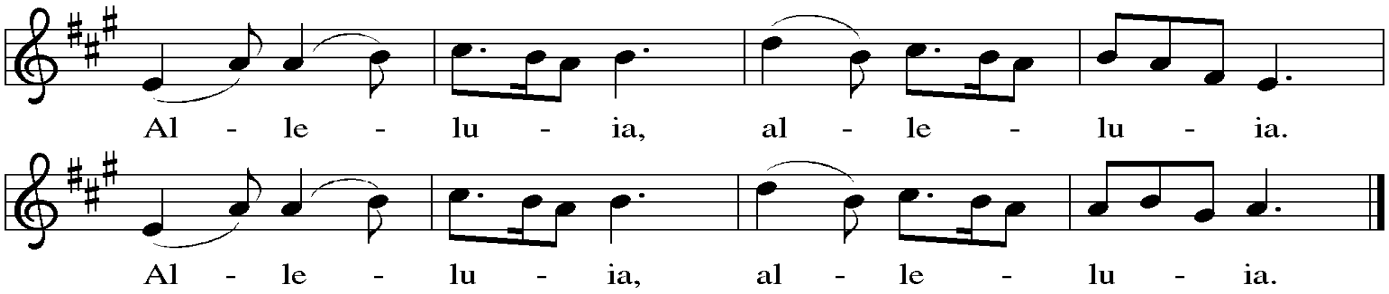
10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your
brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18:21-35

21 Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often
should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I
tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten
thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to
be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be
made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I
will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and
forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow
slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what
you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me,

and I will pay you.’ [30] But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. [31] When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. [32] Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. [33] Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ [34] And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. [35] So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

We sit.

Youth Message

Sermon: “What is a good limit on forgiveness?” **Rev. Ronald D. Philabaum**

We stand.

We Sing Together: Hymn #482 I Come With Joy *(verses 2, 3, 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*: Go Out and Tell*

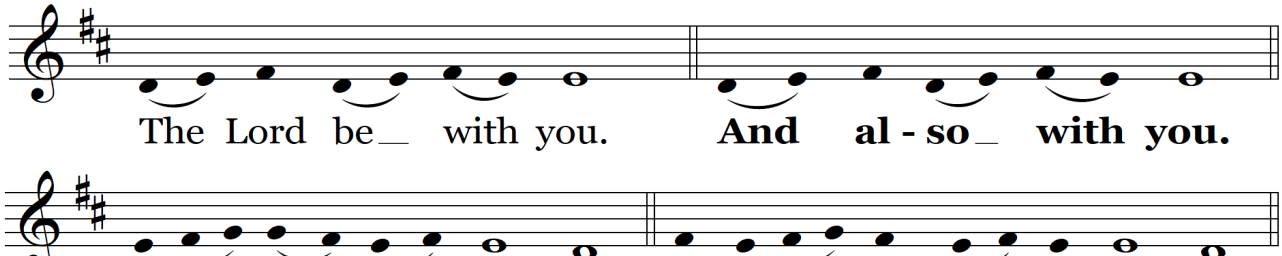
Offertory Song: *We Give Thee But Thine Own*



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.

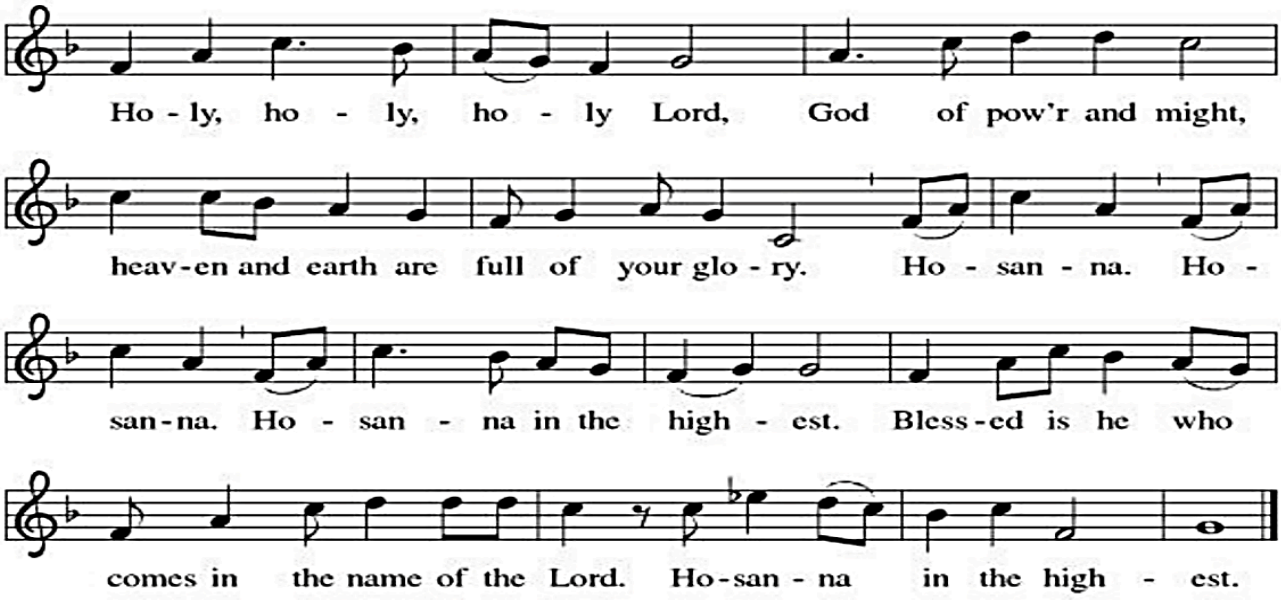
The Great Thanksgiving



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.**

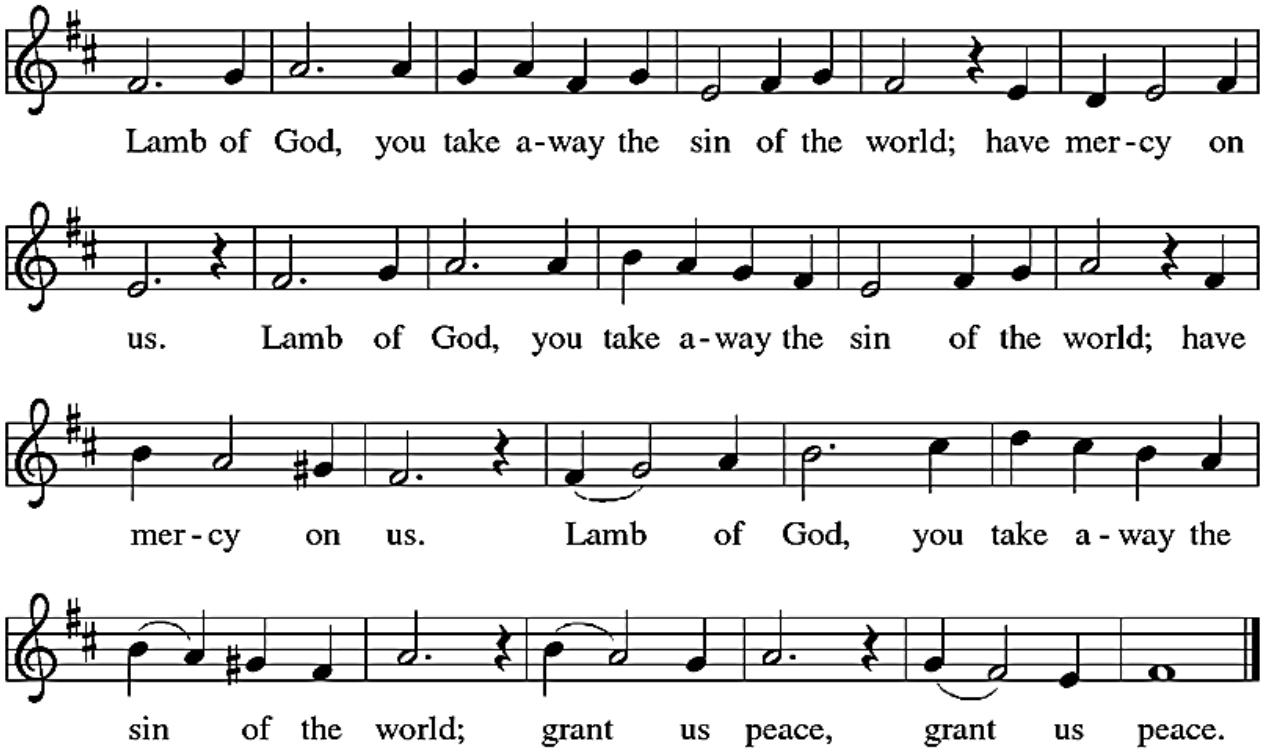


We are invited to the Lord's Table

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



We sing together: HYMN #483 Here is Bread

We sing together: HYMN #656 Blest Be the Tie that Binds
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: God's Work, Our Hands *(see next page for music)*

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 <u>May God's peace be with You</u>!

POSTLUDE

God's Work, Our Hands



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Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, September 13	
Lay Reader	Pam Pope
Acolyte	Wilson Hutchens
Audio/Video	Williams Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Russ Burleson, Rod Davis, Billy Griffin
Altar Flowers	Todd & Kristi Soderlund in honor of Our **28th** Wedding Anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, September 20	
Lay Reader	Cameron Prince
Acolyte	Charlotte Hutchens
Audio/Video	Camille (Audio), Taylor Ann (Video)
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Counts, Lillie Free, Karl Fulmer
Altar Flowers	Greg & Kim Shealy in memory of Charlie B. Shealy

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Janelle Barrett
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Barbara Feltman
Jesse Frick
Kevin Frick
Robbie Frick
Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts
Bill Moser
Peggy Roche
Margaret Robinson
Bill Stockdell
Lynette Shealy
Zack Slice
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Paul Sweatman
Gayle Wicker
George L. Williams

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

Last Sunday Attendance

In-person	94
Online	75

This Week at a Glance

SUN	**Sept 13**	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion Congregational Council
MON	**Sept 14**	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Visitation Team Meeting Lutheran Men in Mission
TUES	**Sept 15**	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice
WED	**Sept 16**	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	**Sept 17**	9:30 a.m.	Pray and Play
Fri	**Sept 18**	11:30 a.m.	Friendship Circle

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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.

Visitation MINISTRY

LUTHERAN MEN

MEET **TOMORROW**, 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**.

LADIES ARE INVITED!!!

Please plan to attend!!

Friendship Circle will meet *this* Friday, September 18th,
at **Sun Ming Chinese Restaurant** located at
7509 St. Andrews Rd, Irmo, SC 29036 at 11:30 a.m.
Please meet at Church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool.

Pastor John Stoudemayer's Bible Study

will skip this Tuesday, September 15th, and will
resume September 22nd & 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Deaths this week

At the printing of this bulletin, arrangements are incomplete.
Mr. Ronald Lee Fulmer, son of Shirley Fulmer
Mr. Kittrell Alewine, brother of Tess Wessinger & Marvin Alewine

Great Appreciation!!!

Last Sunday's Guest Musician
Ms. Lois McLeod

Financials

AUGUST 2026	
Monthly Giving Need	60,010.30
Month to Date Offerings	44,810.93
Year To Date 2026	
YTD General Offerings	348,078.02
YTD Budgeted Need	420,072.26
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(71,994.24)

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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

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