17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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.

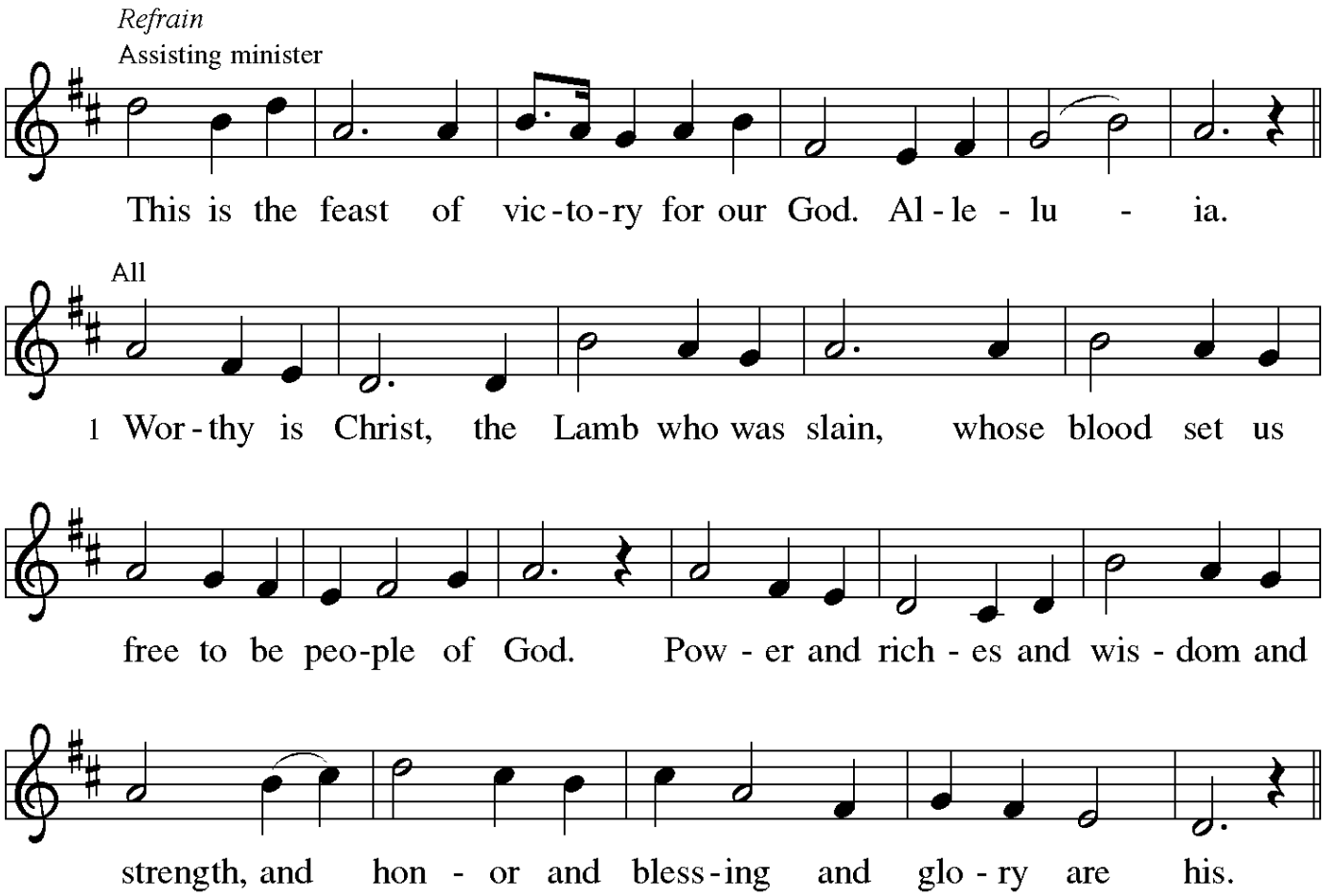
Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

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.
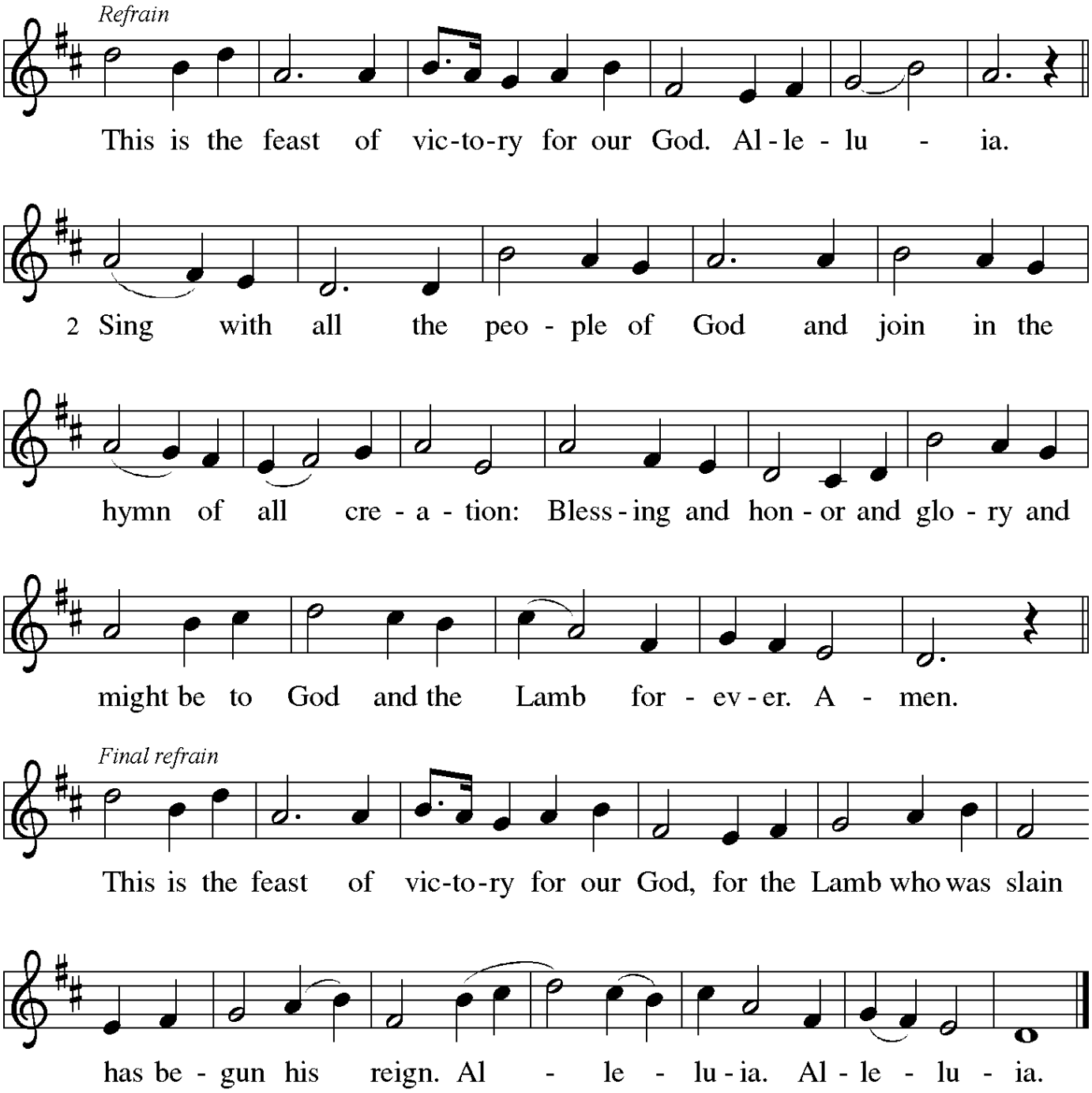
We Gather to Sing: Hymn #765 Lord of All Hopefulness

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



(The Hymn of Praise continues on the following page.)



Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

10 When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways,
God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and
he did not do it.

4:1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to
the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That
is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful
God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. 3 And now,
O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And
the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat
down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade,
waiting to see what would become of the city.
6 The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over
his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But
when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it
withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on
the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better
for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said,
"Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for
which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and
perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in
which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their
right hand from their left and also many animals?"
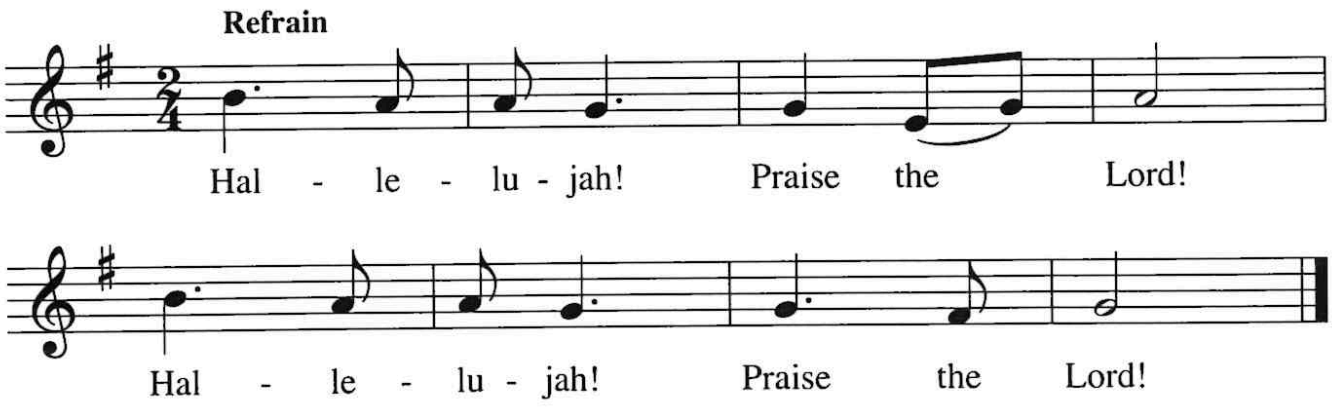
L The Word of the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

The choir/cantor will sing the refrain once; the congregation will repeat the refrain. The choir/cantor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain where indicated.

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson



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O God, I hail you Lord and King, and I will ever praise your name.
I will extol you every day and evermore your praise proclaim.
All you have made will praise you Lord; your mighty acts your saints will show,
Till all the peoples on the earth the power of your own kingdom know.

REFRAIN

The eyes of all look up to you for food and drink, which you supply;
Your open hand is there for all, and every need you satisfy.
The Lord is just in every way, in all God's works the Lord is kind,
And all who call onGod in truth in God a present helper find.

REFRAIN

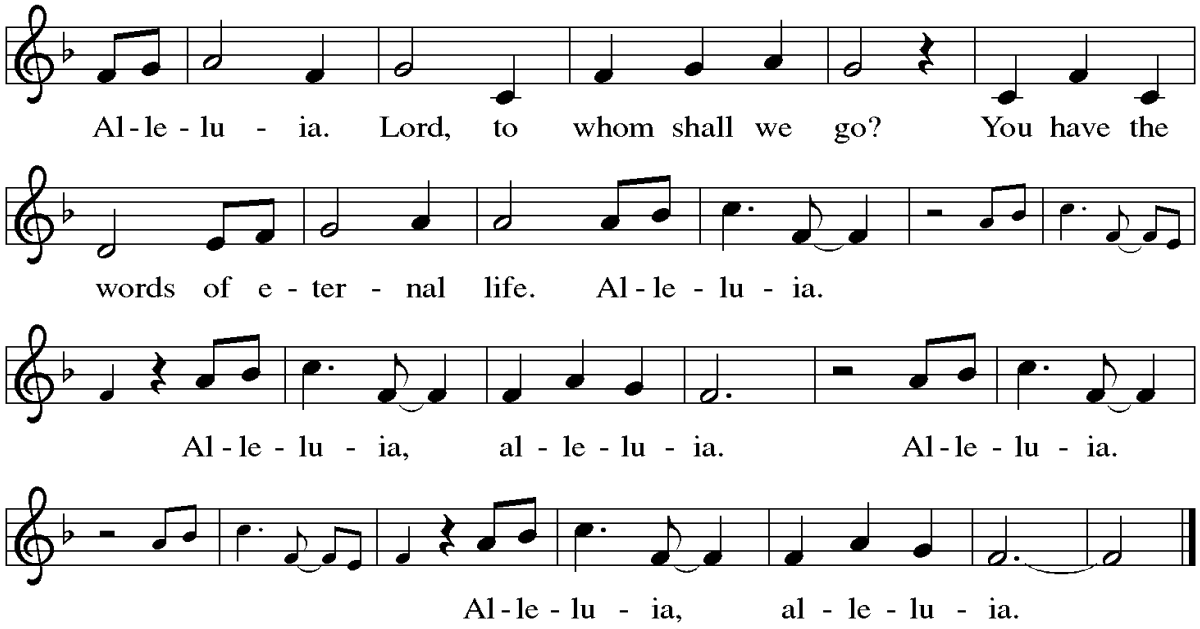
My mouth will sing the glorious praise of God whom earth and heaven adore;
Let every creature praise God's name and offer thanks forevermore.

REFRAIN

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means
fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. 23 I am hard pressed between the
two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, 24 but to remain in the
flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain
and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that, by my presence
again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.
27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come
and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in
one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way
frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your
salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only
of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, 30 since you are having the same
struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!
We stand.



P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[1] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire
laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he
sent them into his vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing
idle in the marketplace, [4] and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay
you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] When he went out again about noon and about three
o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing
around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' [7] They said to him,
'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' [8] When
evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give
them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' [9] When those hired
about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when the first came, they
thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And when
they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last worked only
one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and
the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did
you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give
to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what
belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] So the last will be first, and
the first will be last."

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

We sit.

Youth Message

Sermon: "How do you define what is fair?" **Rev. Ronald D. Philabaum**

We stand.

We Sing Together: Hymn #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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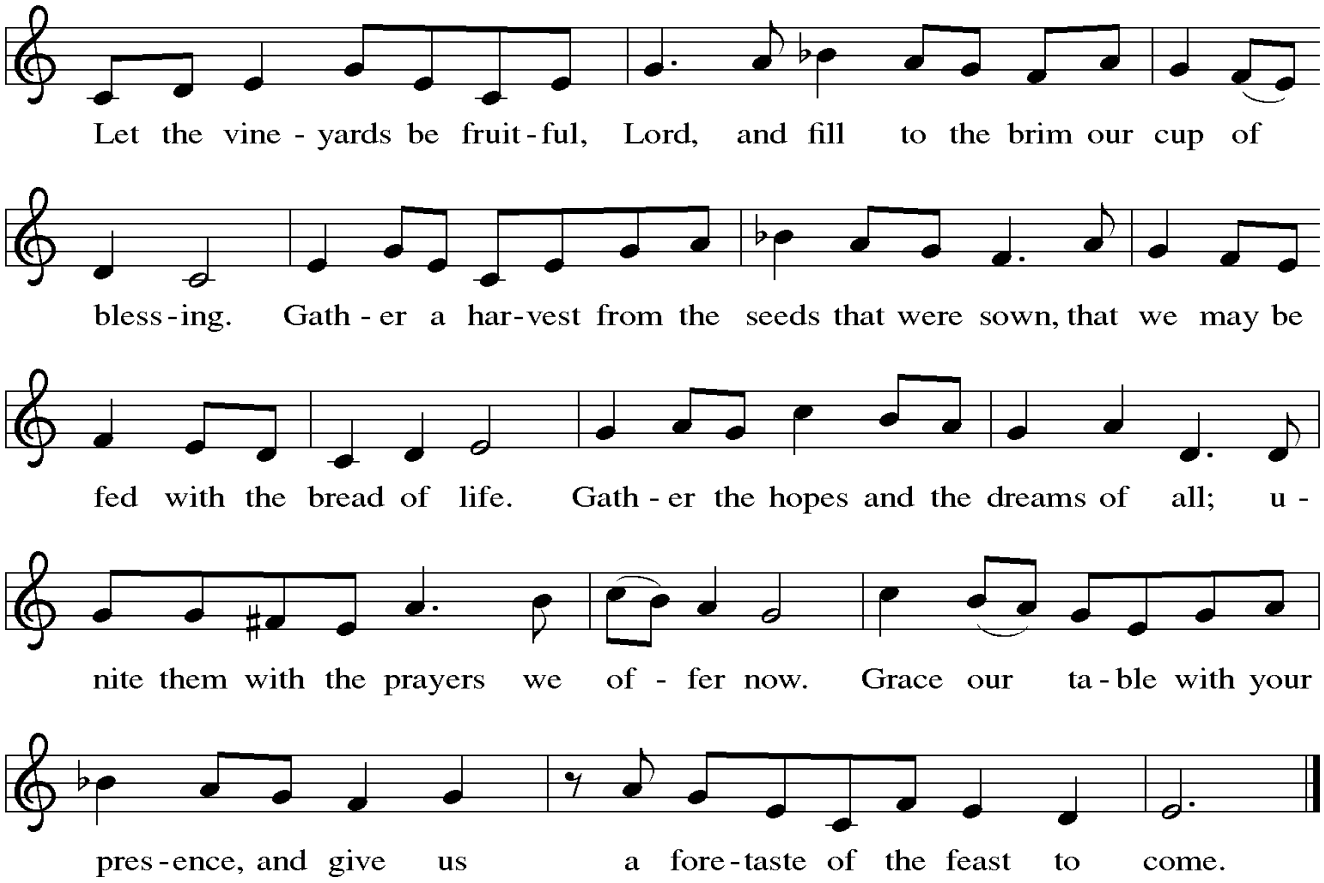
In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money,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

We Offer Our Gratitude

Offertory Anthem*: Forever Blest Is He* G. F. Handel

Forever blest is he who serves the Lord. Forever, forever blest is he who servers the Lord.
The loving God of all, the God of all mankind.
Forever blest is he who servers the Lord.
Joy shall be his reward. Living to serve the Lord.
Forever, forever, forever blest is he who serves the Lord.
Forever blest is he who serves the Lord

Offertory Song: *Let the Vineyard be Fruitful*



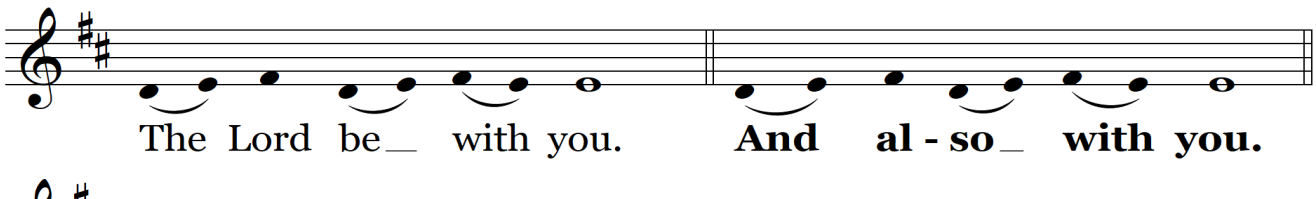
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Offering Prayer

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.

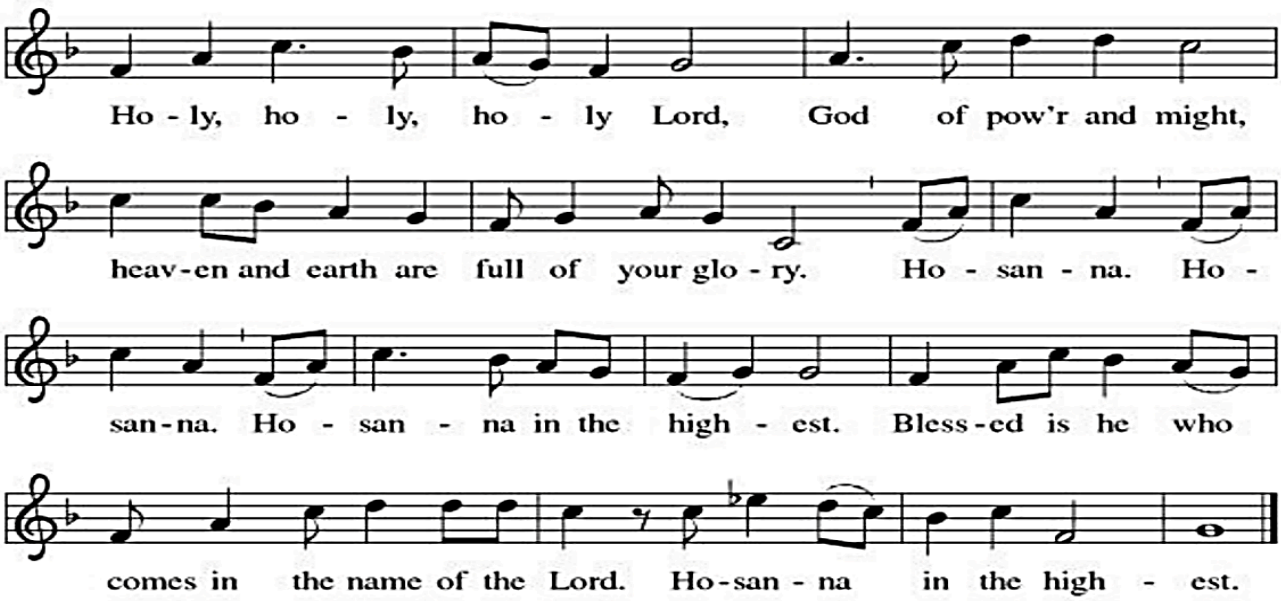
The Great Thanksgiving



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

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.

Blessing of the Elements

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:

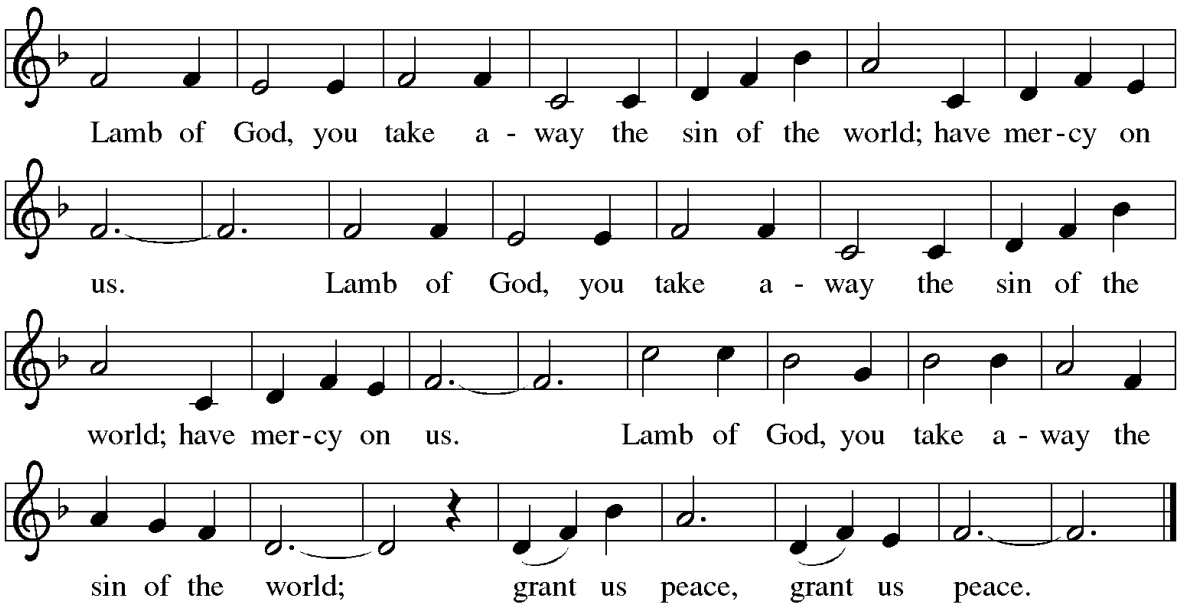
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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



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We sing together: HYMN #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

We sing together: HYMN #522 As We Gather at Your Table
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 #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God

Dismissal

P: Our worship is over, As we are sent into the world WHO will we serve:
C: I will praise you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
P: Then go in peace
C: To share Gods peace with others…

Postlude

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, September 20	
Lay Reader	Stan Shealy
Acolyte	Charlotte Hutchens
Audio/Video	Camille (Audio), Taylor Ann (Video)
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Counts, Billy Griffin, Karl Fulmer
Altar Flowers	Greg & Kim Shealy in memory of Charlie B. Shealy
Serving Next Sunday, September 27	
Lay Reader	Stan Shealy
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Marion (Audio), Zach (Video)
Communion Assistants	Stephanie Stoudemayer, Don Wise, Tom Griffin
Altar Flowers	Dan & Robbie DeFreese To the Glory of God

Please keep the following in your prayers: ***Stewardship***

Janelle Barrett *Dan DeFreese* *Barbara Feltman* *Jesse Frick* *Kevin Frick* *Robbie Frick* *Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts* *Bill Moser*	*Peggy Roche* *Margaret Robinson* *Bill Stockdell* *Lynette Shealy* *Zack Slice* *Jennifer Smith* *Christine Thompson* *Gayle Wicker* *George L. Williams*	Thank you for your generosity! To give online, scan the QR code or visit mthoreb.net/donate.
Can we pray for you? ***Visit mthoreb.net to submit a request.*** *Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the monthly newsletter.*		***Last Sunday Attendance*** In-person: 117 Online: 99

This Week at a Glance			
SUN	**Sept 20**	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion
MON	**Sept 21**	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	**Sept 22**	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice Bible Study Dutch Fork Choral Society
WED	**Sept 23**	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	**Sept 24**	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.

FALL SONShine Bag Collection in October 2026!

It's time to get ready to fill the Fall SONshine Bags which will be in the Narthex from October 4-25. The Social Ministry SONshine Bags are a project to bring "Son"shine to our members who are unable to attend services. We anticipate there being around 25 bags, but this number may change as we get closer to October. We invite the congregation to help us fill these bags with snacks, puzzles, notepads, pens or pencils or any other item that may bring a smile to our fellow members! Bags should be picked up after service on **October 25** and delivered by November 8!
The Social Ministry Team thanks you for your assistance with this ministry!

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

COMMITTEE OF 100 APPRECIATION BANQUET

The Lutheran Men In Mission of the Heartland Conference
Invite you and your guests to an evening of celebration.

Tuesday, 6 October 2026 7:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church Prosperity, S C

COST: $15.00 per person

Meal: Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Rice & Gravy, Slaw, Dessert and Beverage

Program: Pastor David Coffman, Newberry College Campus Pastor

RSVP NO LATER THAN: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
RSVP NUMBER ATTENDING TO:
JOHNNY MERCK 803-924-1945 (text/call) johnnymerck@gmail.com (email)

Nursery is now available each Sunday
8:30 - 11:30
Located in the Preschool Area
First Floor

We are excited to welcome Hannah Morgan as our new Nursery Attendant.
Hannah worked last Sunday and has agreed to be our permanent nursery attendant.
Sherry Teal has kicked off volunteering on Sept 13th & Sept 20th.

Please sign up to volunteer for this new ministry!!!

Visitation Notice

Mr. Ronald (Ronnie) Lee Fulmer of Chapin passed away on September 7, 2026, at his residence. Born August 3, 1959, in Columbia, SC.
He was the son of Mrs. Shirley Comalander Fulmer and the late Harvey Fulmer.
Visitation in the fellowship hall 11-12 Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
Committal of Ron Fulmer in Mt. Horeb Cemetery at noon.

A Great big thank you
to all involved in creating our church float for the Labor Day Parade!
Guess What…..



Congratulations Parade Winners

CHAPIN LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

Dear Mt Horeb Lutheran Church,

Congratulations on being selected as this year's
Honorable Mention in the Non-Profit Category
in the Chapin Labor Day Festival Parade!

Your creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to this year's
Stars, Stripes & Service theme helped make the parade
a wonderful celebration for our entire community.

The Town of Chapin cordially invites you to a special reception
honoring our parade winners, followed by the presentation of trophies.

DATE **Tuesday, September 22**
TIME **6:30 p.m.**
LOCATION **Chapin Town Hall**

We look forward to celebrating this special achievement with you!

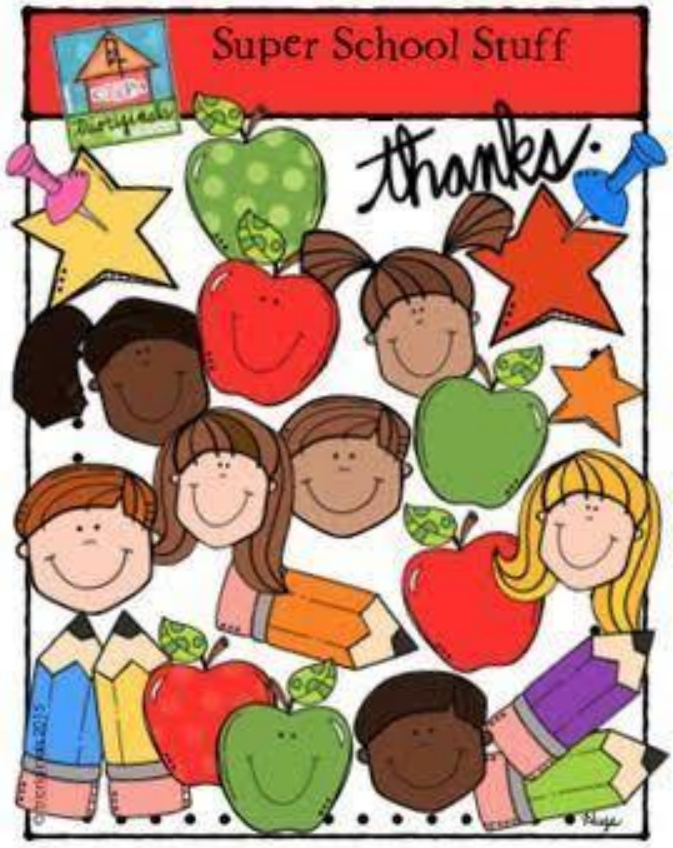
With appreciation,
Town of Chapin



Please RSVP to Cynthia Shepard at: events@chapinsc.com

From Mt. Horeb Preschool

Thank you for all of your great support of our Church Preschool!



The **August Open House** Hot Dog supper and Blessing of the Bookbags was wonderful. Thank you for greeting and welcoming our families at the event!

We are also very appreciative of the **Snack donations** that members continue to send our way - donations along with our purchased snacks help provide that daily snack for our **60 students**!

There is new opportunity for giving to our Mt. Horeb Preschool. Check out the Giving Tree in the **Narthex**. Review the items on the **Apple Notes** and if there is something you want to provide, simply take the note, purchase and drop the items off at the Preschool Office or Main Office.

One specific request is if anyone has a **working vacuum cleaner** that they no longer use and would like to donate it to the Preschool – they could use a second Vacuum Cleaner for the upstairs.
Both vacuum cleaners broke at the same time.
One has already been donated and much appreciated!
Vacuums get used multiple times during the day so looking for one more if possible.

Most of all we appreciate your prayers
and continued support for our Faith Based Preschool.

Thank you!

A NEW SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

AT THE MOUNT

YOU ARE INVITED

FELLOWSHIP 9:00 – 9:45 AM
WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Every Sunday, the fellowship hall is open from 9:00 to 9:45. Coffee, juice, pastries and muffins. The children hear a Bible story and make crafts in their own corner. A short devotional for the adults. We finish together with a familiar hymn.

At 9:45 everyone is invited to the sanctuary to prepare for worship which begins at 10am. We hope you will join us there as well.

During worship, children will experience our outreach with "Follow the Cross" and a special gospel message just for them outside the sanctuary.

- **Coffee, juice, pastries and muffins**
- **A Bible story and crafts for the children**
- **A short devotional for the adults**
- **A familiar hymn we sing together**
- **Children "Follow the Cross" during worship**

You do not need to arrive early, dress up, or know anyone.
Bring someone. Bring no one. Both are welcome.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE — 8:30 – 11:30
Located in the Preschool Area
First Floor of the Education Building

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