19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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,
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 to God.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.

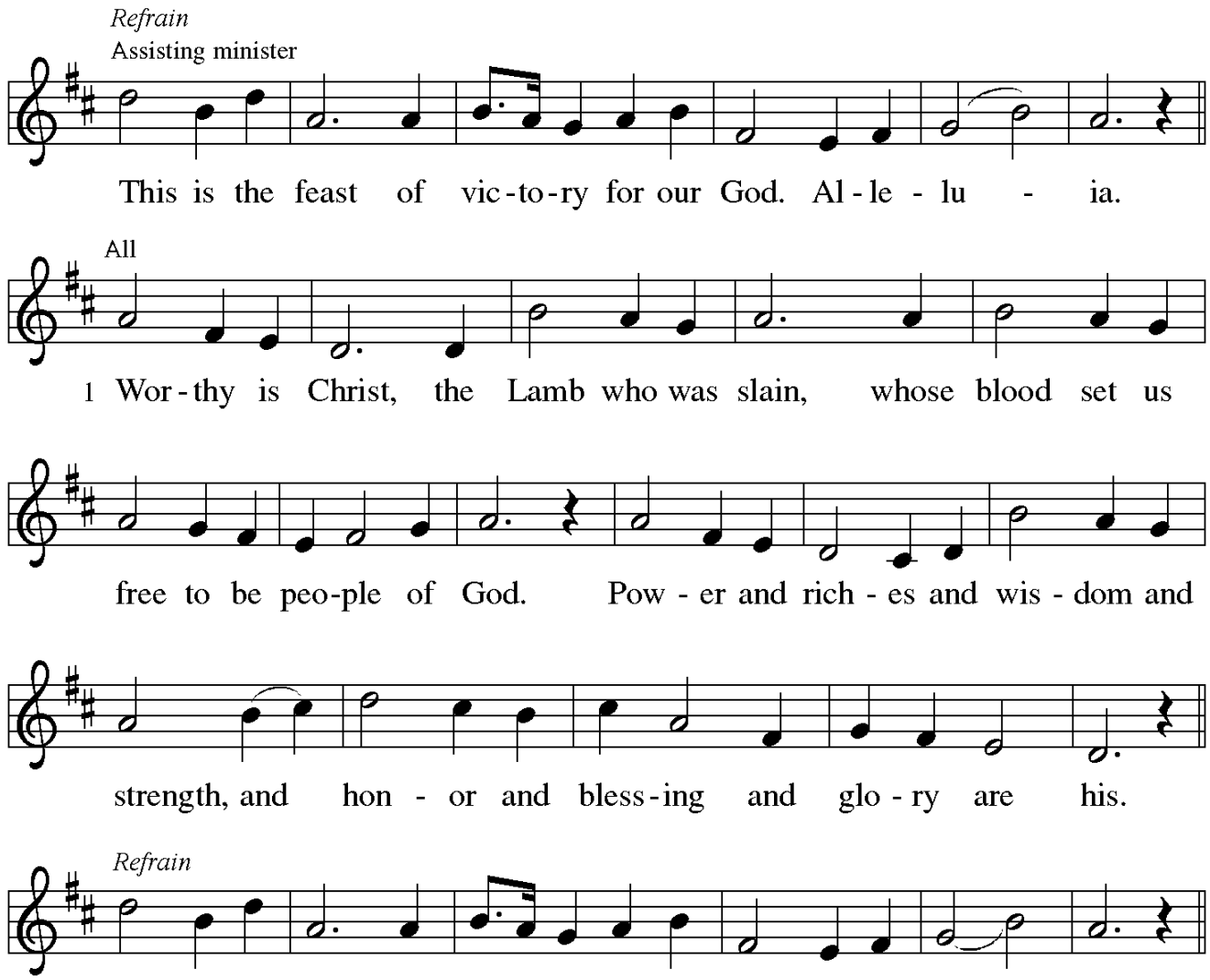
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

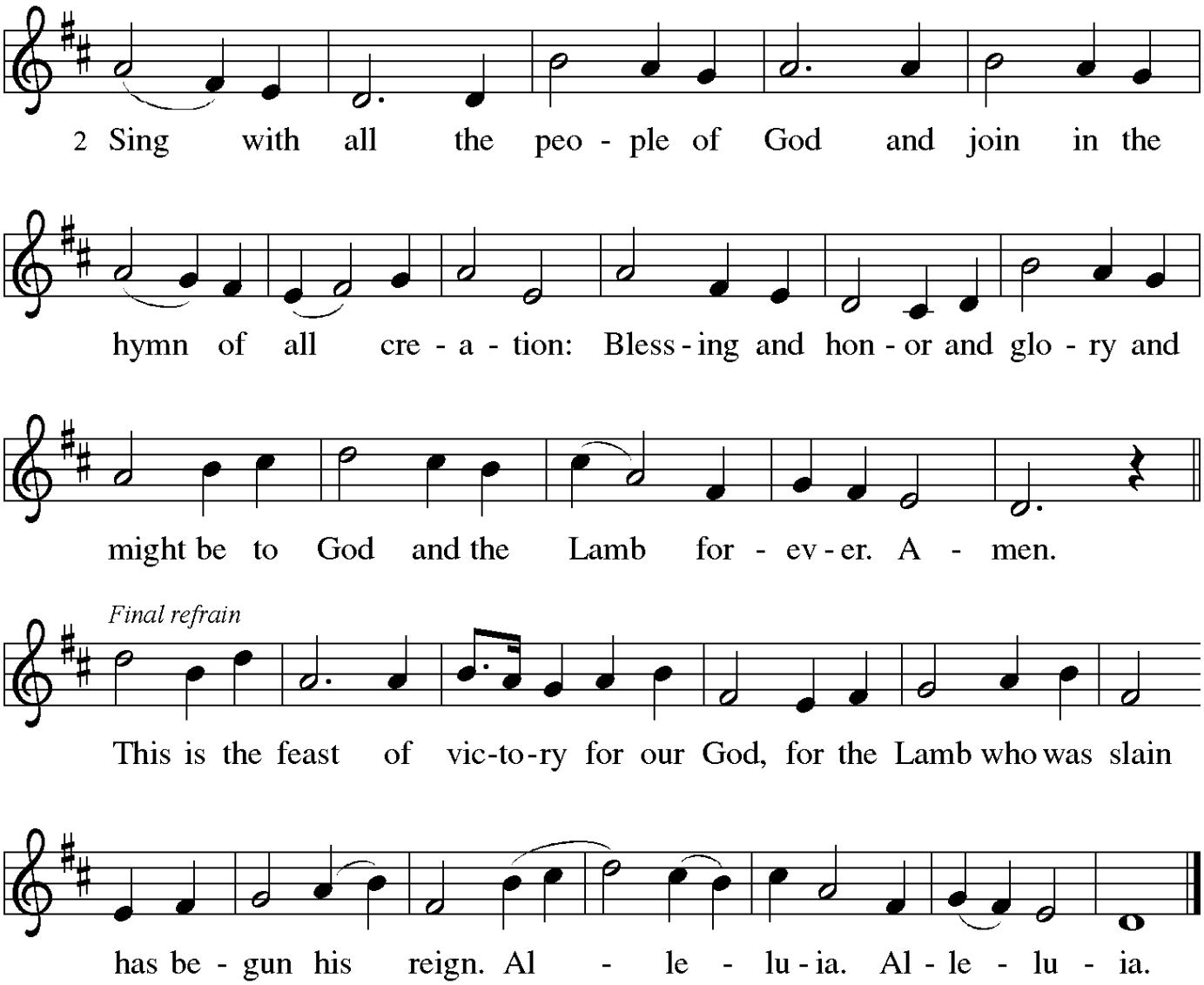
Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

We Gather to Sing: Hymn #596 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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





Prayer of the Day

P Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
2 He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.
3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me
and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes? 5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of
the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;
he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!.

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

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

Read responsively. Congregation reads the bold print.

7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
9 You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
12 Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;
15 behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the
eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More
than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as
rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of
my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if
somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on
to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not
consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the
prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

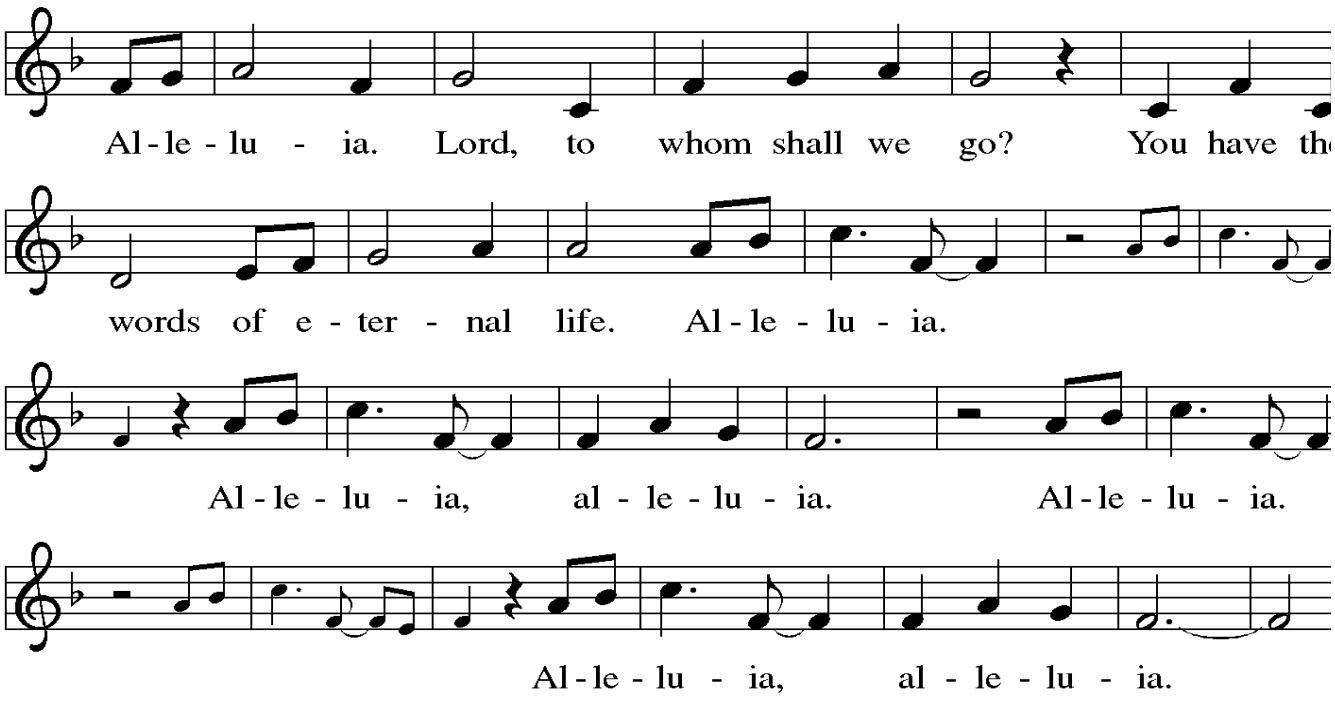
We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

P The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew, the 21st chapter.**
C Glory to you, O Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence
around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and
went away. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect
his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned
another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the
same way. 37 Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when
the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and
get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They
said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to
other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's
doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?
43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a
people that produces its fruits. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces,
and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was
speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because
they regarded him as a prophet.



P The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

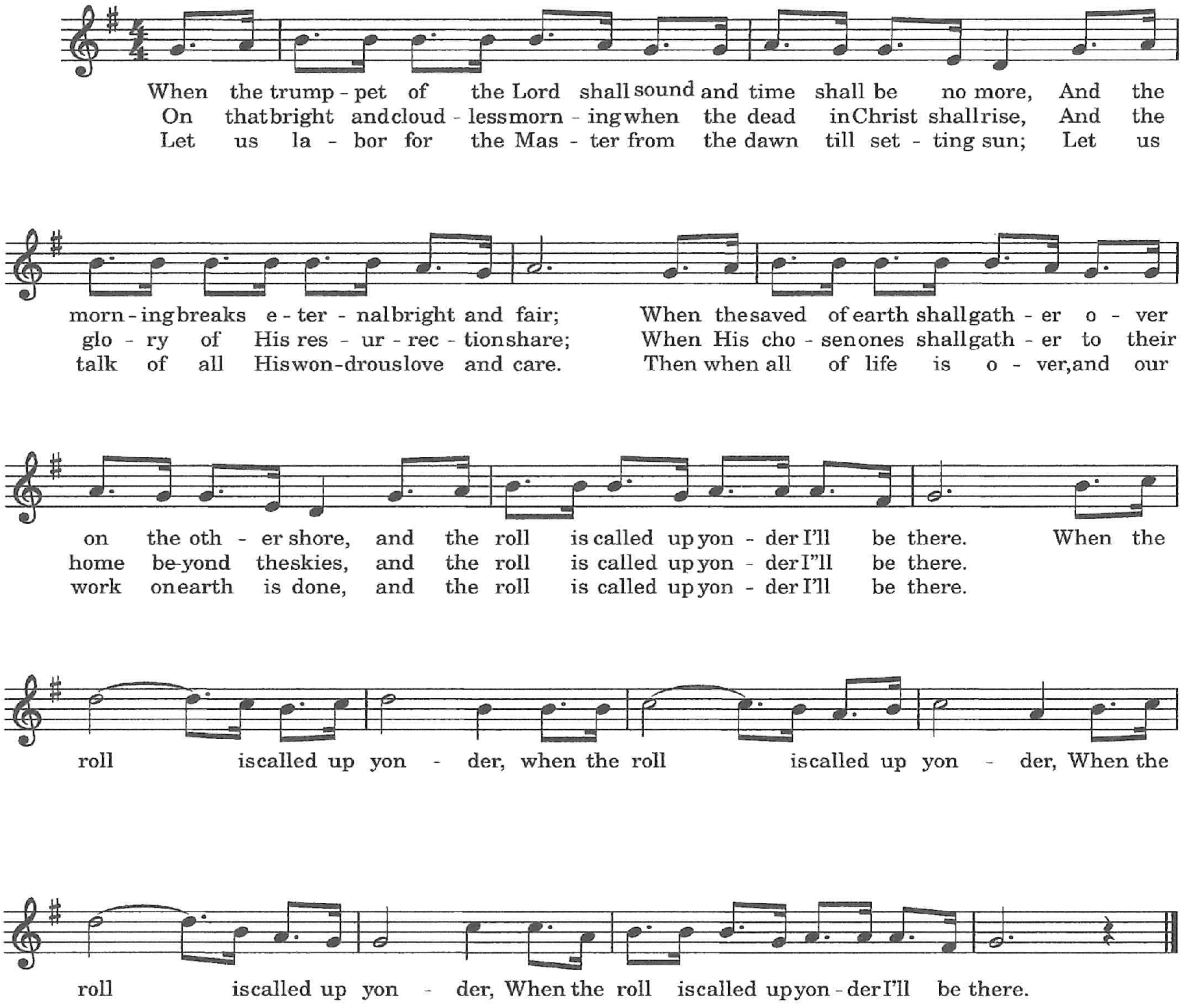
We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: "HOW ARE YOU PRODUCING FRUIT" REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand.

WE SING TOGETHER: WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER



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.
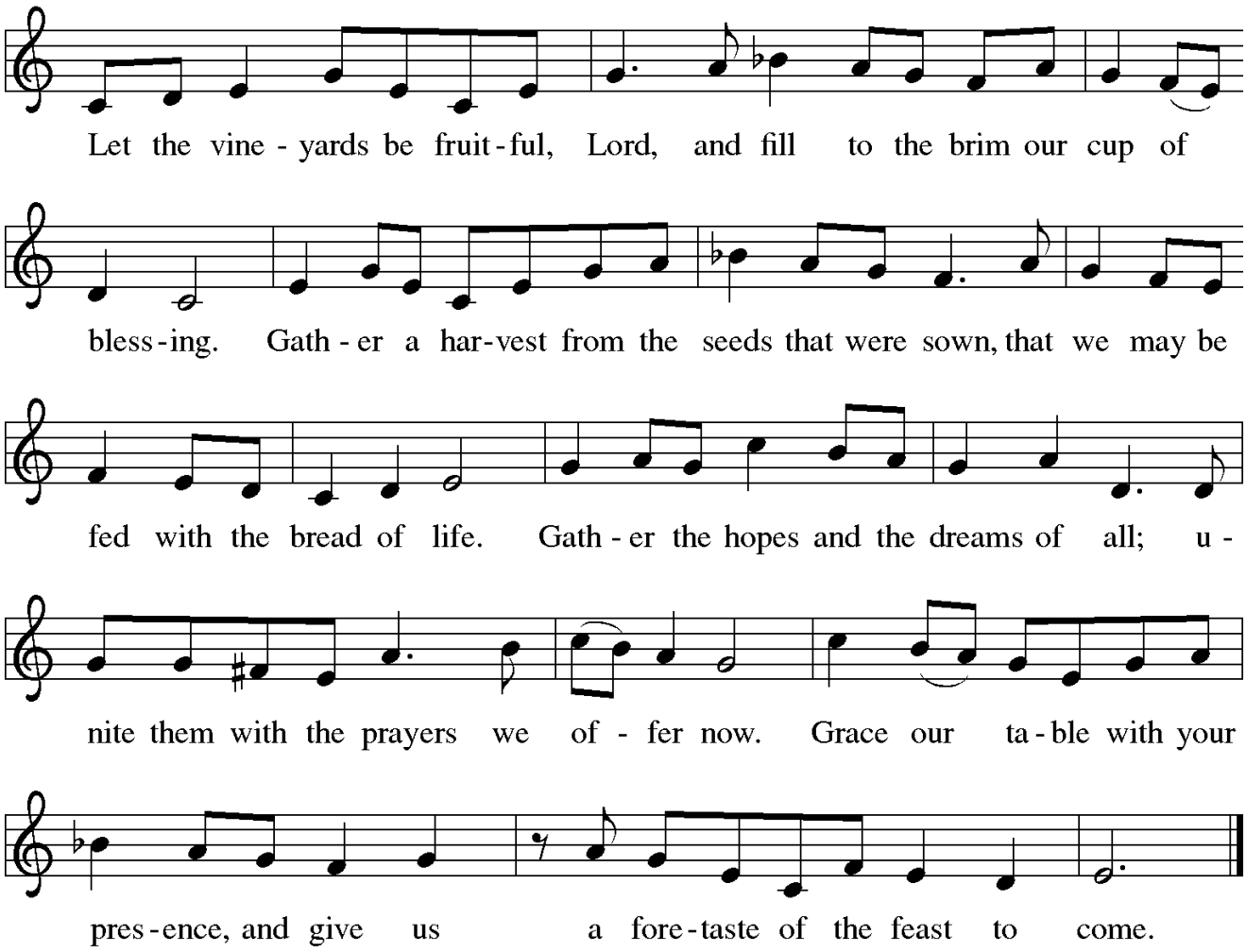
The Meal

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*: I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Offertory Song: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*
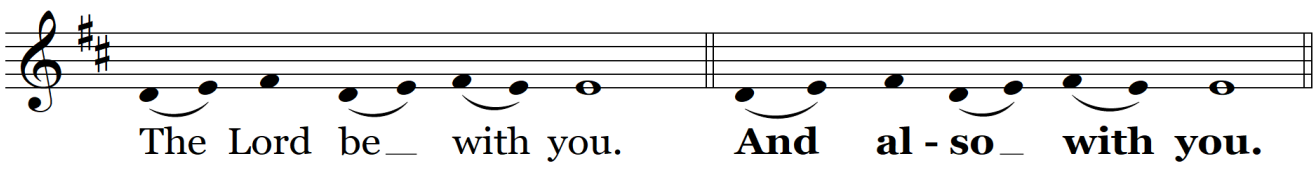


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Offering Prayer

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.

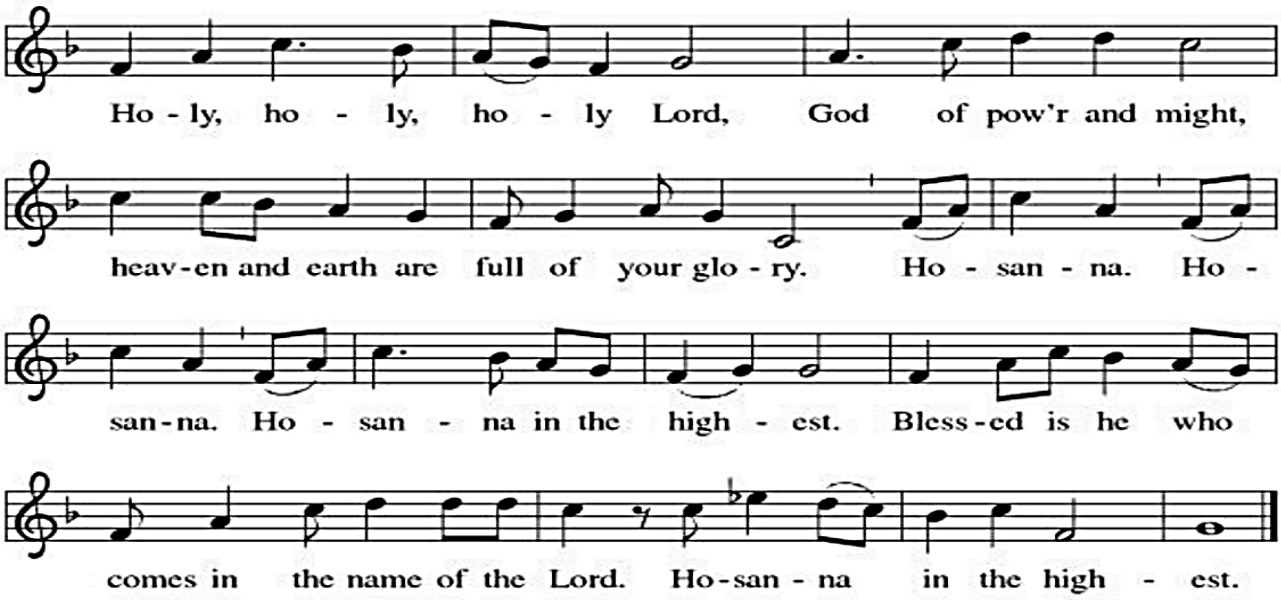
The Great Thanksgiving



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

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.

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.

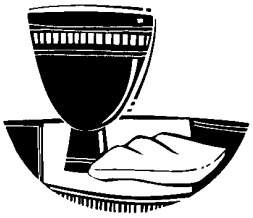
Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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.



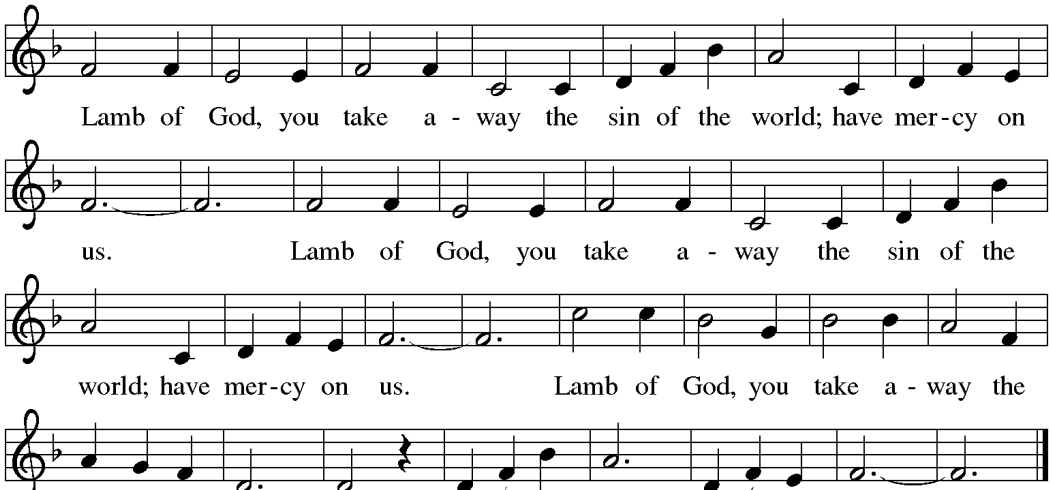
We are invited to the Lord's Table

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

Lamb of God



We sing together: HYMN #574 Here I Am, Lord

We sing together: HYMN #733 Great is Thy Faithfulness

We stand.

Prayer After Communion

P 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.

C 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 #537 On Our Way Rejoicing

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

Today is

LUTHERAN

MEN'S SUNDAY

Sermon Skit:

"The Vineyard Boardroom" (*Low Tide at Lake Murray)*

Today, in place of our traditional sermon, join us for a lighthearted, comedic adaptation of Matthew 21:33-46 presented by some of our very own Lutheran Men in Mission disciples. Watch what happens when a modern-day committee room, a stubborn lakefront tenant, and a pontoon-boating landowner cross paths right here in the historic town of Chapin. Through a few laughs (and maybe a little local traffic venting!), we will dig into Jesus's powerful question: *How are you producing fruit?* Listen closely and be ready to laugh, reflect, and celebrate the cornerstone of our faith!

<u>Our Cast of Characters:</u>

(Pastor) JESUS: Calm, patient, handles the senior committee with supreme grace.
(Stan) PHARISEE PHIL: Head of the Synagogue HOA, Bylaws, and Historical Shutter Committee.
(Barry) CHIEF PRIEST CHAD: High-ranking, overly dramatic. Wears reading glasses on a chain.

(Billy M) TENANT TED: A character in the parable. Refuses to give up his lawn chair or his turf.
(Jim L) LANDOWNER LARRY: Wealthy retiree, completely checked out, loves his pontoon boat.
(Tom G) SERVANT SAM: A quiet and tired hard-working field hand.
(Jonathan) SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE SON: A dutiful son sent to collect the harvest at his dad's request.

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, October 4	
Lay Reader	Tom Griffin
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Rod (Audio), Barry (Video)
Communion Assistants	Travis Goodman, Ashley Williams, Wayne Addy
Altar Flowers	Buddy & Pat Johnson in honor of Our Grandchildren
Serving Next Sunday, October 11	
Lay Reader	S. Stoudemayer
Acolyte	Wilson Hutchens
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Katie Morgan, Lillie Free, Esther Philabaum
Altar Flowers	Kay S. Shealy in memory of James C. "Shot" Shealy

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: 111 Online: 79

22nd Annual Boysfarm Newberry Fall Festival October 10, 2026
11 am to 4 pm
6655 SC HWY 34-121 Newberry, SC 29108
Hay Rides, Face Painting, Classic Car Cruise-in, Bounce Houses, Free Cotton Candy, Fishing Contest, Live Music & More. @boysfarminc

This Week at a Glance

SUN	**Oct 4**	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Nursery Available Faith Formation Classes Hospitality Fellowship Worship & Holy Communion
MON	**Oct 5**	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	**Oct 6**	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice Dutch Fork Choral Society
WED	**Oct 7**	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	**Oct 8**	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.





The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
invites Everyone to Come
Sunday afternoon- **October 18** for
BIBLE TRIVIA from 3pm to 5pm
There will be lots of
FUN--QUESTIONS--PRIZES--AND REFRESHMENTS!!!
Bring A Friend and you are welcomed to bring your BIBLE.
Don Wise will lead us in this exciting afternoon of FUN and FELLOWSHIP!

The Social Ministry Team is Collecting FALL SONShine Bag Items!!!



October 4th to October 25th,
Please help us fill the Fall SONshine Bags
located in the Narthex.
The Social Ministry's SONshine Bags are
designed to bring "Son"shine to members
who are unable to attend services.
We want **29 bags**; this may increase as the deadline gets closer.
Please join us to help us fill these bags with
snacks, puzzles, notepads, pens, pencils, or any other items
that may bring a smile to our fellow members!
Bags will be picked up after Worship on
October 25th and delivered by November 8th!
The Social Ministry Team appreciates your efforts with this project!

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

LET'S GO

apple picking

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A GREAT DAY
IN THE MOUNTAINS OF N.C. ON
OCTOBER 6, 2026 10:00 AM

·TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED
·WE WILL HAVE LUNCH ·GATHER APPLES
·TAKE A TOUR OF LUTHERIDGE WITH OUR OWN
DIANE AND STAN SENN AS GUIDES
·IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO LUTHERIDGE LATELY,
COME AND LET'S SEE WHAT'S NEW

SIGNUP SHEET IS ON THE WELCOME TABLE!!



Lutheran Men in Mission

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12th
at our usual time of 6:30.
Women are welcome!
Please sign up at the Welcome Center!

Wreaths Across America Returns to Mt. Horeb Cemetery



RESULTS

2026 SO FAR

69 Wreaths Sponsored

56.1% to Goal

54 To Go!

This year's Wreaths Across America theme, "Remember Me," reminds us that behind every veteran's name is a life, a family, and a story of service and sacrifice worthy of remembrance.

Every wreath placed is more than a Christmas decoration—it is a promise to our veterans: **"We remember you. We honor you. We will not forget."**

On National Wreath Day, Saturday, December 19th, we will gather at noon in the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church Cemetery to honor the veterans laid to rest among us.

We are in need of 54 more wreaths to ensure that every veteran in our cemetery is remembered with a wreath on December 19.

Wreaths are $17 each and may be sponsored online at:
https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/SCMHLC

Order forms are also available on the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

The completed form along with a check made payable to Wreaths Across America may be returned to the church office or to The Schmidt Family.

Please reach out to Laurie Schmidt at TLSCHMIDT@bellsouth.net or (803) 629-6227 for additional information or questions.

Please help us answer the call to "Remember Me" by sponsoring a wreath and joining us on December 19th as we remember their lives, honor their service, and teach future generations the true cost of freedom.

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