21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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.

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.
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: 660 Lift High The Cross

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.

Prayer of the Day

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 45:1-7

[1] Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
[2] I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4 For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96
The congregation reads the bold print.

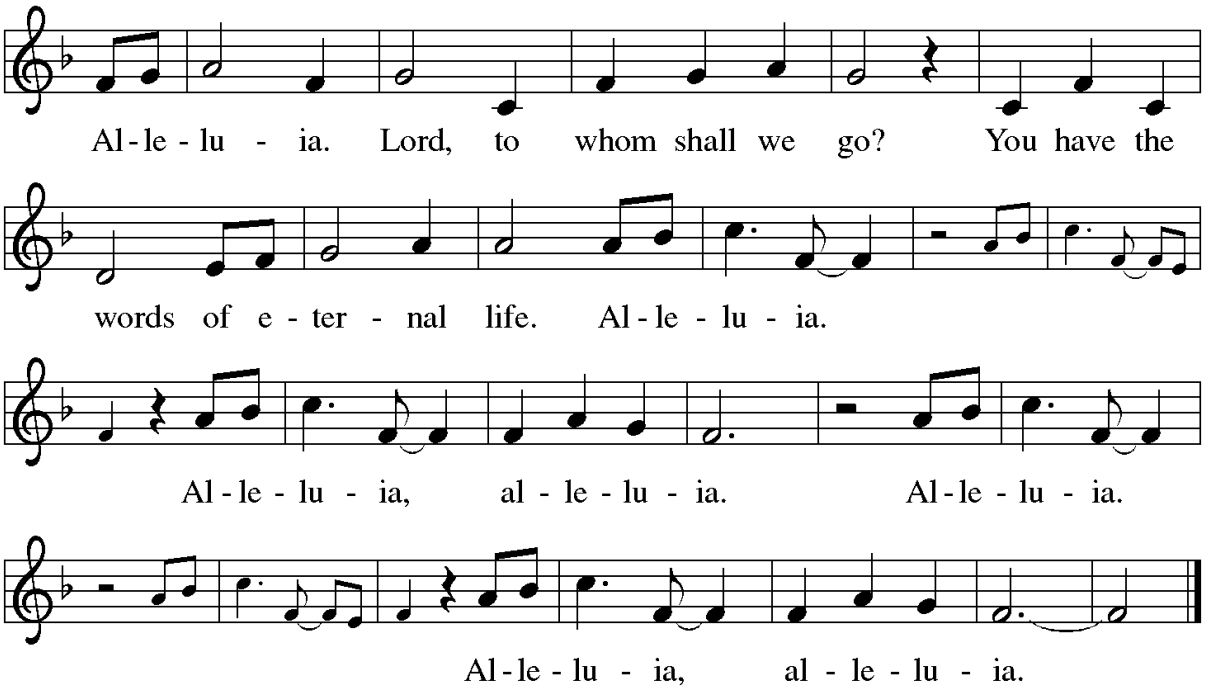
1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2 **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;**
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
3 Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
6 **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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



P The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.**
C Glory to you, O Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you
do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes
to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the
test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered,
"Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and
to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left
him and went away.

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

We sit.

Youth Message

Today we celebrate WELCA Sunday!
Women of the **E**vangelical **L**utheran **C**hurch **A**ssociation

Sermon **Rev. Jackie Utley, Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC**

We stand.

We Sing Together: 659 Will You Let Me BE Your Servant *(verses 1, 3, 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.
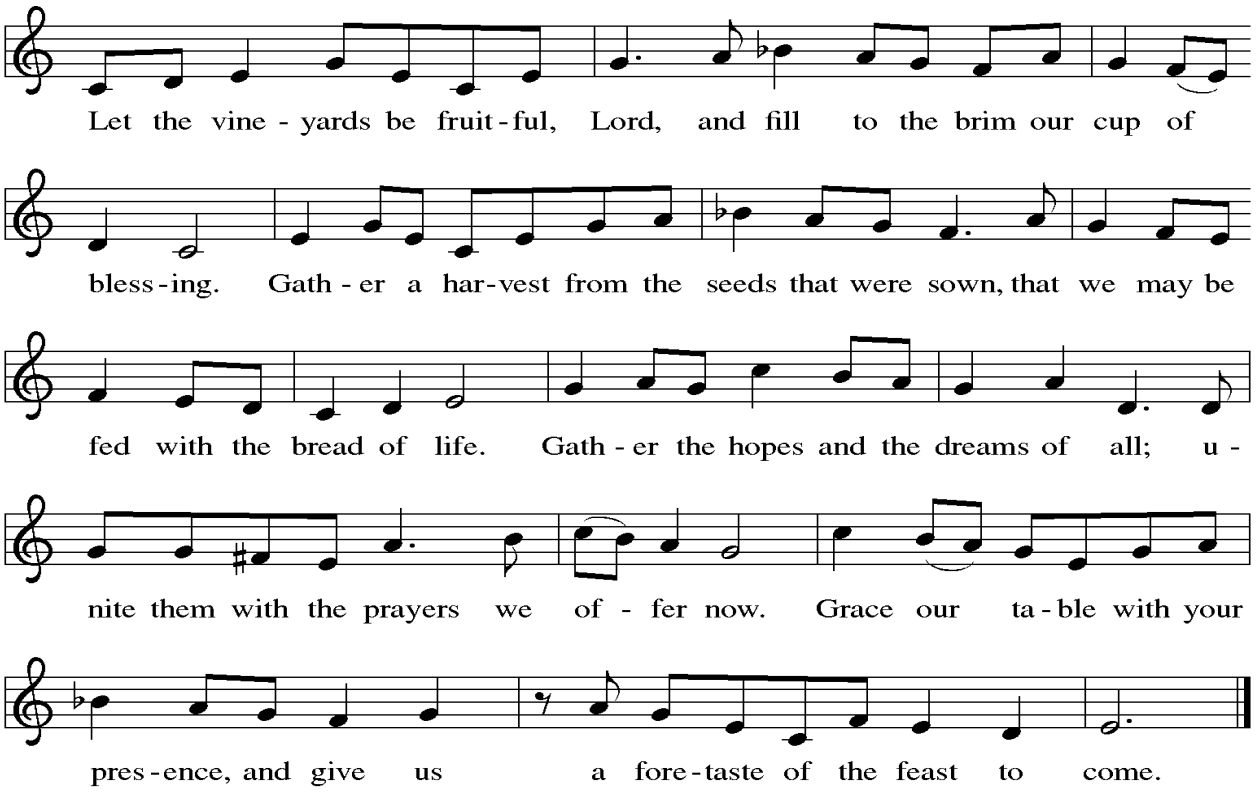
C And also with you.

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*: Once a Woman Seeking Water Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*



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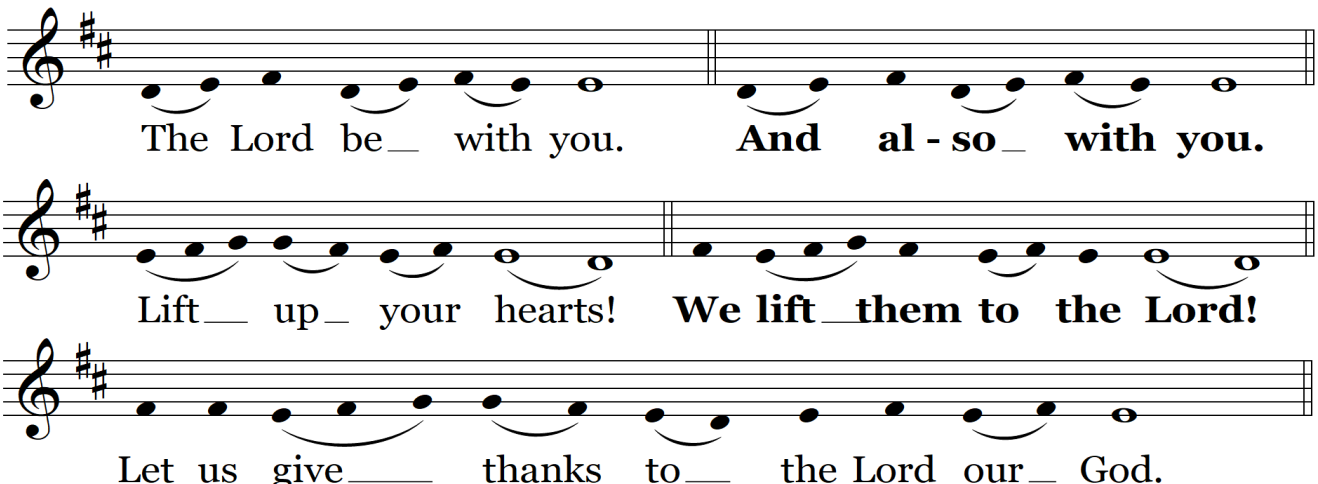
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Offertory Song: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

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.

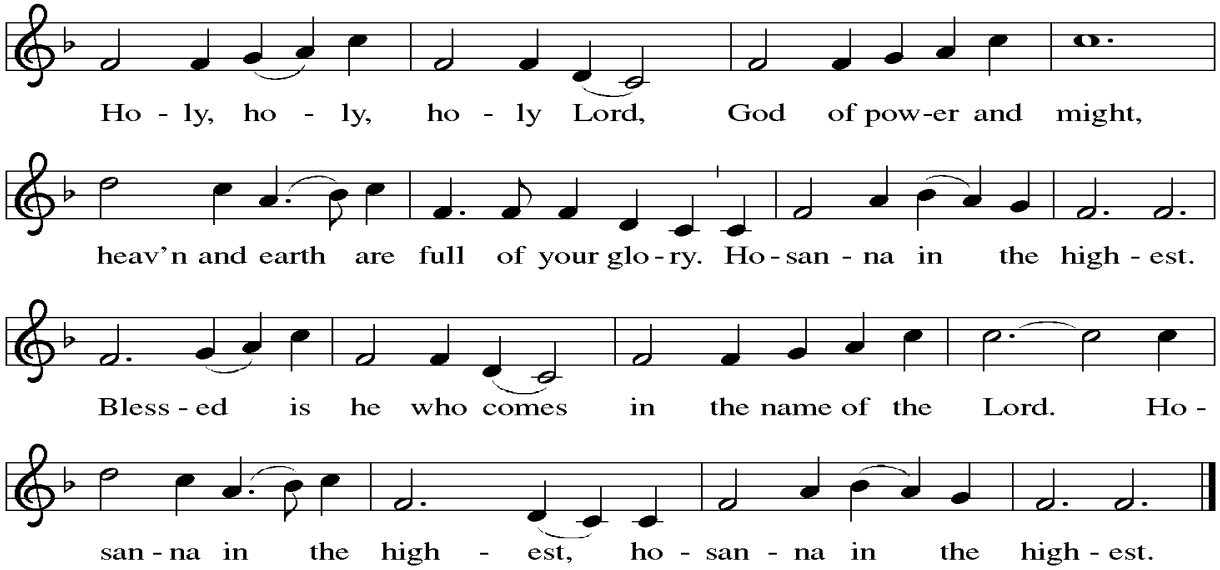
The Great Thanksgiving



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.

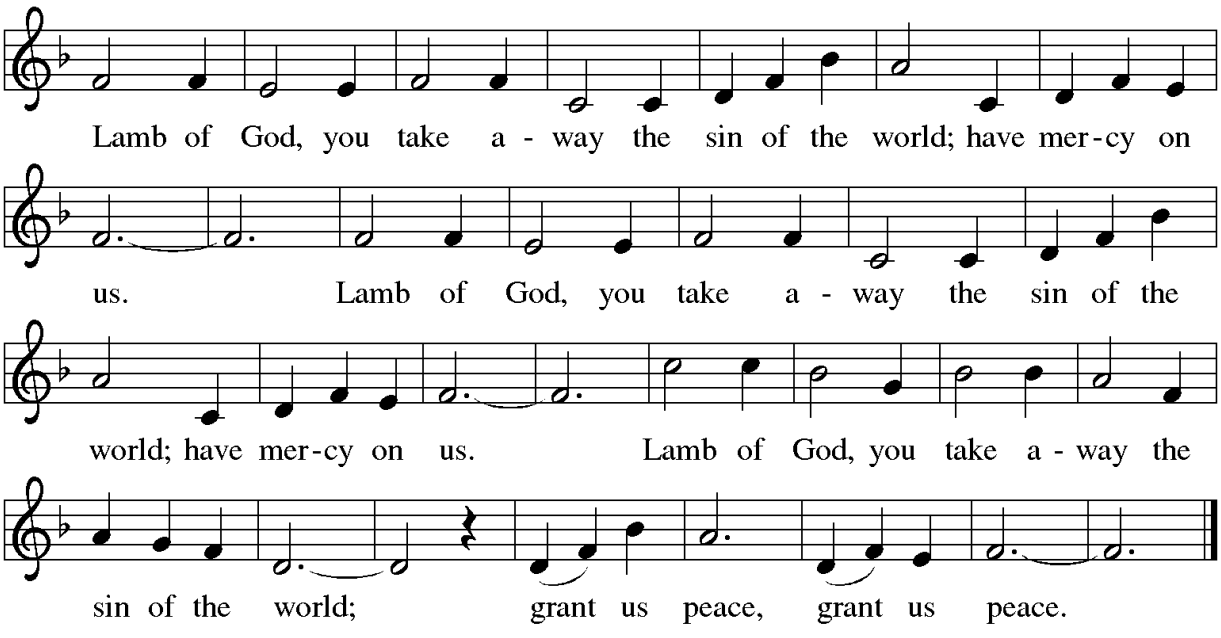
Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through 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: 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

We sing together: 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

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

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

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

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
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: 538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Dismissal

P Our worship is over; how will you be sent?
C I will Sing to the Lord a new song and tell others "The Lord is king"!
P Then Go in Peace
C I will share God's peace with all I meet this week.

Postlude

Announcements

Serving Today WELCA Sunday, October 18	
Lay Reader	Peggy Miller
Acolyte	Sandra McKie
Crucifer	Leigh Bebber
Ushers	Cathy Rogers, Peggy
Banner Bearer	Miller, Pam Pope, Leigh Bebber Sandra McKie
Audio/Video	Camille (Audio), Taylor Ann (Video)
Communion Assistants	Pam Shear, Esther Philabaum, Lillie Free
Altar Flowers	Carol & Leland Teal in Honor of Heather, Chip, Triston, Jude, Wyatt & Hazel

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* *Andy Wessinger* *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: 98 Online: 111

Serving Next Sunday, October 25

Lay Reader	Taylor Ann Fiber
Acolyte	Wilson Hutchens
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Katie Morgan, Lillie Free, Esther Philabaum
Altar Flowers	Don & Marilyn Wise To the Glory of God

This Week at a Glance

SUN	**Oct 18**	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. **3:00 p.m.**	Nursery Available Faith Formation Classes Kid's Korner *(Parents Invited)* Worship & Holy Communion **Bible Trivia**
MON	**Oct 19**	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	**Oct 20**	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice Dutch Fork Choral Society LutheReaders
WED	**Oct 21**	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	**Oct 22**	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.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

Thank you all for your thoughtful & generous contributions!!!

In honor of Bob Irwin, given by E. Irwin

Lutheran Men's Club
Choir
Bereavement Team
Altar Guild
Preschool
Debt Reduction

Lutheridge 75th Birthday Capital Campaign

In honor of Stan & Diane Senn, given by
Leisurer Timers



SALUTE TO VETERANS

On November 10 at 6:00 PM, the eve of Veterans Day, Mt. Horeb will host a community event to honor all veterans.

Presented by American Legion Post 193 of Chapin, Honor Guard, Chapin HS Naval JROTC unit, Patriotic music provided by Ft. Jackson's 282D Army Band, Chapin HS Chorus to provide a special musical tribute,

Chapin Chief of Police, Thomas Griffin will be the guest speaker!!

The Social Ministry Team is

Collecting FALL SONShine Bag Items!!!



October 4th to October 25th,
lease 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.
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

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The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

inviting
Everyone to Come
This afternoon
October 18th for

BIBLE TRIVIA

from 3pm to 5pm

There will be lots of
FUN--QUESTIONS--PRIZES--AND REFRESHMENTS!!!
Bring A Friend, and you are welcome to bring your BIBLE.
Don Wise will lead us in this exciting afternoon of FUN and FELLOWSHIP!

Wreaths Across America Returns to Mt. Horeb Cemetery

Remembrance on National Wreath Day, Saturday, December 19th
Wreaths are $17 each
Order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

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