Reformation Sunday
October 25, 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.

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.

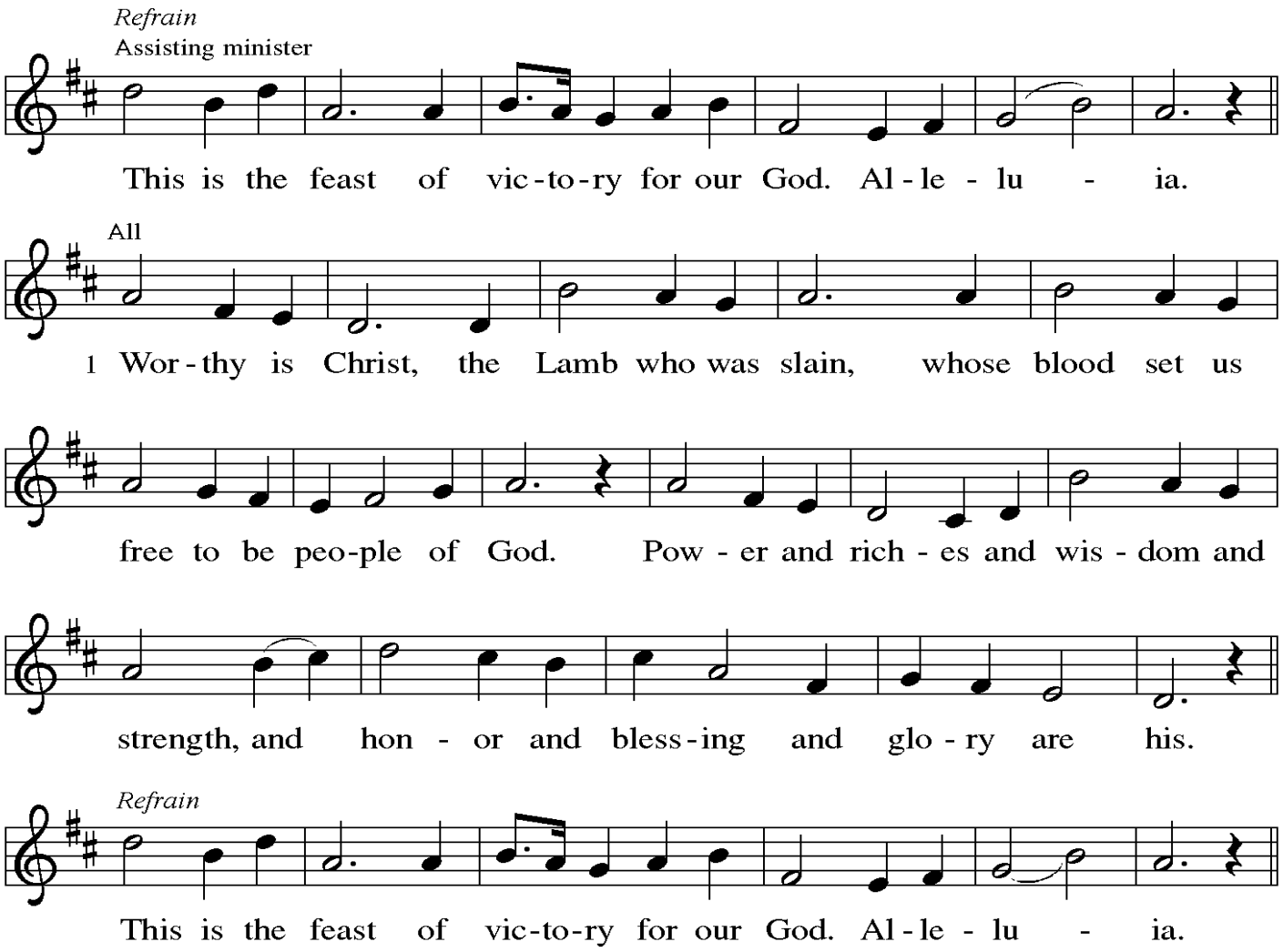
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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 #645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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 Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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)."

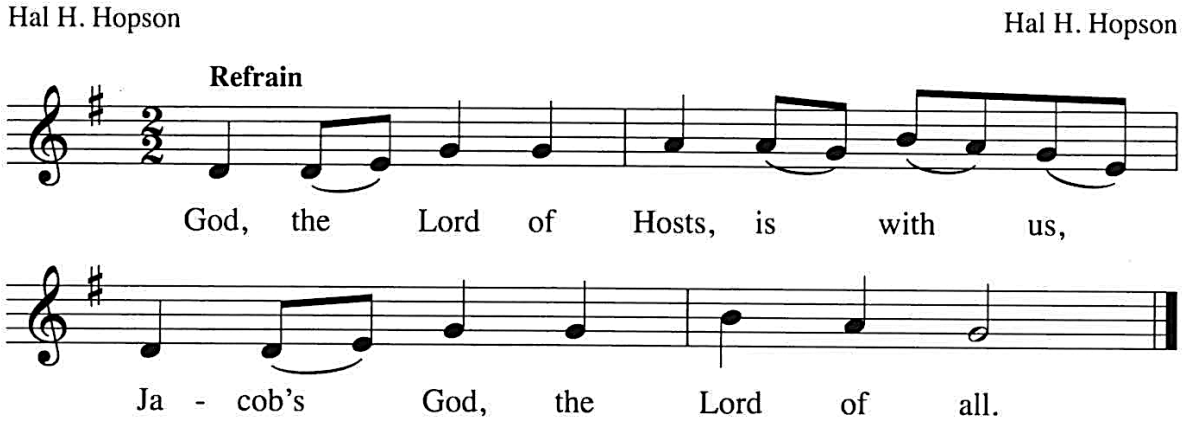
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with
their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a
covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know
the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord,
for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm: 46*

The choir will sing the refrain once. The congregation joins on the repeat and all other refrains. The congregation will sing stanza 3 with the choir.



REFRAIN

1. God, our strength and mighty fortress, God, our refuge day and night;
God, whose promise is deliverance, God, whose law is truth and light;
Though the earth with fear my tremble, none can shake God's boundless might.

REFRAIN

2. In the city of the Holy, rivers flow and streams are pure;
Where you, Lord, abide in splendor, there your people dwell secure.
In their hearts your love will flourish, through the faith your word endures.

REFRAIN

3. Come, behold God's matchless wonders, see the deeds of God's own hand;
Gifts beyond our expectations, works too great to understand.
Sound God's might in songs of glory sung to earth's most distant land

REFRAIN

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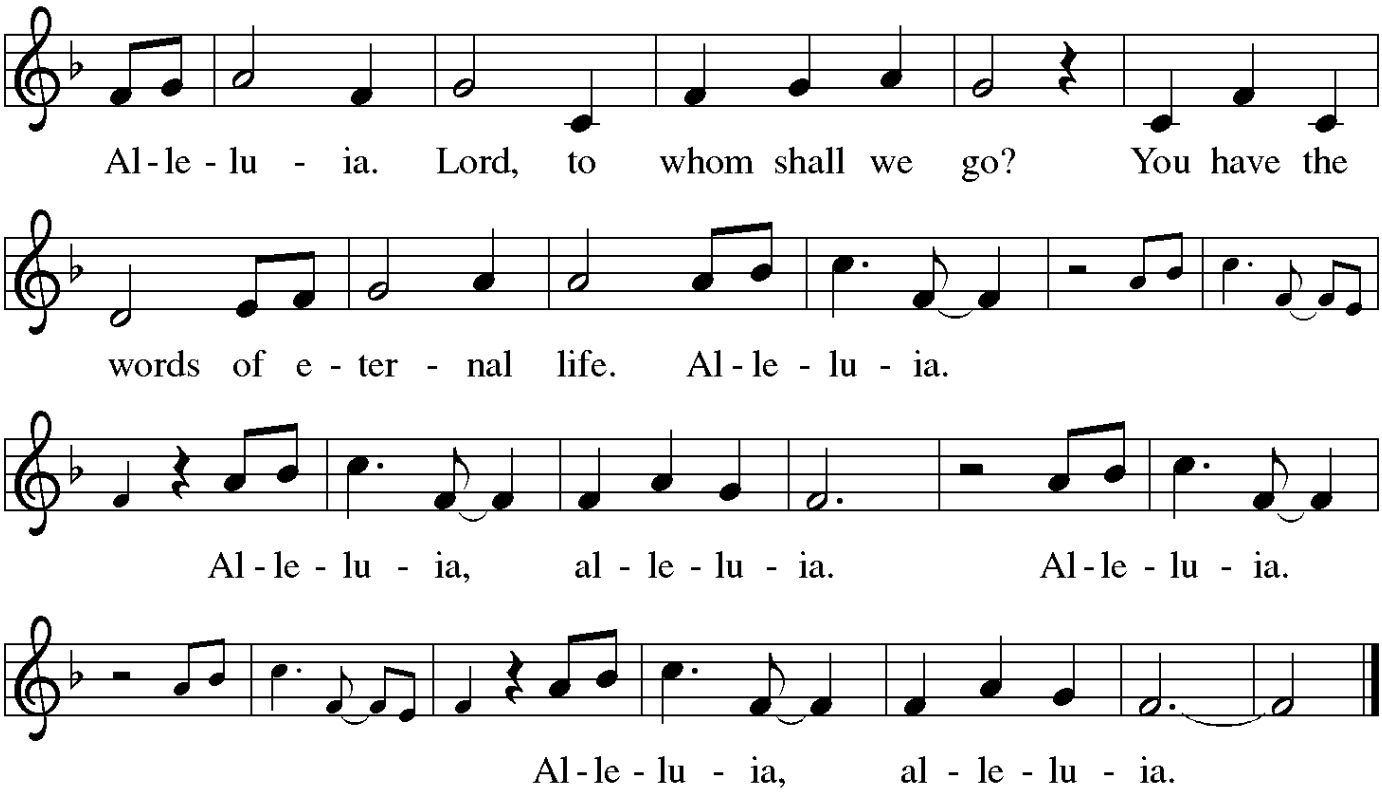
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so
that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the
law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested
by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for
all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory
of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective
through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance
he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present
time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith
of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of
works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith
apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

We stand.



P The Holy Gospel according to **John, the 8th chapter.**
C Glory to you, O Lord!

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are
truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to
sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place
there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

We sit.

YOUTH MESSAGE

Sermon: "What is your greatest commandment?" **Rev. Ronald D. Philabaum**

We stand.

We Sing Together: Hymn #504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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*: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood

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



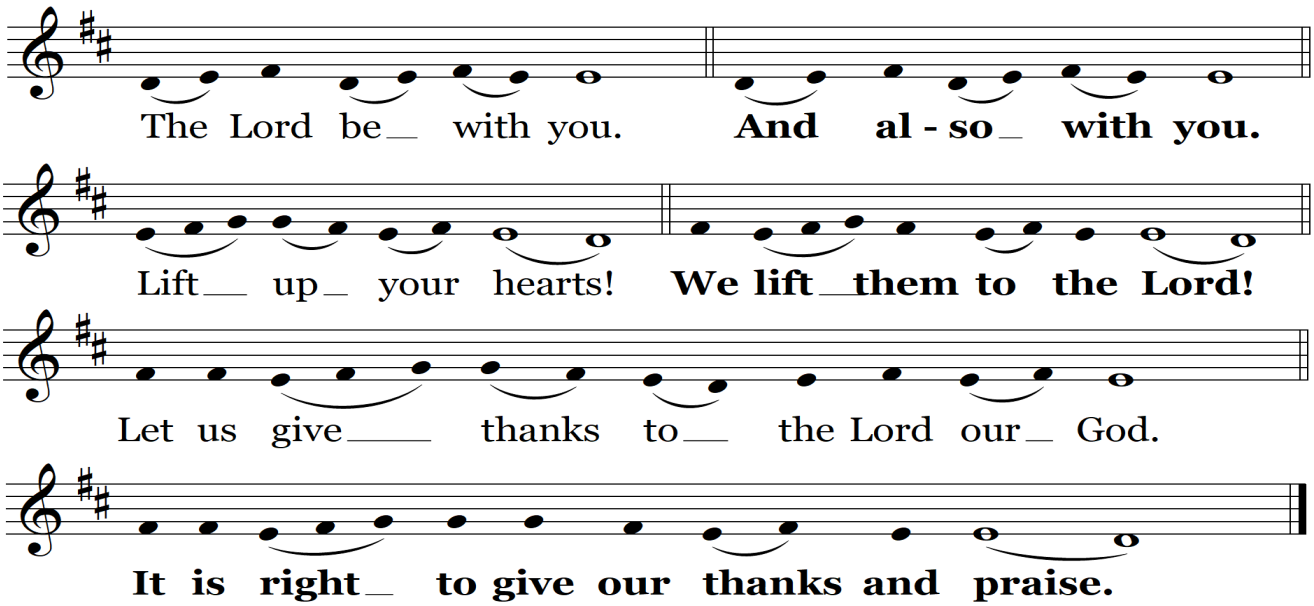
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Offering Prayer

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.

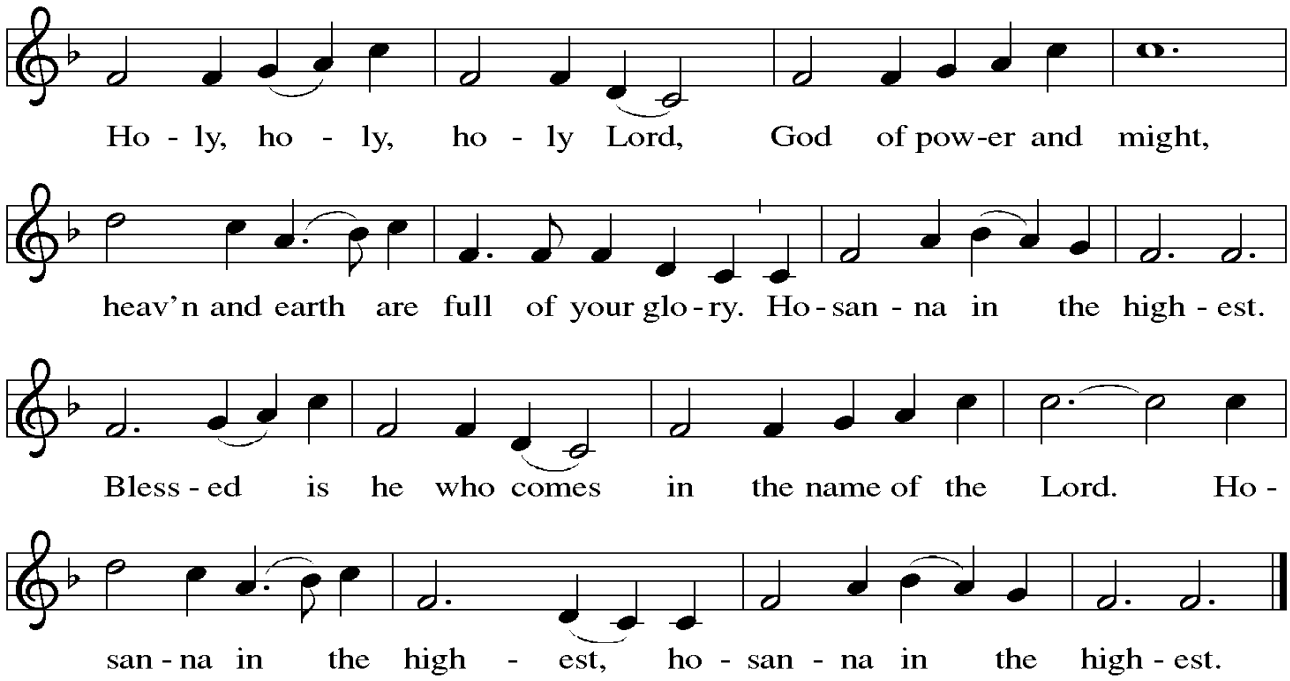
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.



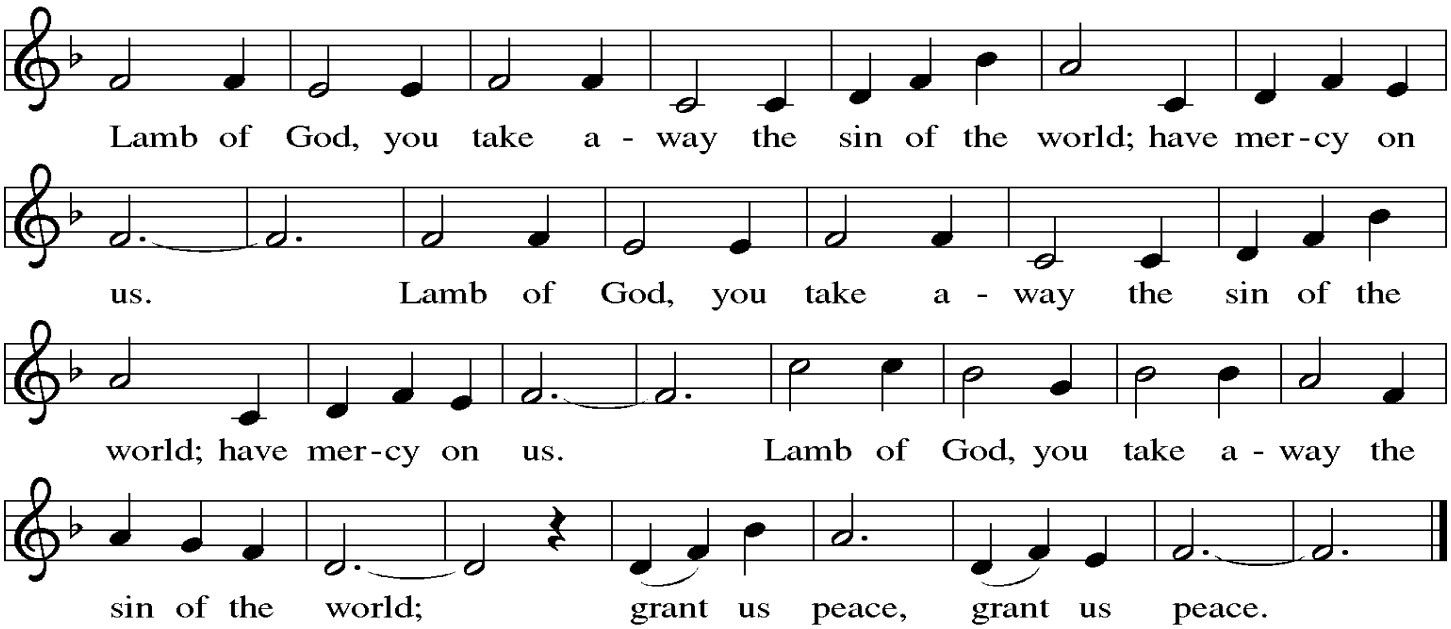
We are invited to the Lord's Table

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



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We sing together: Hymn #512 Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

We sing together: Hymn #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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 #720 We Are Called

Dismissal

P Our worship is over, What will you say to encourage others this week?
C Come, behold God's matchless wonders, see the deeds of God's own hand.

P As you go in peace, how will you share God's peace with others?
C I will say, <u>May God's peace be with You</u>!

Postlude

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, October 25	
Lay Reader	Taylor Ann Fiber
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Marion (Audio), Zach (Video)
Communion Assistants	Tom Griffin, Jenna McCall, Russ Burleson
Altar Flowers	Don & Mary Wise To the Glory of God

Serving Next Sunday, November 1	
Lay Reader	Zack Stoudemayer
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Rod (Audio), Barry (Video)
Communion Assistants	Billy Griffin, Karl Fulmer, Ashley Williams
Altar Flowers	Hal & Ann Hutchens in honor of Hal's birthday on November 9th!

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: 95 Online: 127

This Week at a Glance			
SUN	**Oct 25**	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Nursery Available Faith Formation Classes Kid's Korner *(Parents Invited)* Worship & Holy Communion Worship Team
MON	**Oct 26**	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	**Oct 27**	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice Dutch Fork Choral Society
WED	**Oct 28**	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	**Oct 29**	9:30 a.m.	Pray and Play
SAT	**Oct 31**	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat

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.



Our 2027 Flower Chart Schedule is Open!!!

Please sign up to donate altar flowers for worship service in 2027!
Available Sunday Dates: January 3, 2027 – January 30, 2028;
EXCLUDING February 14th – March 28th
WHEN GREENERY WILL BE USED DURING LENT.
The 2027 Flower Chart Schedule is available to be filled up.
"Date:" – "Given by:" – "In honor/memory of:" must be provided.
PLEASE NOTE: Your donation of **$70.00** should be paid at least 2 weeks before your date or paid anytime after January 1, 2027.
Contact the office for further information.

Golden Agers 75 & up

Please create and/or update your information. It's just about time to celebrate!!!
A nice self-bio is a fun way to remember and share how you made it thus far.
Email: frontdesk@mthoreb.net or call: **(803) 345-2000**



RESULTS

2026 SO FAR

80 Wreaths Sponsored

65.0% to Goal

43 To Go!

Wreaths Across America Returns to Mt. Horeb Cemetery

Progress Update

Remembrance on National Wreath Day, Saturday, December 19th

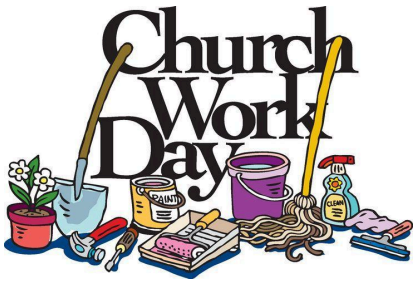
Wreaths are $17 each.

Order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.



All food stored in the kitchen, pantry, or fellowship hall must be stored in a sealed container.
The unwanted crawling visitors must be stopped.
Your essential assistance by not feeding these unwanted guests is MOST appreciated.

Please plan to come & involve yourself in Mt. Horeb's Fall Clean-Up Day Activities
Saturday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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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