

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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September 19, 2021

9 a.m.

Lectionary 25

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

Drive by Communion Today Noon – 12:15 p.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 like the wideness of the sea;
 there's a kindness in God's justice
 which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,
 and a promised grace made good;
 there is mercy with the Savior;
 there is healing in his blood.
 There is grace enough for thousands
 of new worlds as great as this;
 there is room for fresh creations
 in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader
 than the measures of our mind;
 and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make this love too narrow
 by false limits of our own;
 and we magnify its strictness
 with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
 it is something more than all:
 greater good because of evil,
 larger mercy through the fall.
 Make our love, O God, more faithful;
 let us take you at your word,
 and our lives will be thanksgiving
 for the goodness of the Lord.

GREETING

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

silence is kept for reflection

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah

18It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

19But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
20But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54 (Read responsively)

1Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

**2Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

3For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

**4But surely, God is my helper;
the LORD is the upholder of my life.**

5He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

**6With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

7For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from James

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**C: Alleluia,
Lord, to whom shall we go,
You have the words of eternal life,**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you O Lord

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

You Are My All in All

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BLESSING

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
Chorus:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

C: Thanks be to God.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Zach & Melissa Fox in honor of the Mt. Hermon Youth.

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Pastor Michael W. Frye
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Ushers
Vocalists
Accompanists
Streaming Tech
Sound Technician
Power Point
Tellers

Announcements

Results of A.T. Allen School Supply Drive:

DRUM ROLL PLEASE

75 marble notebooks
50 packs of crayons
10 bottles of wipes
13 boxes Crayola markers
23 boxes tissues
36 rolls of paper towels
19 book bags
15 pencil boxes
5 rulers
13 packages of wipes
14 bottles of hand sanitizer
1 pack pencils
1 pair scissors
22 packages of glue sticks
15 package of dry erase markers

WHAT A HAUL!

CCM Donations...

8 bags of dog food
 2 bags of cat food
 and 1 very large bag of dog food
 14 pounds of plastic bags
 61 pounds of food

A.T. Allen Coat Drive Begins October 1st...New or gently used coats or hooded sweatshirts for kids ... K-5th grades.

CCM Needs for SEPTEMBER:

CANNED VEGETABLES such as CORN, CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES & PEAS

TOILET TISSUE

CANS OF DICED TOMATOES

PORK & BEANS and cans of BAKED BEANS

CANNED CHICKEN

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

and, of course, the normal needs of diapers and plastic bags

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4bafaa2falfd0-2021>. Call Linda if you need assistance.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Coffee House. Contact Ron Smith

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Children's Building. Contact Barbara Linker

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 am - Conference Room - Contact Zach Fox

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm - contact the office for sign in information.

Prayers

Homebound: Bob Chertok, Junior Barringer

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place), John Thompson (Acordiaus of Salisbury)

Continued Prayers for: Harold and Judy Cook, Pr. Larry Yoder, John Hahn, Barry Granda, Tim Kennedy, Kelly Tanner, Tim and Jeannie Burns, Anna Bromacher, Ron Smith

Attendance	September 12, 2021
Adult SCS	na
Children's SCS	5 kids/2 adults
Youth/Mid & HS	5
Worship - 9:00 am	45
Worship - 10:55	26
YouTube Views	15

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