



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "What a Friend we have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 oh, what needless pain we bear--
 all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

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,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

1O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**2The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

3He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

**4Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

5Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**6With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

7Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**8Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

9at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from First John:

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you O Lord

9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*
- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them ev'ry one. *Refrain*
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,

who has made all things well. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

"Let All Things Now Living"

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.

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye
Tim Bolick
Brett Gosse
Steve Sousley
Chris Beaver
Diane Frank, Valerie Frank, Jay Perkins
Rod & Patti Stuver
Mike Faggart
Ross Gosse
Nancy Jones, Melissa Fox

Interim Pastor
Worship Assistant
Crucifer
Lector
Accompanist
Vocalists
Ushers
Sound Tech.
Streaming Tech
Power Point

Announcements

Update from the Call Committee:

- The Call Committee spent Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th in the Call Process Training.
- On Thursday, April 30th the Committee met with Sandra Cline from the NC Synod via a Zoom Meeting. She will be sending us our first group of applicants to start the interview process.
- On Sunday, May 2nd the Call Committee was installed.

We are asking the congregation to please keep the Call Committee, Church and our future Pastor in your prayers. We are very excited to move forward with this process.

Thanks,
Mt. Hermon Call Committee

Please submit your Annual Report Information by Thursday, May 20th.

If you are **collecting bottle caps** for Karyn and the mission at St. John's, our sister Lutheran Church, please get them into the office at Mt. Hermon by **Sunday, May 16th**. There is a mission trip going to Kentucky with them later that week. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting these for us. It has been a HUGE success. I will fill you in on the details of what our saving got for these people when I know more. God Bless all of you for helping.

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School, each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Coffee House. Contact Ron Smith for more information.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, each week at 9:00 am in the Children's Building. See Nancy Jones or Barbara Linker.

An opportunity to serve...

We would like for you to pray for serving in one of the following areas of need:

Lay Reader - contact Ann Bolick

Communion Assistant - contact Patti Stuver

Crucifer - contact Tim Bolick

Work with **Youth** - contact Zach Fox

Attendance	May 2, 2021
Adult SS	24
Children's SS	5 kids / 2 adults
Worship	61

Week of May 2, 2021	
May Offerings	\$5,047.00
Operating Ministry Receipts	\$3,853.37
Total Weekly Over (Under)	\$1,193.63
Total for the month (Under)	-\$14,219.85

Prayers

Homebound: John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor)

Continued Prayers for: Dick Tolbert, Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Paul Hurley, Pat Rietfort, Jan Almendinger, Kassie, Patti Stuver, Bonnie Walsh, Virginia Motley (Harold Cook's sister), Jacl (Rose's brother-in-law), Gina (Jay Perkins' sister-in-law, JJ Brava, Amanda

Letter from the Nominating Committee:

Dear Members of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

It is once again time to prepare for the June 2021 elections to replace the congregational Council members who have fulfilled their term limits.

Your Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider any active member of Mt. Hermon who you believe would best represent the whole church in discovering its mission to God, the community and each other. Please choose someone you feel would carry out their responsibilities and duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and resolutions of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church.

Current Members

Keith Opel – President
Kitty Smith – Vice President
Mark Jones – Treasurer
Valerie Frank – Secretary
Bonnie Walsh
Elaine Vincent
Greg Popham
Jason Bumgarner
Marie Grochoske
Mike Faggart
Racheal Kennedy
Ross Gosse
Steve Sousley

Council Terms Ending

Keith Opel
Ross Gosse*
Greg Popham*
Kitty Smith*
* Eligible for 2nd Term

We are also asking for nominations for the next Nominating Committee. There will be four seats to fill for a one-year term.

Please submit the name of someone who you think would like to serve on that committee. All nomination ballots will be in the bulletins for the next seven weeks.

Please prayerfully consider nominating someone who you feel would make a positive contribution to the council. You may nominate yourself. Please put nominations in the offering basket or give to anyone on the nominating committee or you may drop them in the office.

The committee will contact each nominee for their willingness to serve, eligibility and bio information.

Nominations will not be accepted after Sunday, May 30th and no nominations will be accepted from the floor of the congregational meeting.

Thank you for your help and cooperation,

Mt. Hermon 2021 Nominating Committee,

Kelly Anderson, David Bowles, Dottie Chertok, Joyce Cook, Shelley Cooke, Judy Dawson

Nomination Form 2021

I would like to nominate _____

for a position on **Mt. Hermon Nominating Committee**

_____ I have spoken to this person and they are prepared to run.

_____ I have not spoken to this person but think they will be a good candidate.

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for a position on **Mt. Hermon Congregation Council**

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IT'S A BANNER DAY----JUNE 6, 2020

Mt Hermon's Women of the ELCA are making new banners for the Sanctuary. Come join in the fun. No sewing required.

Banner making from 3:00 – 5:00 PM followed by a light supper @ 5:00. Deli tray, buns, beverages provided by WELCA. Please bring a cold salad or dessert to share with short devotional study and quarterly business meeting after. Interested?? Contact Laurie Gleason, 585-506-8075.