

**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**

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July 4, 2021

Lectionary 14

10:00 am

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

*Drive Up Communion following today's worship service*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

- 1     How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
      is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
      What more can he say than to you he has said  
      who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2     "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
      for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
      I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
      upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3     "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
      my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
      The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
      your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4     "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
      my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
      and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
      like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

### **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,  
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**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

A reading from Ezekiel

1He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." 5Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 123 (Read responsively)**

1To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**2As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
until he has mercy upon us.**

3Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**4Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

**A reading from 2 Corinthians**

2I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — 4was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is

made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

1He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Michael

## Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long, Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone,  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## **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**

This is My Song

## **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.**

P: Come to the table of the Lord to receive this holy and precious gift of life.

## **BLESSING**

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659



## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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## DISMISSAL

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

**Drive up Communion will be observed between 11:00 - 11:30 am today**

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor Michael W. Frye  
Patti Stuver  
Tim Bolick  
Elaine Vincent  
Kenny & Barry Mizelle  
Diane Frank, Valerie Frank, Jay Perkins  
Chris Beaver  
Mike Faggart  
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Worship Assistant  
Crucifer  
Lector  
Usher  
Vocalists  
Accompanist  
Sound Tech.  
Streaming Tech  
Power Point  
Tellers

## **Announcements**

**PARKING LOT PAVING--Our parking lot will be repaved on Thursday, July 8th and Friday, July 9th. We will NOT have access to the lot until Sunday - July 11th for services.**

**Quarterly Contribution Statements are in the Narthex. Please pick yours up ASAP.**

**We are still in need of volunteers to be Crucifer.** While we would like this to primarily be a youth activity; adults are welcome. The requirements are simple. See or call Tim Bolick if you have any questions. Can this be the place you need to serve?

**WELCA** is sponsoring a **Girls' Night Out** for all women. We are going to O'Charley's, July 18th @ 4:30 pm. Please RSVP by July 11th to Laurie Gleason. Thank you.

**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>

**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.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** will meet with Pastor Michael in his office at 9:00 am until further notice.

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

## **Prayers**

**Homebound:** John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

**Continued Prayers for:** Dick Tolbert, Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Scott Perkins, JJ Brava, Junior Barringer, Tom Kennedy, Eileen Sousley, The family of Sharon Faggart-Stoudmayer

<b>Attendance</b>	June 27, 2021
Adult SS	No Sunday School
Children's SS	3 kids /2 adults
Youth	1
Worship	40
YouTube Views	35

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