



**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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Keith Opel - President

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## **PRELUDE**

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster

## **WELCOME**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE**

Matt Tanner,  
Kelly Anderson  
Chris Beaver  
Jim Doorley  
Susan Lorenz  
Ron Smith

## **OPENING HYMN**

Give Me Your Eyes

Brandon Heath

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
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**

Pastor Michael

### **FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

A reading from Acts

26Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 27So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

34The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" 38He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip

baptized him. 39When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 22:25-31

25From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

May your hearts live forever!

27All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

**28For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

**30Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the LORD,**

31and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from John

7Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the

Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

1I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Michael

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Let Us Pray...With Arms Open

Bradley Walker

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**C: Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

“Give Me Jesus”

**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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believe in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all  
things for our salvation.

P: 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.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor  
and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

### **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**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye

Cheryl Opel

Tim Bolick

Rachael Kennedy

David Bowles, Rachael Kennedy

Diane Olszewski- Cadence

Rod & Patti Stuver

Mike Faggart

Ross Gosse

Nancy Jones, Melissa Fox

Interim Pastor

Worship Assistant

Crucifer

Lector

Accompanists

Vocalists

Ushers

Sound Tech.

Streaming Tech

Power Point

The Call Committee has completed its training and will get its first list of candidates from the bishop in the near future. This morning the Call Committee members will be installed:

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

**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	April 25, 2021
Adult SS	20
Children's SS	3 kids / 2 adults
Worship	55

<b>Week of April 25, 2021</b>	
April Offerings	\$4,024.00
Operating Ministry Receipts	\$3,853.37
Total Weekly Over (Under)	\$200.63
Total for the month (Under)	\$3,014.52

## 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, Keith Opel, Kassie, Patti Stuver, Bonnie Walsh

## A 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Nomination Form 2021

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.