

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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God Shows
No Partiality

September 5, 2021

10:00 am

Lectionary 23

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

Drive-thru Holy Communion following today's service

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, 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,
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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.

Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: Isaiah 34:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah

4Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

7The burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 (Read responsively)

1Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**4When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

5Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**6who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;**

who keeps faith forever;

7who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

9The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

A reading from James

1My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," 4have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has

promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

24From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 28But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.

P: The gospel of the Lord/ **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY All People that on Earth do Dwell

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

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

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: 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.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Christ Be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Make us Your own, Your holy people

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

DISMISSAL

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye

Ann Bolick

Ron & Patti Stuver

Chris Beaver

Caleigh Beaver (Tim Bolick-shadow)

Rachael Kennedy

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Diane Frank, Valerie Frank, Jay Perkins

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Nancy Jones, Melissa Fox

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Worship Assistant

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Altar Guild

Crucifer

Lector

Ushers

Vocalists

Accompanists

Sound Tech

Streaming Tech

Power Point

Tellers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by: The Jones family in honor of Olivia Jones' birthday and by Ross Gosse & family in honor of Ross's sister's birthday, Sharie Neerhof.

Announcements

Beginning Next Sunday - September 12, early worship will begin at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary, Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM, and the Alive Worship service begins at 10:55 AM in the fellowship hall.

Church Work Day...Come one...Come ALL



September 11th
8:30 am until ...

Contact Danny Garmon For more details

A. T. ALLEN SCHOOL DRIVE...Continues thru September 12, 2021...Supplies will be delivered to the school on Monday, September 13th.

No pencils or notebook paper are needed this year.

Teachers have requested the following items:

Black/white marble composition books instead of notebook paper.

Crayola crayons (24 pack)

Kleenex

Plastic rectangular pencil boxes

Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towel

glue sticks

dry erase markers

Crayola markers

BOOK BAGs are welcomed but NOT rolling bags

The Men in Mission will resume meetings on **Tuesday, September 14th** at 7 pm at the Parkway House on South Union St, Concord. The meeting is informal, and all men are invited to attend. If you do not wish to have dinner, come, and have a cup of coffee and join in the discussion with us.

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 pet food, 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: Adult Sunday School, each Sunday at 10:00 am in the Coffee House.

Contact Ron Smith for more information.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, each week at 10:00 am in the Children's Building.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet with Zach Fox in the conference room @ 10:00

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

Continued Prayers for: Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon, Darrell McKinnon, JJ Brava, Julia Cox, Kach Boyden, Tom Kennedy, Johnny Thompson, Calvin Fletcher, Chad Hamilton's sister Heather, Nancy Wilcox, Karyn Dalton, Marie Grochoske, Pr. Larry Yoder, Barry Granda, Edna Stafford, Phil (Annette York's father), the family of Carl Davis, Beth Deal's father, Harold Cook

****On Sep 12, 2021, we will have a fresh start with the Continued Prayers requests shown above. Please contact the church office if you would like to have someone remain on the list or add a new name.**

Please don't forget to fill out your attendance slip...thanks!

Attendance	August 29, 2021
Adult SS	26
VBS	5 Children/4 Adults
Youth	4
Worship	59
YouTube Views	23

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