



**September 18, 2022, 9:00 am**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Pastor Emily Lemoine**



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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (\*Indicates to Stand)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does:

*Brief silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

Our sins are forgiven † and we are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*\*\*We will share the peace of Christ however you are comfortable.*

#### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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#### **\*APOSTOLIC 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.**

#### **\*KYRIE**

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#### **\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

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#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Shelley Cooke

<sup>9</sup>and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

**PSALM 25:1-10 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust;**

**do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,**

**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the Lord;**

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,**

**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**THE SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-37**

Pastor Emily

The Gospel of Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them

to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."  
The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*"Living Generously is Open Minded"*

Pastor Emily

**\*SERMON HYMN**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

**\*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**

God of grace...hear our prayer. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Joining our voices into one, 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**

## **WELCOME TO COMMUNION**

*\*Communion is taken around the altar rail. Please come forward via the center aisle when an usher directs you. Kneel (or stand) around the rail and wait to partake communion. Once taken, remain for a blessing, then return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*\*\*If you need communion brought to you in your seat, please alert an usher.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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## **COMMUNION HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

## **\*BLESSING**

## **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Altar Flowers are given today by:**

Mike & Barbara Linker, in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary and Joann Stowe, in memory of Sue Hatley

**SERVING TODAY - September 18**

Pastor Emily Lemoine

Mike Faggart

Barbara and Mike Linker

Luke Fox, Anthony DiBernardo, Brett Gosse, Owen Fox, Caleigh Beaver, Cyrus Sousley, or Gideon Sousley

Shelley Cooke

The Sousleys

Chris Beaver

Diane/Valerie Frank, Luther/Rebecca Beaver, Mike Fox, Jay Perkins

Ross Gosse

Mike Faggart

Melissa Fox/Nancy Jones

Danny Garmon/Valerie Frank

Pastor

Altar Guild

Communion Assistants

Crucifers &

Acolytes

Lector

Ushers

Accompanists

Vocalists

Streaming Technician

Sound Technician

Power Point

Counters

**PRAYERS:**

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living)



**Continued Prayers for:** Annie Stancil, Junior Barringer, Nancy Wilcox, Dan Gleason, Julia Cox, Pr. Larry Yoder, John Hahn, Barry Granda, Tom and Kathy Kennedy, Kathy Benson, Tony Stancil, Martha Summers, Jim Bottoms, Butch Stowe, Todd Stuver, Anna Hitch, Tommy and Becky Klinger, Kitty Smith, Elsa Linker, Bonnie Walsh, Sam Goode, Bert Smith, Joann Foster

*\*If any name can be removed from the prayer list, please let the pastor know. Thanks!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** – Resumes tomorrow night, September 19th at 7pm on Zoom and in the Coffee House with an adult catechism study of the Lord’s Prayer, Ten Commandments, and the Apostles’ Creed.

<https://zoom.us/j/99695059962?pwd=a0FNQndMTkh1ZUFxbXZlc0pNYkhtZz09>



**Sunday, October 2** Blessing of the Animals at 4:00pm

**Sunday, October 9** Church in the Park at Frank Liske Park.

Setup 8:30, Service 10:00, followed by a meal and games

**WELCA:** On Sept. 24th, WELCA will be making new banners from 9-11:30am. A Continental Breakfast will be available; we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. No experience required; there will be no cutting; just putting pre-cut forms onto a banner. All are welcome.

**CCM SEPTEMBER NEEDS:**

canned vegetables (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables)  
 canned fruit (peaches, pears, mixed fruit)  
 boxes of macaroni and cheese  
 small laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, toilet tissue  
 plastic and paper bags are always in great need, as well.



\*\*Reminder: bags of pet food will be delivered to Humane Society on Wilshire Avenue

**VISITATION TEAM** The Visitation Team is an extension of the pastoral office. The team visits and communicates with our shut-ins, those who are ill, or in the hospital. The team meets once a month, on the first Thursday at 2pm. If you are interested in becoming a part of the team, please call Karyn Dalton or Pastor Emily.



**HOW TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY:** Download the “Tithe.ly” app and search for Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church in Concord, NC, then follow the instructions. FYI--there are fees for using a credit card and for a bank draft. It would be greatly appreciated if you opt to cover these fees.

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

**September 25:** “Living Generously is Open Handed”

**Acts 20:32-35;** (Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13)

**October 2:** “Returning to God What Belongs to God”

**Matthew 22:15-22;** (Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13, I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

**October 9:** “The Greatest Gift of All”

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13;** (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Matthew 25:31-40)

**SERVING NEXT WEEK - Sept 25**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Mike Faggart</i>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<i>Sousley Family</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Greg Popham</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>The Sousleys</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>Danny Garmon/Greg Popham</i>

**FLOWER SIGN UPS for September/October**

9/25 Mike & Barbara Linker (2)

10/2 Mark & Nancy Jones  
 Ross Gosse

10/9 Mike & Barbara Linker (2)

**NEW MEMBERS** We welcome new members today: Jonathan and Anna Hitch and Sarah Jenkins. We also welcome Jean Beaver, Chris Beaver’s mother, who transferred her membership to Mt. Hermon over the summer.