



**July 31, 2022**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**9:00 am**  
**Pastor Emily Lemoine**



**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*\*\*We will share the peace of Christ by whichever way you are comfortable: hugging, shaking hands, waving, showing the peace sign, fist bumping.*

## GATHERING HYMN      "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

ELW756

- 1      Eternal Father, strong to save,  
        whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
        who bade the mighty ocean deep  
        its own appointed limits keep:  
        oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
        for those in peril on the sea.
  
- 2      O Savior, whose almighty word  
        the winds and waves submissive heard,  
        who walked upon the foaming deep,  
        and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
        oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
        for those in peril on the sea.
  
- 3      O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
        upon the chaos dark and rude,  
        and bid its angry tumult cease,  
        and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
        oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
        for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW p. 149)**

### ***Refrain***

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.**

1 **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

2 **Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

### ***Final Refrain***

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Text: John W. Arther, 1922-1980

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BLESSING OF QUILTS**

Pastor Emily

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
<sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.  
<sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.  
<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup>It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.  
<sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your substance  
and with the first fruits of all your produce;  
<sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.  
<sup>11</sup>My child, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof,  
<sup>12</sup>for the LORD reproves the one he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 4:35-41

The Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

"Living in the Present"

Pastor Emily

**HYMN**      " God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW673

- 1      God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
  
- 2      Christ, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight;  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.
  
- 3      Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
  
- 4      Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might:  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

**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

receive our prayer.

#### ANTHEM

"You Are My Hiding Place"

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*\*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.*

## **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **BLESSING**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN****“A Mighty Fortress”**

ELW504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS - July 31**

Pastor Emily	Pastor
Chris Beaver	Altar Guild
Sousley Family	Communion Assistants
Luke Fox, Anthony DiBernardo, Brett Gosse, Owen Fox,	Crucifers/Acolytes
Caleigh Beaver, Cyrus Sousley, Gideon Sousley	Crucifers/Acolytes
Eileen Sousley	Lector
Tim & Ann Bolick	Ushers
Brenda McCarn, Rachael Kennedy	Accompanists
Diane & Valerie Frank, Luther & Rebecca Beaver, Jay Perkins, Mike Fox	Vocalists
Ross Gosse	Streaming Tech
Danny Garmon?	Sound Technician
Melissa Fox/Nancy Jones	Power Point

## **Prayers:**

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

**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, Mike Woodard, Wallace Halsey (Betty Barringer's dad), Jim Bottoms, Diane Benton (Tim Bolick's sister), Brenda Thompson, Shelley Cooke, Karyn Dalton, Butch Stowe, Todd Stuver, Mary Bolick, Anna Hitch, Tommy and Becky Klinger

***Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God today by:***

*Mark & Nancy Jones in memory of Homer Love.*

## **Announcements:**

**Mt. Hermon Quilters** are donating 51 quilts to Hospice this week! Amazing work ladies!

**Monday Night Bible Study is back** - Monday night, August 1 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room and on Zoom. The link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91270402940?pwd=VUJ0dTZqWjJTYkxLZkdachZVTEdFUT09>

## **VBS - Intergenerational - August 7-10**

**BY HIS HANDS – Sign up link below**

**2022 Mt. Hermon Lutheran VBS**

**August 7 - 10 from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Dinner will be available from 5:30 - 6:15.**

**Children, Youth, and Adults are invited.**

**Please use the link below to register or complete a paper registration located in the narthex.**

<https://forms.gle/8WN8nLCEijuxw6hD8>

### **Items needed for VBS...**

- bottled water
- socks (men, women, and children sizes)
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- peanut butter crackers (individual packs)
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- mints
- lip balm
- band-aids/antibiotic ointment
- small packs of body wipes
- comb/brush
- shampoo/soap/deodorant (travel size)
- gallon-sized zip-top bags (please name brand with Ziplock type closure - name brand bags are stronger and Ziplock types are easier to close)

Our goal for this project is to assemble 50 bags for one of our intergenerational activities.

A drop box will be available in the narthex and fellowship hall. Thanks - VBS Team

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### **School Supply Drive for A.T. Allen School Runs from:**

**Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

School begins on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Donations will be delivered to the school on:  
Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

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| -Baby wipes   | -Hand sanitizer            |
| -Crayola crayons (24 ct)  | -Crayola colored pencils   |
| -Crayola markers  | -Wide ruled notebook paper |
| -Plastic pencil boxes   | -Elmer's glue sticks       |
| -Expo dry erase markers   | -Yellow highlighters       |
| -#2 pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed)   | -Boxes of Kleenex          |
| -Fiskar blunt tip scissors  | -Ziploc bags (qt & gal)    |
| -Book bags (no rolling book bags allowed)   |                            |
| -Inexpensive headphones or earbuds (required for use with ChromeBook (which are the laptops that are issued to students)) |                            |

A.T. Allen students and staff thanks Mt. Hermon for supporting their school and for the donations all year.

<i>Worship Assistants - Aug 7</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Patti Stuver</i>
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	<i>Tim &amp; Ann Bolick</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Zach Fox</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Barry &amp; Kenny Mizelle</i>

**Altar Flower Sign-Ups for 2022** are posted in the Narthex for your convenience. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Place your check in the offering plate and **designate as altar flowers**. Beginning August 1, the cost will increase to \$35 per vase due to an increase from the florist.

#### **Flower signups for July/August**

7/31 Jones  
**Open**  
8/7 Gosse  
Gosse  
8/14 Jones  
**Open**  
8/21 Linker  
**Open**  
8/28 Bolick

**The following weeks have no one signed up for Altar Flowers...please consider signing up for at least one vase.**

10/9  
10/23

#### **READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

7/31 Proverbs 3:1-12; Mark 4:35-41 "Living in the Present"  
8/7 James 5:13-16; 1John 1:5-10 "Confession: Clearing Out the Weeds"  
8/14 Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Matthew 7:24-29b "Digging Deeper: Growing Strong Roots"  
8/21 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Acts 8:36-38 "Baptism: Avoiding Drought"  
8/28 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22; Luke 10:1-6, 17 "Friends are like Fertilizer"

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