Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 20, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We, therefore, ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of the tray are alcohol-free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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	Linda Albright	
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Lector	Rick Sanborn	
	Leah Ryel	
Ushers	David Martin Leah Ryel	
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	Michele Escude`	



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word,

and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Stand





Psalm 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105 Tone G

Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

- **C** And also with you.
- I Let us pray... O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took

curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm



Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 4 Tone G

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸You have said, | "Seek my face."*

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in | anger,*

O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,*

but the LORD will | take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, | O LORD,*

and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness | of the LORD*

in the land of the | living!

¹⁴Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 10:38–42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Everlasting God, You have made known the mystery long hidden and revealed the glory of the Gospel of Christ in us. Bring us and all the saints through the changes and chances of this mortal life, that we may be presented by Christ to You, as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You made Paul a minister of Your Word. Abide with all pastors and those studying to be pastors, with all deacons and deaconesses, with missionaries and translators, and with teachers and all who work to bring Your Word to Your people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we live in a land of great abundance, and we carry great responsibility for the good things of this nation. Bless all who make, judge and administer our laws, and guide our leaders to know Your ways and to follow them for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, in Your mercy You behold all people in their needs, and by Your grace You supply all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, and those we name in our hearts. Help them all to rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ, and give healing and grace according to Your will until You deliver Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

 P O Lord, one thing is necessary. Out of great mercy, You set that good portion before us in the blessed Sacrament. Help us to treasure this precious gift above all earthly things, and grant that it may never be taken away from us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Merciful God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.
- C Amen.

Sit Offering

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Sit



In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

■ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

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Church Picnic at Jackson Park Sunday, August 3rd 10 am church service, followed by lunch

On July 13th, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex for this year's church picnic. It will be held in Jackson Park, shelter #1. The church service will be at the park at 10 am followed by a picnic lunch of sandwiches, chips and ice cream. There will also be games, so be ready for a great time of fellowship and fun!

July Men's Group Activity: We will continue showing love to our congregation by replacing the mulch in the Memorial Garden. This includes putting down edging to mark off the individual grave sites. No set days or times are scheduled for this project. Find a friend or 2 and come work on it for an hour or so. Diagrams, instructions, edging, stakes, and needed tools are in a green tub in the Garden. A cart to move new mulch is with the mulch under the tarp. Bring your own shovels, rakes, and gloves. Thank you for helping. While in the Memorial Garden, consider praying for the families of our congregation whose loved ones have recently gone to live with Jesus.

Alaska Mission Trip Prayer Guide: This is available in the Narthex next to the Mission Trip display board. Your prayers are appreciated!



The Southern Zone invites you to the LWML Carolinas District Retreat at Camp Linn Haven, Linville, NC, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Come to Retreat to relax, be restored and be revitalized. Come to sing, to give thanks, to listen, to learn and to worship our mighty God. Please mark your calendars to attend the Retreat the weekend of August 15-17, 2025. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Helene Hurricane Relief Workers

We are expecting groups from July13 until July 26. There are a few different ways that you can help:

1.) Make an egg casserole, a dinner, cookies for lunches or a dessert.

- 2.) Donate things like a large box of variety chips, a case of bottled water or Gatorade, fruit (apples or oranges), sliced lunchmeat (turkey or ham) and sliced cheeses. You could also donate paper goods like heavy duty paper plates, large size paper bowls, napkins, paper towels, plastic silverware and plastic drinking cups.
- 3.) Help out by serving a pre-made dinner and clean up from about 5 pm 7 pm Tuesday -Friday. If you haven't done this before, I am willing to work with you.

Please don't buy anything without contacting me first! We want to make good use of what you are willing to get for the group.

please contact Debby Zagone either at (630) 363-3645 (call or text) or email me at <u>debbyzagone@gmail.com</u>. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday August 3rd Family picnic at Jackson Park, Hendersonville Saturday September 6th Bible Lake Party at Devil's Fork State Park, Salem, South Carolina

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Date	NAME	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	TAKING FLOWERS
July 20			
July 27			
Aug 3			
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Sept 21	Kruse	Memory MaryAnn Birthday	NO
Sept 28			

Outreach and Community Concerns



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Our Mission

We enhance the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our nation's Veterans and their families.

How we accomplish this

We accomplish this through the creation of a safe, peaceful environment that fosters healing and camaraderie. Farm programming focuses on mental health and includes agritherapy as well as a

variety of other therapies/therapeutic activities, workshops, and live events. Everything we grow is given back to our Veteran community and other local organizations in need.