



**Macedonia Lutheran Church
49 Macedonia Church Road
Prosperity, SC 29127**

Established 1847, 174th Year of Ministry

**"To love, to serve, and to seek the Kingdom of God
through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ"**

**November 21, 2021
8:30 am – lakeshore
10:30 am - sanctuary
Christ the King**

**Altar Flowers – To the Glory of God and
in memory of Clinton & Elberta Amick
by the Clinton & Elberta Amick Family**

Quiet Gathering, Silent Prayer and Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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- 1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

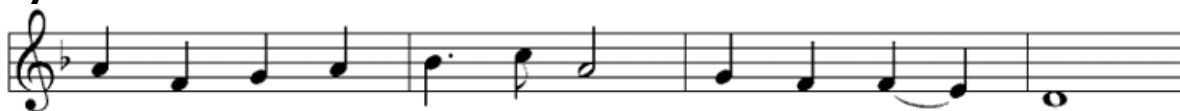
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

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



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



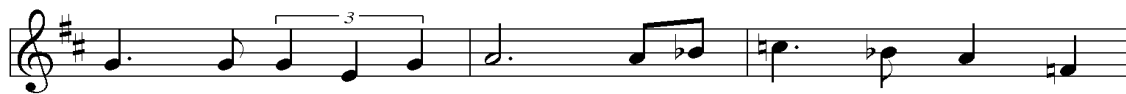
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now

divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 93

(Sing in Unison)

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their

voice;

the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,

mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- |
evermore. R

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

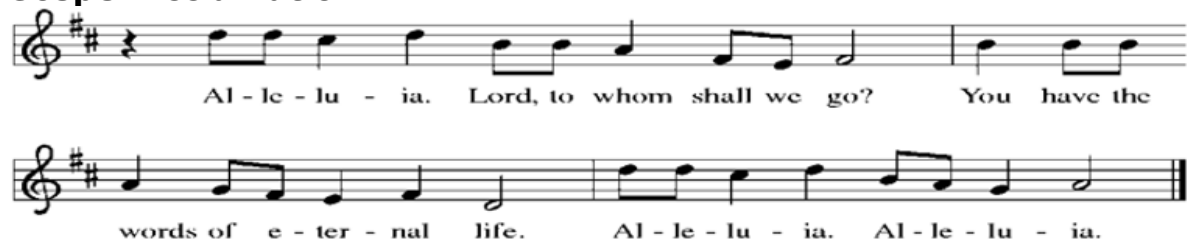
⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

Glory to You, O Lord

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Soon and Very Soon"

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- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
- 2 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

- 3 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
- 4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace, Offering and Offertory Anthem

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution and Communion

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Come to the table.

Prayer after Communion

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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Today's Helpers

Ushers & Greeters: Donald Wise, Robert Barnes, Grady Fulmer, Brian Shaffer

Receiving Treasurer: Dean Wise

Lay Readers: 8:30 and 10:30 – Debby Fulmer

Acolytes: Cody Alewine, Emma Ruch

Organist: Pam Carroll, 803-944-2758, pscarroll131@gmail.com

Music Director: Julie Livingston, 803-295-1791,
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Pastor: The Reverend Terry Hundley, 803-360-5294,
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A special welcome to Macedonia! Thanks so much for being with us today! If you need assistance with anything, please ask an usher. At our lakeshore services, you are welcome to dress casually and appropriately for outdoor worship. Contact a church council member or the pastor if you wish to become a member, be baptized, or receive Holy Communion. Come again soon!

Attendance last week	
9:30 Sunday School	70
10:30 Lakeshore Service	167
Offering	\$7,700

- **Tune to 90.1 FM** to listen on your radio at our drive-in service.
- **Join us for bible study** in person or via Zoom Wednesdays at 11 am!
- **Jubilation Choir practices** at 4:30 pm on Sundays that KFC meets.
- **Gentlemen are invited** to Cathy's in Prosperity for the Men's Breakfast every other Wednesday at 7:30 am. Please plan to attend December 1st and every other week thereafter!
- **You are invited to attend a memorial service to celebrate the life of Skip Garrett** on Saturday, November 27th, at 10:30 am. The family will accept visitors in the sanctuary prior to the service at 10:00 am and immediately following the service as well.
- **Lakeshore services will continue** through November 28th. Council will decide at the November meeting whether to move the lakeshore service back to the sanctuary for the winter months.
- **For our Christmas goodwill project**, Macedonia is again sponsoring Sistercare of Newberry County. Sistercare is a nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence and their children. We will be accepting monetary donations at the gate each Sunday in November. Please help these families in need.
- **All are invited to the joint Thanksgiving service at Mt. Tabor TODAY at 5 pm.** Pastor Terry Hundley will deliver the message. Everyone is invited for light refreshments after the service.
- **In preparation for the 2022 yearbook**, the Worship and Music Committee will have sign-up sheets for the following positions on a table outside of the outdoor worship center on Sunday, November 21st: Ushers for both the 8:30 and 10:30 services, Lay Readers, and Communion Assistants for both services. Also, we need volunteers to join the Altar Guild. Please come by the table before or after service on that day. Thank you for your assistance in completing this important part of the yearbook.
- **The History Committee will meet** Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:00.
- **A special thank you** from Judy Bobb for the Golden Agers goody bag for Homecoming. The time, thoughtfulness, and treats that went into this special gift are all very much appreciated!
- **The family of Jeannette Amick Hipp Ayers** would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, texts, phone calls, food, paper products, words of encouragement, flowers, assistance & memorials. We would not have been able to get through this nor the days ahead without each of you. God bless you & thank you very much!!
- **Silverstreet Lutheran Church** invites everyone to their re-enactment of the Christmas story in a drive-thru nativity in nine living scenes on Saturday, December 18th, 6 pm. Rain date: Sunday, December 19th, 6 pm.

Prayer Requests - Members

Dovie Adams	Ola Mae Fulmer	Bill & Frances Rampey
Brantley Alewine	Vickie Fulmer	Karen Ruff
Dorothy Berenbrok	Freida Koon	Joe Sabbagha
Judy Bobb	Frank Lyerly	Shelby Seibert
Tommy & Janet Brown	Dale McCain	Katie Mae Slice
Dillon Cromer	Roxie Moore	Larry Tolbert
Wayne & Lynn Dowd	Telina Morris	Michael Tolbert
Juanita Fulmer	Carrie Pritchard	Mary Witakowski
The family of Jeannette Ayers		

Prayer Requests – Friends

Tim Bedenbaugh	Dell Gandy	Diane Livingston
John Bentley	Chris Gates	Janna Longshore
Yvonne Bentley	Linda Greene	Jane & Don Ramsey
Dave Berry	Michael Hoover	Terry Shaver
Charleigh Bowers	Sheila Hunnicutt	Hannah Togami
Hope & JD Chavez	Jesse Key	
Simms Daniels	Cindy Kimbrell	

Nursing Home & Hospital Prayer Requests

Saluda Nursing & Rehab Center, 581 Newberry Hwy., Saluda, SC 29138

- Judy Kesler, Room 224

The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444, White Rock, SC 29177

- *Janette Cain, Room 319, Cana Hall

White Oak Manor, 2555 Kinard Street, Newberry, SC 29108

- Juanita Fulmer, Room 118
- Wayne Fulmer, Room 309

November 21, 2021 + Christ the King

What Kind of Kingdom?

Some have interpreted Jesus' statement "My kingdom is not from this world" (John 18:36) to mean that Jesus promises good things only in some distant future, as if we need not worry about justice or poverty in this life. However, in his actions and teachings throughout his life, Jesus clearly cared very much about the here and now of this world.

In the Lord's prayer, we say, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven." We are praying for God's will in this world, the only home and society we know. But what does it look like for God's will to be done on earth?

Jesus disappointed his followers, who expected a revolutionary leader. In generation after generation, revolutions come and go. Those who were on the bottom get to be on the top for a spell. Inevitably, we have the same old concentration of power in high places, insiders versus outsiders, the haves and the have-nots. The names and titles change, but the system does not.

By the typical standards of a political revolution, Jesus' execution meant he was a total failure. But he embodied a different kind of power, testifying to a truth larger and deeper and ultimately stronger than any revolution. In his crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus jammed up the whole system that keeps cycling back around to perpetuate violence, retribution, inequality, and exclusion.

Through Jesus, the kingdom of God breaks in amid the old kingdoms that rise and fall, bringing a new reign of love, forgiveness, and peace. As a beloved community that longs to break free from old cycles of worldly power, we continue to pray for God's kingdom to come, for renewal that is deeper and more lasting than any political movement. And we continue to work for a world where all of God's children and God's creation are treated with respect, justice, and love.