

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2018 - 10:45 AM



*Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.*

## G.I.F.T. Zone Opportunity For Parents & Young Children

We introduce our kid-friendly worship experience, located in the left-hand transept area of the main sanctuary. For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. During this middle section of the service, parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshippers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way to keep children engaged in worship with the whole congregation - and learn the liturgy until they are able to worship in the pews for the entire service. We offer the G.I.F.T. Zone so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for those yet unable to benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities.)



*Kid Friendly Worship Experience*



**Growing  
In  
Faith  
Together**

## Living Springs Lutheran Church

4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223

[www.livingspringscolumbia.org](http://www.livingspringscolumbia.org)

# SUMMER GATHERING SONGS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)*

Pastor: Eternal God our creator,

**People: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

**People: Amen.**

*We face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. We turn to follow the cross as it enters.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

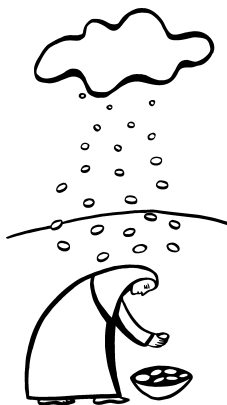
*"Blessed Assurance"*

ELW #638

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**



# HYMN OF PRAISE



*Leader:* Glo - ry to God, Lord, in the high-est; and peace on



earth, good will to all.



*All:* 1. Glo - ry to God, Lord, in the high - est;  
2. Oh, might - y Lord you show your pow - er;



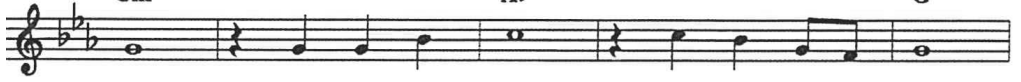
and peace on earth, good will to all. We give you  
en-throned in grace, you hear our prayer; for you a -



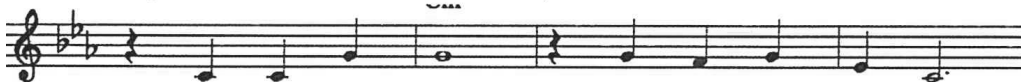
thanks, we praise your glo - ry, oh, heav'n - ly King,  
lone are true and ho - ly, for you a - lone



Lord God of all. Lord Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly  
are Lord of all. Lord Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly



Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



you take a - way the world's trans - gres - sions;  
Oh, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,



Oh Lord, have mer - cy on us all.  
E - ter - nal God, for - ev - er One.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

*We are seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Lexanne Graves

*Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently RICH Learning Summer Art & Reading Camp). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:*

Children of God, sing your song and rejoice for the love that He has given us all. Oh, children of God, by the blood of His son we have been redeemed and we can be called children of God. Child-ren of God.

Words & Music by David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee & Tai Anderson,  
© 2010 Songs From the Quarry (Admin by Capitol CMG Publishing;  
Used By Permission. CCLI License #1142641



## FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." (*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 78:23-29

Lector: So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

**People: raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

Lector: So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

**People: The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

Lector: raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**People: letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

Lector: So the people ate and were well filled,

**People: for God gave them what they craved.**

## SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. (*Ephesians 4:1-16*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

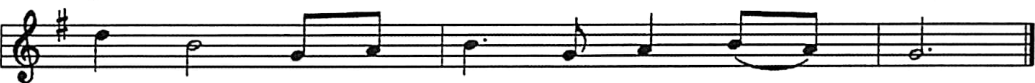
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all  
2. We are stand - ing in your pas - ture, Lord we  
3. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Sav - ior, all



glo - ry be to you; We are sheep with - out a  
know that we have strayed; Hear ye now the prayers we  
glo - ry be to you; Our hearts burn deep with -



shep - herd, by your word all life is re - newed.  
of - fer for your word that guides our way.  
in us as you fill us with your truth.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (*John 6:24-35*)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We are seated*

**SERMON**

Rev. Peter Creighton

*We stand as able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

ELW #592

## APOSTLES' CREED

**People: 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**

Assist: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*+ A brief silence +*

Assist: Holy God, you give gifts and talents to every member of the church. Strengthen all your children and bring them to a full understanding and maturity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Creator God, our complex and wonderful world is a sure sign of your abundance and care. Provide for every creature, and rain down the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Peaceful God, draw the nations of the world to harmony and mutual understanding. Bind all of humanity in the unity of love and peace that comes through the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Gracious God, we pray for those who are hungry and those who are homeless. We pray those who are ill and those who have lost family or friends. Lead them to places of safety, food, rest and healing. We pray especially for *Anne Ducate; Anita Gabbard; Goldie Harmon; Margaret Blank; Connie Wallace; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Merciful God, you have brought us all together in this time and place. Bless this congregation, including those who are absent, and draw us into closer communion with you, each other, and our community. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Infinite God, we praise you for the lives of those who have died in Christ. Keep our hearts in hope, for we have all received the food that endures to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assist: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **PEACE IS SHARED**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."*



*We are seated*

## OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*We stand as able*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*"We Are An Offering"*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Words & Music by Dwight Liles; © 1984 Word Music, LLC; Used By Permission. CCLI License #1142641

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Assist:** Let us pray.

**People:** **Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*We are seated*

### LAMB OF GOD



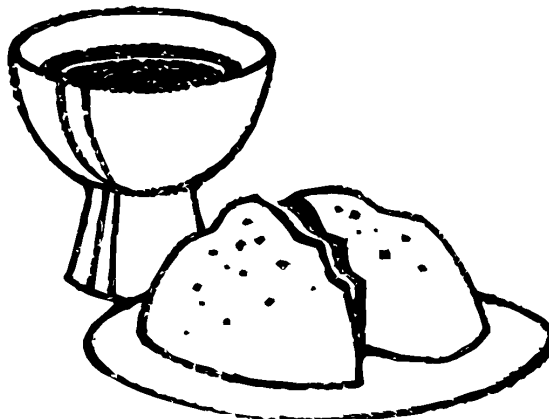
1. Oh, Lamb of God; oh, Lamb of  
2. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of  
3. Oh, Lamb of God, oh, Lamb of



God, you take a - way our sins.  
God, have mer - cy on us all.  
God, you grant to us your peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.*



**DISTRIBUTION SONG***"Welcome Table"*

1 I'm a - goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a - goin' - a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a - goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a - goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a - goin' - a feast on milk . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a - goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a - goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a - goin' - a feast on milk . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a - goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on . . . milk and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross . . Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

**DISTRIBUTION SONG***"Come To The Table"*

ELW #481



*We stand after all have received communion*

## **EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**People:** **Amen**

**Assist:** Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**People:** **Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

ELW #618

*(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)*

## **DISMISSAL**

**Assist:** Do Justice! Love Kindness! Walk Humbly with God!  
Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

### *Hungry to Do*

Barley bread on the ground and fish in hand, like manna that came down from heaven in the wilderness for their ancestors, left the crowd addled and eager to know how to keep this food coming. But had they not noticed? Pay attention. Receive, take and eat on the grassy green hillside by the sea just as your ancestors did on the sandy brown desert floor.

Apparently when Jesus answered the crowd's question, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" by telling them that God's work is God's work, they were not satisfied. They wanted to know what to do. Jesus continued, "Believe" (John 6:28-29).

Oscar was desperate to have what his wife had, unrattled faith. Relentlessly, just as day after day he stalked rummage sales, scoured flea markets, and searched secondhand shops to find treasures, he hunted for the land of faith where breath would be easy, sight would be sharp, trust would be simple, and steps would be certain on ground that would not shift. He wanted to have what his wife had, unrattled faith. The day he pled and shrugged, "What can I do to have it?" she said this: "Oscar, just give up."

What must we do to end the hunger to do? We must be ready to lose enough to gain, be brave enough to be weak, be empty enough to be full, be vulnerable enough to be safe, be done enough to be done.

The crowd pressed Jesus. "Sir, give us this bread always" (John 6:34). Jesus said, in effect, "Why sure, that's what I do."



From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2018 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Alison Levitt

## LECTOR

Mike Davidson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Gail Buchanan

Trish Davidson

## USHERS

Karlene Stuart

Laura Stuart

Adam Woodruff

Walker Flores

## INSIDE GREETER

Linda Hayes

## OUTSIDE GREETER

Wes Levitt

## ACOLYTE

Lauren Bloss

## CRUCIFER

Steve Bloss

## TORCHBEARERS

Austin Padgett

Sara Levitt

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lexanne Graves

## NAME TAGS

Karen Kranz

## MUGGER

Charles Tracy

## ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Day

## COUNTERS

Sarah Schultz

Karen Kranz

Midge Gunvalson

## COUNCIL DISCIPLE

Ann Lynn Caughman



## Pentecost Seasonal

### Emphasis

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!*

*Isaiah 6:3*

## LIVING SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

4224 Hard Scrabble Rd., Columbia, SC 29223

Office: (803) 736-0661 – Preschool: 736-0776

E-Mail: [contact@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:contact@livingspringscolumbia.org)



[www.facebook.com/livingspringscolumbia](http://www.facebook.com/livingspringscolumbia)

[www.livingspringscolumbia.org](http://www.livingspringscolumbia.org)

Ministers: People of Living Springs

### *Ministry Staff:*

Rev. Eric Fink, Senior Pastor ..... [pastoreric@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:pastoreric@livingspringscolumbia.org)

George Donovan, Jr., Dir. of Music & Worship ..... [george@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:george@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Deac. Lexanne Graves, Min. of Faith & Life (Children & Families) ..... [lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:lexanne@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Christopher Girardeau, Min. of Faith & Life (Sr. Youth & Young Adults).. [christopher@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:christopher@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Tammy Mancuso, Preschool Director..... [tmancuso@lslcps.org](mailto:tmancuso@lslcps.org)

Lisa Petty, Administrative Assistant ..... [lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:lisaoffice@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Sherry Forsgren, Bookkeeper ..... [sherry@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:sherry@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Mark & Laura Cunningham, Food Ministry ..... [laurafood@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:laurafood@livingspringscolumbia.org)

Prayer Ministry ..... [prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org)

## **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!**

*We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!*

*May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone,  
through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.*

*We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ,  
and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand.*

*If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661,  
drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at [www.livingspringscolumbia.org](http://www.livingspringscolumbia.org).*

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the blue slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**BULLETIN BLUE SLIPS** - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Members, please complete at least one blue slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of your communing.

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

**GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE**– are available during communion, for those who desire either.

**G.I.F.T. ZONE** - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** – are distributed during the children's sermon.

**NURSERY** – is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

**CHILD SAFETY** – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME** – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin blue sheet and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.