

We Remember in Prayer...

Bennie Horne - Tracey Smith - Shirley Smith - Nell Hair - Aubree Price -
Denny Keisler - Kenny Drafts - Amy Sease Morrison - Robin Smith -
Anabel Godfrey - Cason Smith - Jacquelin Case - Connie Lindler -
Bobby Jackson - Sylvia Stone - Kelsey Gordon - Andrew & Angie Sutton -
Kati Strube - Family of Bettye Glover - Family of Broadus Taylor

Send a card to Homebound and care facility members...

Ellie Long (205 St. Paul's Church Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Peepsie Hendrix**
(4236 Augusta Highway. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Carol Ann Green** (1538
Bombing Range Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Sarah Lybrand** (1555 Lewie Rd.
Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Delle Price** (117 Dwight Price Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) -
Carl & Juanelle Swygert (505 Spool Wheel Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Helen**
Price (Lexington Extended, 815 Old Cherokee Rd. Lexington Trace Room 132-
A) - **Virginia Cousins** (Saluda Nursing Center. 581 Newberry Hwy. Riley Unit
Room 319-A. Saluda, SC 29138) - **Rachel Price** (Lowman Home, PO Box 444,
White Rock, SC 29177) - **Jaye Snelgrove** (Hartford Retirement Village6.
12196 East State Hwy 52. Hartford, AL 36344) - **Bobby Cammer** (124
Rebecca Circle. Swansea, SC 29160) **LouVeria Price** (Lexington Extended
Care, 815 Old Cherokee Rd. Lexington, SC 29072, Crews Point Room 209A)

Remember our Military...

Ervin Baker - Chris Barefoot - Kevin Clowdis - DJ Hoover - Jeff Hoover -
Mason Hunter - Cody Hutto - Carter Lybrand - Todd Morgan - Ryan Shaw -
Christopher Welch - Ben Risher - Ben Schimek

The flowers are given to the Glory to God and in



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession for the Forgiveness of Christ our Lord

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Here is a flood of grace: out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW #650

We Worship and Praise the Lord

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.**

This the Day the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,

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

Distribution of the Sacrament

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ keep you strengthen you and keep you in faith and hope this day and always, **Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His Peace. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

We Pray to the Lord and Offer our Gifts

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for those in need in our church and community (Pastor shares names of members and friends in need of prayer.) Inspire the prayers of those who worship here this morning (you may share the names of friends, family in need of prayer...) Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

We Receive the Sacrament of Our Salvation

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.

O Lord, you have made known your victory!

This is our moment for worship!

We are glad to come to the House of the Lord!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together... **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time for Worship!

We Hear God's Holy Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴**for whatever is born of God conquers the world.** And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

^The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰**If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.** ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We Hear God’s Word for Daily Living

Sermon

Pastor Mark Bredholt

^Hymn

A New Commandment

Insert

The 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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Gifts

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**