

"Wash and be cleansed."



July 6, 2025



LITHIASPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH

# WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Carmen Long's birthday, with love from Thomas.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION** Rev. Thomas Long

**PRELUDE** "One Nation, Under God" Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Lani Smith

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*** Psalm 66:1-9

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth!*

**Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**

*Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"*

**So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

*All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.*

**Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!**

*He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.*

**He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.**

*Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;*

**He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\*** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" № 23

**HYMN\*** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" № 283

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*** The Apostles' Creed № 691

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Thomas Long

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Pg. 730

**HYMN\***

“Rise Up, O Men of God!”

№ 518

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“God Bless America”  
Irving Berlin

Chancel Choir  
Soloist Glenn McElroy

**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.  
Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois CCLI 1152573

№ 682

**SCRIPTURE\***

2 Kings 5:1-14

Pat Smith

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. 3 She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.” 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

13 Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’” 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“Amazing Grace”

№ 572

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“The Star-Spangled Banner”  
Arr. Mary McDonald

Glenn McElroy

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, July 6:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service

### Monday, July 7:

7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62

### Tuesday, July 8:

7:00 p.m. .... Methodist Men's Group

### Wednesday, July 9:

6:00 p.m. .... Family Fun Night

### Sunday, July 13:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service

**Thank you to everyone who supported Troop 62 during last weekend's Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser! Your generosity helped cover the cost for our Scouts to attend summer camp, and we are truly grateful. The Scouts head out next Sunday and are excited for the adventure ahead, made possible by the love and support of their church family.**

After 24 years, Kevin Livingston will be stepping down from his role as Children's Director. Please join us for a special covered dish luncheon on Sunday, July 20th, immediately following worship, as we honor Kevin's faithful service and the lasting impact he has made in the lives of so many children and families. Let's come together in gratitude and celebration for his incredible ministry.

### Family Fun Night is THIS WEEK!

Join us for a snack supper, games, fun, and fellowship. Everyone is invited, and we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor.

### Youth Night NEXT WEEK – Ages 10+

All kids ages 10 and up are invited to join us for Youth Night this summer! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, share a meal, and

move to the Children's Building. We hope to see you on the following Wednesdays: July 16, July 30

Each evening will be filled with music, fun, fellowship, and faith-building activities. Bring a friend!

### Free Nutrition Class Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm

Learn practical tips for healthy eating at our upcoming class on Wednesday, July 16, from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a healthy, balanced snack during the session and receive a free booklet filled with recipes and nutrition tips. This class is sponsored by Open Hand Atlanta and the SNAP-Ed Program. All are welcome! Please RSVP to the church office by phone or email to help us prepare.

### Check Out LSMC's New Merch Shop: Rooted and Redeemed in Lithia Springs!

Visit our website and click on the "Resources" tab in the top menu, then select "Merch" to explore our brand-new shop! We're still working on new designs, so if you have ideas, favorite scriptures, or suggestions for what you'd like to see on a shirt, please call or email the church office. We'd love your input!

**Quarterly giving statements are available on the credenza behind the sanctuary. After July 13<sup>th</sup> they can be picked up in the church office.**

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