



LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH

June 7, 2026

**Welcome to Lithia Springs Methodist Church.  
We are blessed to have you join us in worship.**

*The flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**PRELUDE**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalms 33:1-12 NIV

*Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the  
upright to praise him.*

**Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to  
him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

*Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.*

**For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is  
faithful in all he does.**

*The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his  
unfailing love.*

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.**

*He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into  
storehouses.*

**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people  
of the world revere him.**

*For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood  
firm.*

**The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he  
thwarts the purposes of the peoples.**

*But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of  
his heart through all generations.*

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the  
people he chose for his inheritance.**

**HYMN\***

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No 3

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\***

The Apostles' Creed

No 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\***

“In the Garden”

No 342

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“Doxology of Praise”

Chancel Choir

Fettke

## DOXOLOGY\*

№ 682

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

## SCRIPTURE\*

Joshua 3  
Thomas Long

3 Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. 2 After three days the officers went throughout the camp, 3 giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. 4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."

5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

6 Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people." So they took it up and went ahead of them.

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. 8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. 10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. 11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. 12 Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

*This is the Word of God for the people of God.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

## HYMN\*

"Trust and Obey"  
№ 334

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

## POSTLUDE

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

## This Week's Schedule

### Today, June 7:

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

### Monday, June 8:

9:00 a.m. .... CE Mitchell Coding Camp  
7:00 p.m. .... Scouts Troop 62

### Tuesday, June 9:

9:00 a.m. .... CE Mitchell Coding Camp  
7:00 p.m. .... Men's Group

### Wednesday, June 10:

9:00 a.m. .... CE Mitchell Coding Camp  
4:00 p.m. .... Prayer Group  
6:45 p.m. .... Handbell Choir  
7:45 p.m. .... Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 11:

9:00 a.m. .... CE Mitchell Coding Camp  
4:00 p.m. .... Youth VBS Prep  
6:00 p.m. .... Community Night at LSMC

### Sunday, June 14:

9:45 a.m. .... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. .... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. .... Youth Group

## Introducing: Faith, Fellowship, & Fresh Air

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### Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

In partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Borden Dairy, and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville, our Mobile Food Pantry provides fresh food to our community through a convenient drive-through distribution beginning at 2:00 PM every other month on the third Saturday (June 20, August 15, October 17, and December 19). Volunteers are an essential part of this ministry and are asked to arrive at 12:00 PM to help prepare and serve. If you would like to be part of this meaningful outreach, please contact the church office—or if you need food or know of someone who does, plan to drive through and spread the word!

### Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School is coming up July 6–10 from 6:00–8:30 PM, and we would love for you to be part of this exciting week! We are looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of areas, including meal preparation and serving (supper is provided each night), registration and dismissal, music, recreation, Bible study, and crafts. There is truly a place for everyone to serve. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love, build relationships, and help grow our youngest members, as well as children in our community, in their walk with Jesus. Registration forms for children and volunteer sign ups are available on the credenza behind the sanctuary, in the children's

wing, and in the church office. Please consider joining us for this meaningful ministry. Your time and presence can make a lasting impact! Contact the church office or Jess Arther at 678.761.0744 for more information.

To register your child or to volunteer, visit:  
[vbs.lithiaspringsmethodist.org](http://vbs.lithiaspringsmethodist.org)

### Community Night @ LSMC - Thurs. 6/11

Join us for Community Night at Lithia Springs Methodist Church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! This is a relaxed, welcoming time for all ages to come together. Everyone is invited! We'll share supper, enjoy games, get creative with crafts, and spend time building community. Whether you come every time or just drop in when you can, we'd love to have you with us! Lasagna is up next.

### Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Susan Bennett • Betty Andrews • Sherry & George Walker • Sandra Rodriguez • McCant Hayes • Margaret Arnold • Wanda Wilkerson • Dale Arrington • David Hutton • Karen Forehand • Sadie Grace McCoy • Kenneth Bowden • Jane Williams • Angela Hughes • Victims of the LS Apartment fire • Family of Mike Arther

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