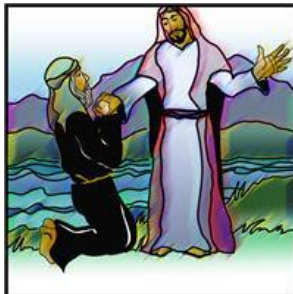


Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 11, 2015

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

GATHERING/WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Glory to God* All Sing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and saving God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm
one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth
from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the
sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the name of ☩ Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of
need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds.
Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *All Creatures, Worship God Most High All Stand & Sing*



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

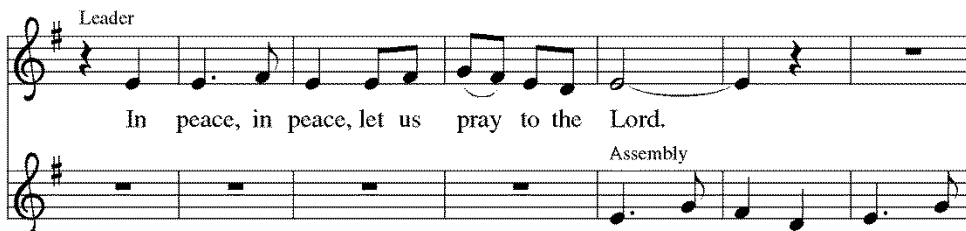
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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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GREETING

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

GLORY TO GOD

Leader

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”** as
the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from the fifth chapter of Amos.

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God’s call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God’s demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God’s wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

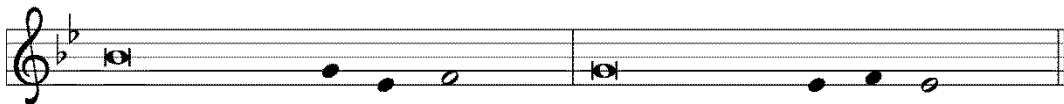
¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17 Women sing even verses, Men sing odd.



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**
Be gracious | to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the fourth chapter of Hebrews.

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

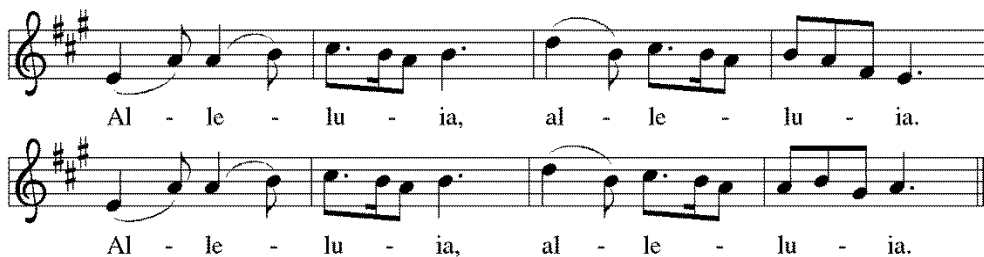
¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION All Stand & Sing



GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You

shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Gather Us In* All Stand & Sing



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Let Us Come* Church Choir

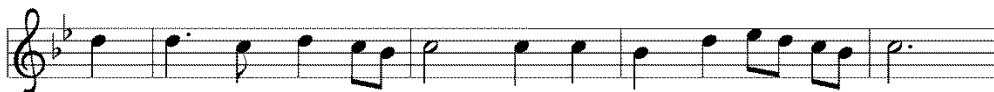
OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* All Stand & Sing



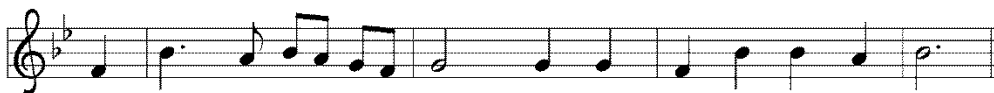
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy and ever-living God, uphold your people with your word, that we remain steadfast in our life with you. Deliver mercy and grace to us through Jesus, our high priest. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reclaim lands and waters that have been polluted through human neglect and greed. By your creative Spirit introduce again the vibrant and diverse life you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Establish your justice through the work of judges, juries, and officers of the court. Bless them, and those whom they serve, so that your goodness will flow through them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour out compassion on your servants in time of need (*especially*). Where people dwell in darkness, let the light of your truth and mercy refresh and renew them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Knock down the barriers in our lives that keep us from following you. Show us how to open doors for others to enter into your saving presence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your everlasting gift of forgiveness has sustained the saints throughout all generations. Continually immerse your people in that same gift until we stand before your throne of grace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

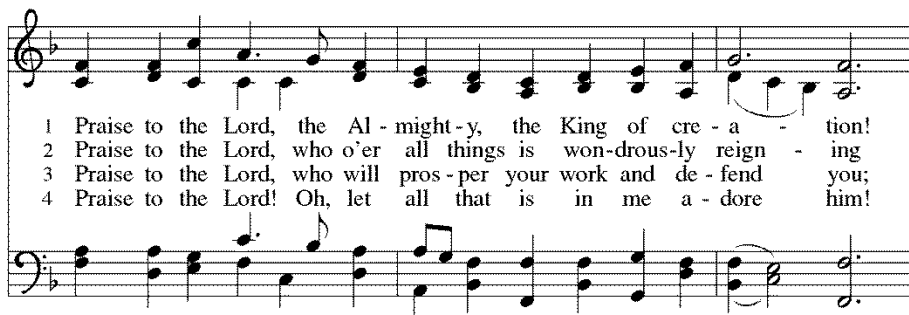
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

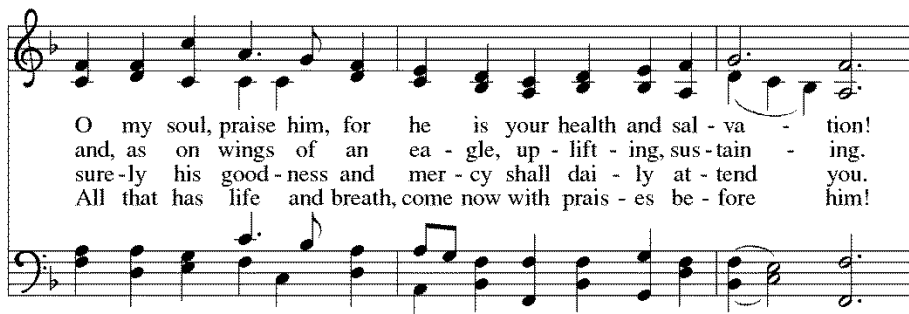
BLESSING

P 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.
C **Amen.**

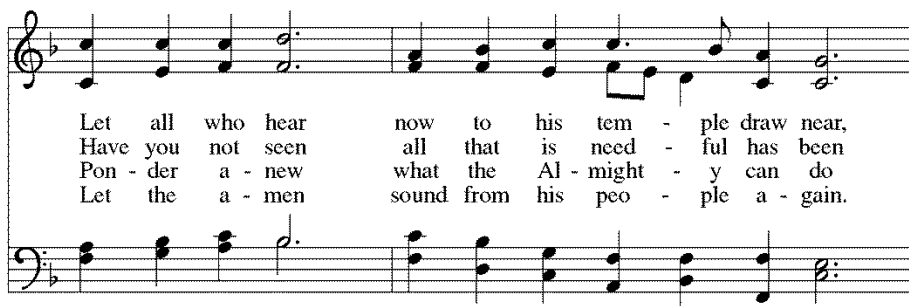
SENDING SONG: *Praise to the Lord* All Stand & Sing



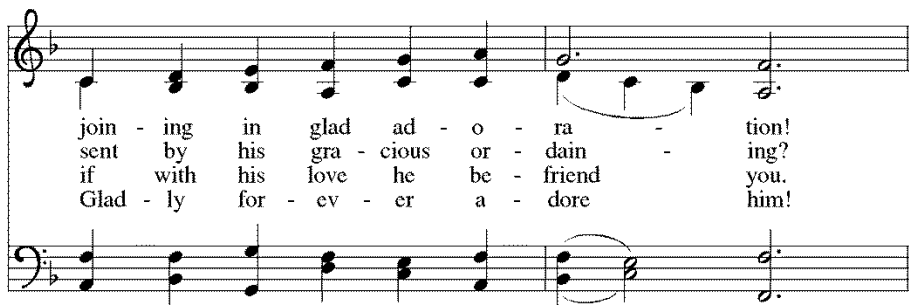
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you,
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Judy Caldwell in memory of Scott Caldwell and Minniejan Krenzer in honor of the marriage of Sara Krenzer and Joseph Coiro.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. **Greg Byrum, Worship & Music**

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, October 4, 2015:

Attendance: 141

Budget Report

	<u>October 4, 2015</u>
Current Offering Received 10/4/2015	\$ 9,726.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,598.27
Offering, YTD	\$190,120.90
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 7,821.82
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	\$ 8,168.03

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Chief Lector
Judy Caldwell

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Judy and Mollie Caldwell

ACOLYTES + CRUCIFERS:

Need Volunteers

GREETERS: Danny & Rochelle Potter

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

SOLOIST: Greg Byrum

MUSICIAN IN TRAINING: Jack Bryant

NURSERY: (9:30 – 11:45am)

Infants: Misty & Emily Koehler; *Toddlers:* Katie Kessen

USHERS: Need Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, October 11, 2015

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir
10:30 am Worship
12-3:00 pm **HCY** to Corn Maze
4 pm Children's Ensemble
5 pm Handbells
6 pm Church Choir
8 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, October 13

12:00 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch
7:00 pm Chamber Choir
7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, Oct 14

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday, Oct 17

9-12 Confirmation (carpool at 8:30)

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 11-17

October 11 Evan Howard
Patricia Roberson
October 12 Dee Tucker

October 14 Jean Ferguson
Jeff Howard
Linda Grimsley
Stephanie Hinrichs





Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from list, please inform Kathy Graves.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin	Holly Peche	Mark Reese
Brenda Dabrowski	Zac Hullander	Beverly Reynolds
David Dowd	Chase Lineberger	Anna Spike
Dot Holland	Marquerite Shive	Kevin Washle

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy	Stacy Hunsucker	Jean Peters
Harriett Ange	Dennis Jordan	Beverly Howe Poag
Paige Beaver	Steven Keating	Jim Poag
Jenny Beer	Buddy Kircus	Taylor Propst & Family
Mike Butler	Marshall Kinley	David Prouty
Father Frank Cancro	Karin Larsen	Julio Quiros
Tina Capwell	Terry Mahaffey	Parents of Teresa Rankin
Clell Davis	Lynn McFarland	Anna Rudder
J. Don Devine	Al McCoy	Megan Sigler
Zachary Evans	Clay McCoy	E. Taylor & Family
Jamey Gardner	Gene McRorie	Carson Thomas
Poss Garrett	Susan Nichols	Gloria Ward
Ronnie Garrison	Mark Outlaw	Pastor Gary Weant
Lewis Gilbert Family	Alicia Overton	Olivia Wilcox
Brian Hedrick	Ramesh Patel	Jeff Wiles

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek	Jason Gardner	Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer	Alex Norris	Jeremy Shaver

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm