# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, April 21, 2019

# The Resurrection of Our Lord



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

Now the Earth is Risen again from the winter's bond and pain.

Bring we leaf and flower and spray to adorn this Easter, this Holy Day.

The Earth is Risen...Once again the word comes true. All the earth is born anew.

Now the coldest days are o'er, and light and gladness as before.

The earth is risen, The Word comes true. All the earth is born anew.

How our hearts leap with the Spring! How our voices soar and sing!

Life has triumphed over death, and beauty rises, sings on every breath.

Sing My Soul. Change, then, mourning into Praise. With loudest voices anthems raise.

All our fears and griefs shall be lost in immortality. How our hearts leap with Spring!

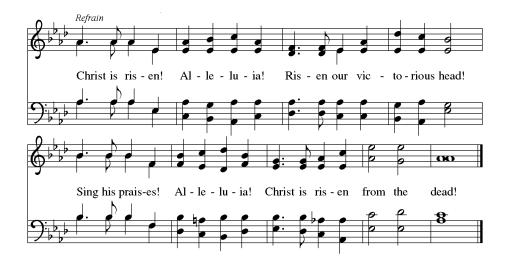
How our spirits soar and sing! For now, beyond the depths of pain,

All the Earth is Risen. Christ our Lord is risen again, Risen Again!

#### **DECLARATION**

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!





Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

#### **GREETING**

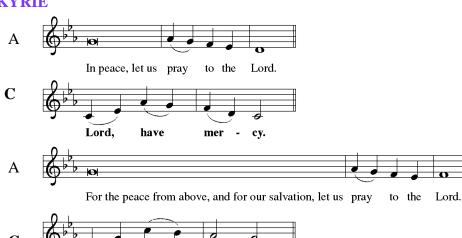
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Lord,

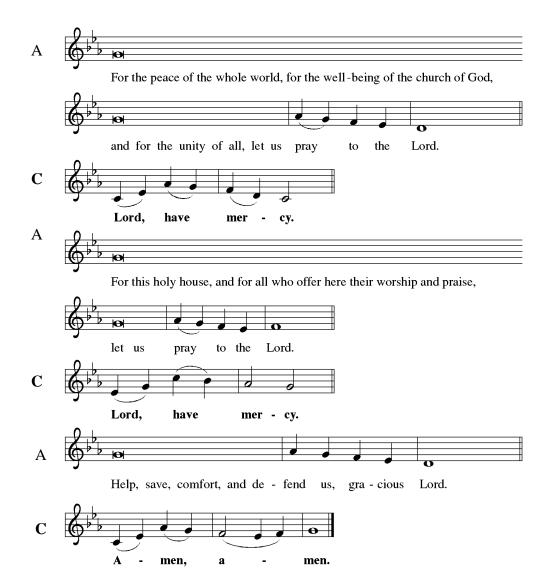
have

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**



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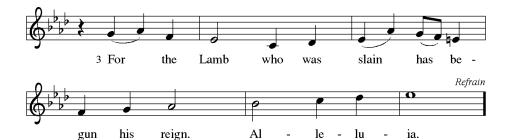












# **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM: Yonder Come Day . . . . . . . . . . Children's Ensemble and Chamber Choir

Congregation is seated and 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 nursey.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose

from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

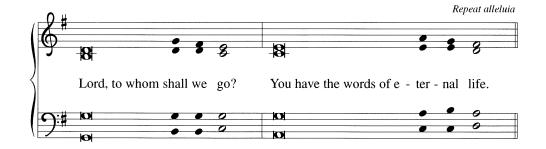
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C Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL PROCESSION:** The Congregation stands & turns to face the Processional Cross

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





THE GOSPEL Luke 24:1–12

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ...... Pastor Micah
Silence is Kept for Reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Christ is Risen Today . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

#### 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

# A brief silence.

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering (*especially*). Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE**

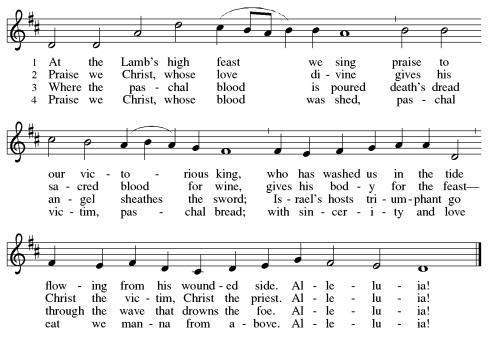
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.



#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *O How Glorious Is the Kingdom* . . . . . . . Church Choir O how Glorious is the Kingdom, where all the saints rejoice with Christ!

# **OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing . . . . All Stand & Sing

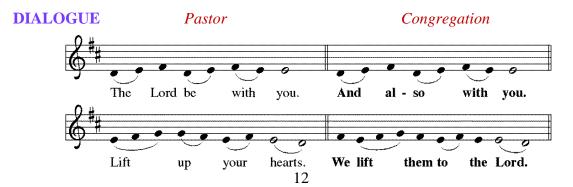


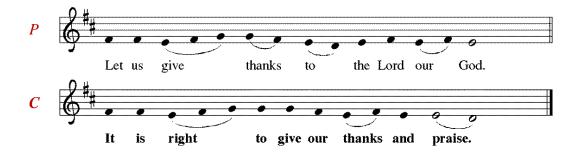
Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

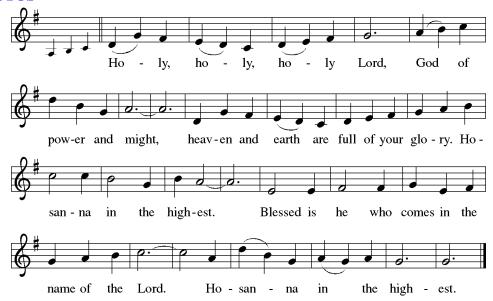




# **PREFACE**

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

# **SANCTUS**



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE 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.

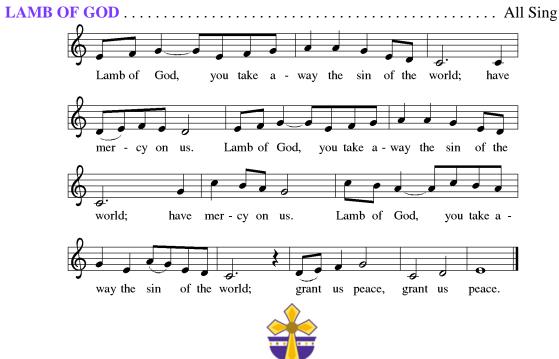
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

C Thanks be to God.



#### **COMMUNION**

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

# **Music During Communion:**

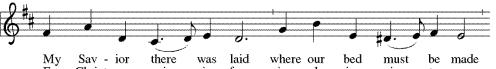
I Want to Walk As a Child of the LightManzThe Morning TrumpetHandbell ChoirIn Christ AloneChamber ChoirAwake, My Heart, with GladnessAll Sing



- 1 A wake, my heart, with glad ness, see what to day is done;
- 2 Now hell, its prince, the dev il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
- 3 This is a sight that glad dens—what peace it does im part!
- 4 Now I will cling for ev er to Christ, my Sav ior true; 5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth now. the glo - rious sun. now I am safe from e - vil, and sin laugh to scorn. Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with-in mv heart. Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through. where-on this rhyme im-mor - tal is found in script gold:



For Christ a gain ìs free: in glo - rious vic to - ry gloom shall ev shake. no foe shall ev er take. er rends death's i chain; he breaks through sin and pain; ron "Who there crown pre-pared; my cross has shared finds here a



wings in flight, we when, as soar realms of light. on to he who strong to save has tri - umphed o'er grave. is the hope which God's own Son love for the in me has won. he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all. who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt. Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

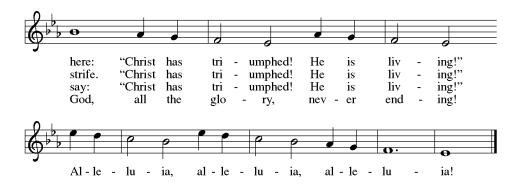
#### **BLESSING**

P The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resound . . . . All Stand & Sing





Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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

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#### **SENDING**

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Air . . . . . . Purcell

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday.** 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 in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



**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.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: 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 and to Greg Cline and the dedicated choirs and musicians of Holy Comforter by Myra & Bill Hollar.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music

## Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, April 14, 2019:

Attendance: 155

| Budget Report                   | This Week   | Year-to-Date  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Offering                        | \$ 5,408.00 | \$ 77,071.01  |
| Expenses                        | \$ 5,774.35 | \$ 86,431.90  |
| Offering less Expenses          | (\$ 365.85) | (\$ 9,360.89) |
| Expected Expenses               |             | \$ 86,615.19  |
| Offering less Budgeted Expenses |             | (\$ 9,544.18) |

# Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 4/14/19

Goal: \$225,000 Received to Date: 148,219 Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000 Remaining Needed: \$41,781

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye GREETER: Jill Cassel

ACOLYTE: Lucy Bocchino TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

CRUCIFER: Alec Via CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Jenn Kearney

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3) Fran Holland, Co-Captain Tracey Nault, Co-Captain

Rebecca Yount

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Volunteers** 

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

**COMMUNION ORGANIST:** Suzanne Fairbairn

**NURSERY:** (10:30-11:45 am)

Rianna Nance

**PERCUSSION:** Diann Halvorson

**DECLARATION:** Bob Koehler

**USHERS:** Volunteers

# THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, April 21

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast after

9:40 am Handbells

10:00 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

# Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon

# Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm Pep Exercise

# **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK:** April 21-27

April 23 Tim Baker April 24 Mark Kline April 25 Julia Gunter April 27 Clair Heilig





MISSION TRIP: Shelia Kelly is part of a team heading to Kitwe, Zambia April 25 - May 6. The team is busy preparing duffle bags of clothes, shoes, and much needed baby items for the poor.

Contact Shelia or Tim Kelly to purchase raffle tickets to raise funds for the trip.

Purchasing and installing a water tank for the village is the big project the team is doing. That is where most of the cost of the tickets will go.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Sarah Tench Helms
Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Sue Lahr
Ben Moose
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jerri & Mike Wesson

#### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Carol Fox
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

The Family & Friends of
Dallas Foscue
Meredith Hovis
Steve Leonard
Jennifer Lineberger
Ronnie Lunsford
Ruth Lyerly
Cookie Lynn

Jane Marino Clarence McLain Anne Murdy Richard Peters Tommy Smith Brody Thornburg Dennis Yates

#### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Beau Carroll Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



Men – Loosen Your Tie and See Better! Dressing for success may propel you toward the top, but not toward top-notch vision. Research at Cornell University suggests a necktie that is knotted too tightly can interfere with blood flow to the brain and sensory organs--namely, your eyes. Computer operators, pilots, draftsmen, and other professionals who need to pay close attention to visual details may be hampered by the "tie that binds." One sure way to prevent this problem is to avoid wearing a

tie altogether. But in some occupations, wearing a tie is standard attire. If you must wear a tie:

Buy shirts with plenty of neck room.

Leave your shirt collar unbuttoned beneath your tie.

Don't knot your tie so tightly that you can't slip a finger between the shirt collar and your neck.

If feasible, loosen or remove your necktie from time to time throughout the day.

REMINDER – ONLY ONE MORE P.E.P. SESSION. COME JOIN US APRIL 25 @ 7:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

AND NEXT UP...TAI CHI!!



# Beginning Thursday, May 2 @ 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall

Six sessions for \$30 (payment due the first week)

A sign-up sheet is on the coffee table in the education wing – if you haven't already signed up, considering doing so...you won't be disappointed!!

**NOTE:** To insure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to Dianne in the office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.



NOTE: Today is the deadline for submitting balance payments for the *Isle of Palms* Retreat.

Make checks payable to Holy Comforter; memo line = IOP Retreat

#### REMEMBER:

**DEADLINE** for submitting your application for the *Lineberger Scholarship* is **April 30**<sup>th</sup>. Email the church office and request an application form.



#### **Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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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

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MKearney@holyc.org Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse



# Holy Doodles







# Our beautiful Easter lilies were given to the Glory of God, in honor or in memory of loved ones by the following:

Debbie Bray in memory of her mother June Bray Donna Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean Jim Buell in memory of Carmen Buell Jim Buell in memory of Wes Willard (Carmen's father) Greg Byrum to the Glory of God for Cullen McKay Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum Jill, Erin & Tyler Cassel in memory of Poppy Jill, Erin & Tyler Cassel to the Glory of God for the birth of Georgia Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller John & Leslie Crist in memory of their parents: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Crist, Rita Broome, Ray Broome John & Leslie Crist in honor of grandchildren: Wyatt & Brooklyn Suttenfield, Mark & Olivia McCotter, Patrick & Jacob Crist Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas to the Glory of God Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William L. Kannapel Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Susan K. Misner Richard & Kay Holden in memory of John E. & Catherine Pierce

Richard & Kay Holden in memory of Freda & Lee Holden
Shelia & Tim Kelly in memory of Norma Daugherty, Shelia's sister
Dianne Lail in honor of children Carmen & Joel and grandchildren Arden, Merritt,
Ashleigh & Evan

Leslie Lugue in memory of Earl Lingafeldt
Charles & Bev Mauney in honor of their children and their spouses,
grandchildren and Al McCoy

Charles & Bev Mauney in memory of Sandy McCoy, Ray & Betsy Mauney, and Heather Mauney Yount

Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly
Kimberly L. Ponds & Amber Gordon in memory of Jaunita & David Lowe
Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver
Kurt & Cynthia Scholler to the Glory of God (2 lilies)
Dee Smith in honor of step-mother Shirley Smith

Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via and Noah Rawlins in honor of Beka Forst Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via and Noah Rawlins in memory of Heather Yount