

Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### 1. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Blessing of New Fire Proclamation Prayer

Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia! . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

#### Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24 P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *C*: His steadfast love endures forever! P: Let Israel say, *C*: His steadfast loves endures forever. P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: *C*: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted; *C*: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. P: I shall not die, but I shall live, *C*: and recount the deeds of the Lord. P: The Lord has punished me severely, *C*: but he did not give me over to death P: Open to me the gates of righteousness, *C*: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. *C*: P: I thank you that you have answered me *C*: and have become my salvation. P: The stone that the builders rejected *C*: has become the chief cornerstone. P: This is the Lord's doing: *C*: it is marvelous in our eyes. P: This is the day that the Lord has made; *C*: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## 2. READINGS

The Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Hymn: That Easter Day . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



Text: Latin hynn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

Response: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, O Christ.

## The congregation is seated.

#### 3. OUR EASTER RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

# The Offering



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(The assembly stands as the offering and communion elements are brought forward.)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ry one!

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# Easter Prayer

Pastor: On this glorious Holy morning, let us praise and thank God for his

goodness and peace.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord God Almighty for you have

overcome death, that the way to eternal life might be

opened to all who will trust and believe in you.

Pastor: Let us be joyful in the new hope which Jesus' resurrection gives to all

believers!

People: We rejoice that as Christ lives; so too, we may live!

Pastor: O God, help us to put aside our sinful living. This Easter Day calls and

challenges us to put aside our grudges, our jealousies, our hatreds... for

they lead us to unhappiness, and loneliness, and strife.

People: Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord!

Pastor: Guide and strengthen us Holy Father, to put into our Easter lives the

qualities of trust, faithfulness, love and mercy . . . for they can enrich

our lives, and make us blessings to all we meet.

People: Let us take the joy of the Resurrection into all we do.

Pastor: Send us forth to live and proclaim your victory, O God!

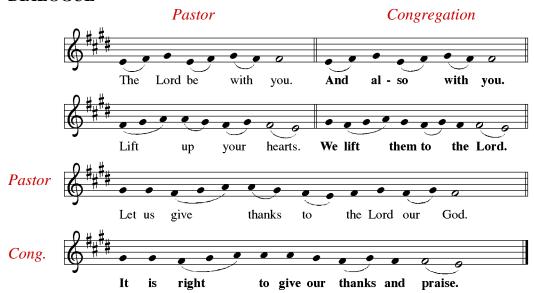
People: Praise be to Christ who is risen!

Pastor: Yes, He is Risen!

ALL: AMEN!

# **Holy Communion**

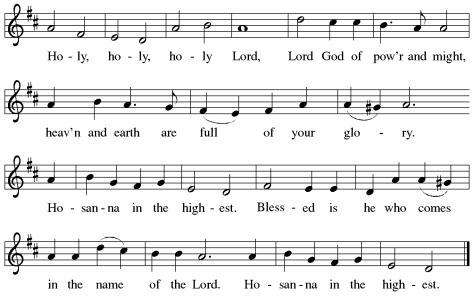
## **DIALOGUE**



## **PREFACE**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



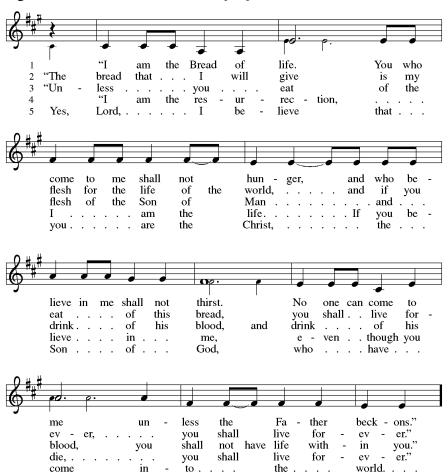
Words of Institution

# The Lord's Prayer

#### **Invitation to Communion:**



- P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.
- C Thanks be to God.



All Sing Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

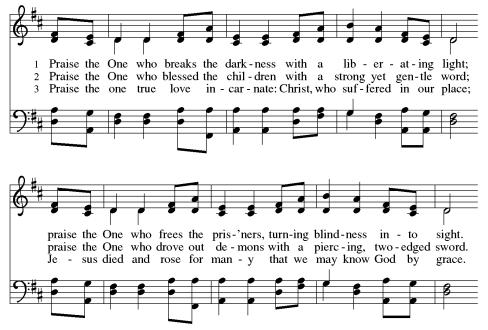
P Life-giving God,

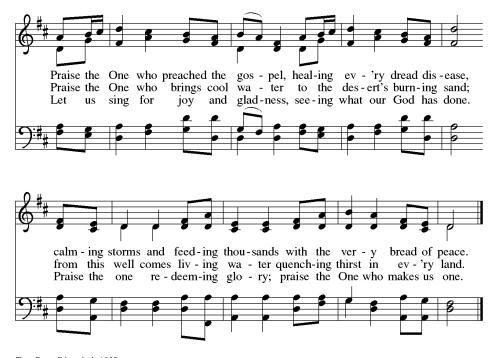
C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.





Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness . . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing





Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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- P Go in Peace, proclaim the risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

<u>Thanks to all of our church musicians</u> who are assisting with the service this morning. CANTOR: Jo Anne de la Vega

## **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES' schedule:**

Breakfast after the service - Everyone Invited! No Children's Sunday School

Flowering of the Cross

# **Musical Rehearsal Schedule for This Morning:**

9:40 am Handbells

10:00 am Chamber Choir in choir room

10:00 am Church Choir in choir room

10:15 am Children's Ensemble in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service of Resurrection With Holy Communion

A CORDIAL WELCOME 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.



<u>KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:</u> 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 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	<u>\$ 86,431.90</u>
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 NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am)

Tracey Nault, Co-Captain Volunteer

Rebecca Yount

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Volunteers **USHERS:** Volunteers

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers** 

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

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service w/HC

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

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

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



Following the service of worship, able-bodied Lutherans, who are willing, are invited to assist the stacking and moving of chairs back to the storage room. We will buy you breakfast.



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.

**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.





# 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

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

Shelia & Tim Kelly in memory of Norma Daugherty, Shelia's sister Dianne Lail in honor of children Carmen & Joel and grandchildren Arden, Merritt,

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



# 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!!





## **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