

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, May 4, 2014

## Third Sunday of Easter



John Propst  
Interim Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Love Divine* ..... Tune: Hyfrydol

### 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, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**C Amen.**

P Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of life,

**C by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P People of God:

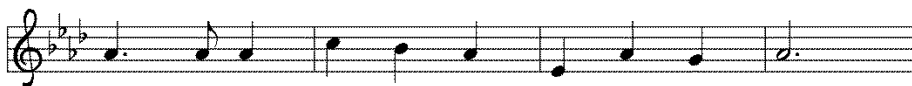
Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

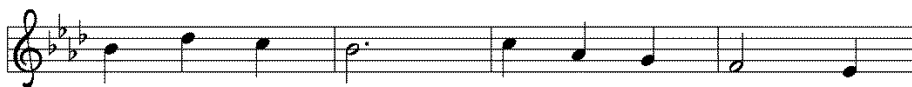
# GATHERING SONG: *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!* ..... All Stand & Sing



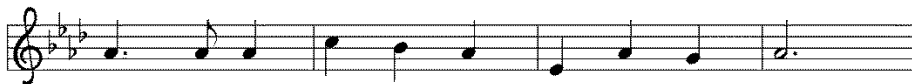
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



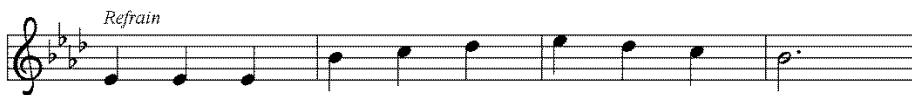
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing; O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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

Leader

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.

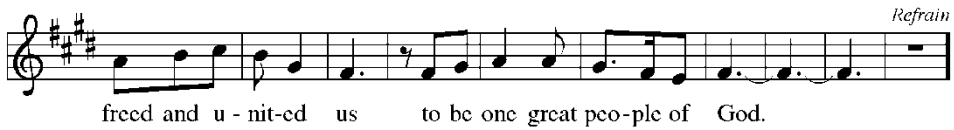
mer - cy. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



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## SALUTATION



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.  
 Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and  
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## 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

**Acts 2:14a, 36–41**

A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING:

**1 Peter 1:17–23**

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Peter.

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their

deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:13–35**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

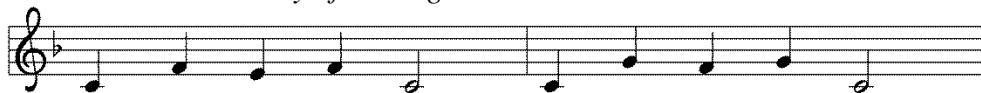
P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON: *Moving and Standing Still* . . . . . (Notes Page 20) . . Pastor John**



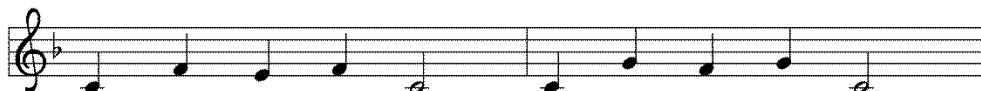
## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day of Arising* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



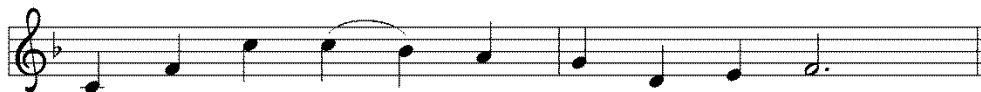
1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that reborn as children of God, we recognize Christ's presence moving within and among us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation, that being astounded at the earth's goodness, we live and work in a wise and sustainable manner. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the world and those who govern, that when blinded by fear and mistrust, eyes are opened to ways of freedom and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for and honor the senior ministries of Lutheran Services Carolinas. Bless their residents and participants, as well as the caregivers and volunteers, so that all may know Your love. Help us to cherish and practice the traditions that honor You by remembering and supporting those who are most vulnerable. And, thank you for the wonderful blessings in our lives that enable us to help those in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need: those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, or sick. Make known to them the wholeness you alone can bring. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the newly baptized, that they daily discover Christ walking before, beside, and behind them wherever their paths may lead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the saints. Though we see dimly in this life, we look for Christ's promised glory yet to be revealed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

**OFFETORY ANTHEM:** *Just As I Am* . . . . . Handbell Choir

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *As The Grains of Wheat* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The — Lord be with you. And — al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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

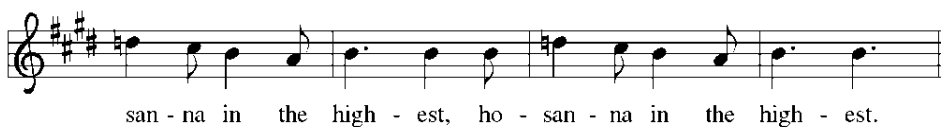
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

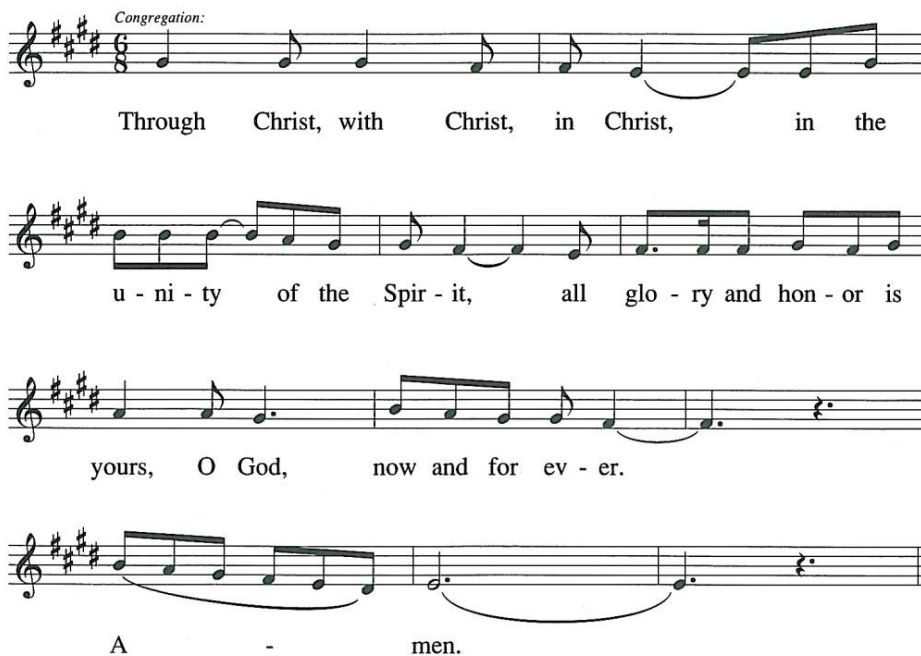
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P ... and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

## THROUGH CHRIST



## 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 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved.

C Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
                          \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
                          you are the way of jus - tice and  
                          you are the way of mer - cy and



world:  
 fear:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:



mer - cy on us.                    Lamb of God,                    you



take a - way the sins of the world:                    grant us peace,



grant us peace,                    grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

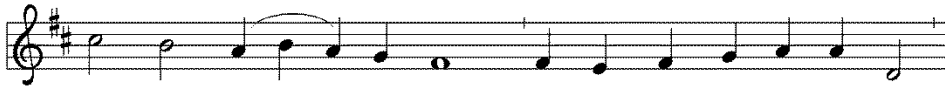
*A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*



**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing. . . . All Sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
you have conquered in the fight,  
you have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

**P** The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
thanks be to you for - ev - er! ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -  
thanks be to you for -  
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Loving God,

**C** by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen.



## BLESSING

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *Let All Things Living* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **Third Sunday of Easter**. 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 list, please fill out a form from the prayer book.**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Bocchino Family in honor of Tom & Lucy's birthdays; and by Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke Via to celebrate Alec's birthday.

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

**Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, April 27, 2014:**

Attendance: 145

## **Budget Report**

	<b><u>April 27</u></b>
Current Offering Received 4/27/14	\$ 2,125.50
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, YTD	\$ 70,780.43
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 1,982.61
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 5,143.61)

## **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Louise Day

**ACOLYTES:** Garret Carpenter  
Garrett Fox

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 4)  
Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain  
Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain  
Barbara Kasmer

**CRUCIFERS:** Aaron Nault, Ashton Nault

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team B)

Sherry Alexander      Fran Holland  
Charles Mauney      Volunteer

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

**GREETERS:** The Tuckers & Kathy Graves

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**

Shelia & Tim Kelly

**FLUTE:** Julia Gunter

**HANDBELLS:** Adult Handbells

## **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

### **Today, Sunday, May 4**

9:30 am    Sunday School  
10:10 am    Church Choir  
10:30 am    The Service with **Holy Communion**  
3:00 pm    **Wrap-Arounds** in parlor  
4:00 pm    Children's Ensemble  
6:00 pm    Church Choir  
8:00 pm    Nar-Anon

### **Tuesday, May 6**

7:00 pm    Chamber Choir  
Nar-Anon

### **Saturday, May 10**

7:00 pm    **Staying Connected**  
Meet at the church

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK:** May 4 – May 10

May 4    Dariel Rogers

May 5    Tom Bocchino

May 7    Dianne Lail

Alec Via

May 10    Zac Hullander



**Today, May 4, the *Wrap-Around Prayer Shawl* ministry will meet in the parlor at 3:00 pm. All interested in participating in this meaningful ministry are asked to attend this session. We are in need of prayer shawls so the timing could not be better.**

**Morning Circle** meets at **11:00 am**, tomorrow, **May 5**, at the **home of Shirley Causby**. This will be a covered dish, social meeting. **All women are invited** to bring a dish and join in the fellowship.



**SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, May 13 from 12 Noon-1:00 pm.** NEW Monthly Bible Study/Luncheon. Bring a pot luck to share or a sandwich for you...just come! Bring your Bible. Pastor John will lead the study. (This used to be the "Jolly Elders," BUT it's for all ages.) If you work close to the church, join us over your lunch hour.



### ***Moving and Standing Still*** Sermon Notes

*"They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32 from NRSV)*  
*"They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."* (verses 34-35)

#### **Today's Gospel account ... 8mm movies or still photos?**

We're between Easter & Pentecost ... between Jesus' Resurrection and the mission of the Church (recorded in Luke's 2<sup>nd</sup> book, called the Acts of the Apostles)

*"Those who accepted his (Peter) message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."* (Acts 2:41 from Today's NIV)

**A story of faith & revelation; a story of remembrance & recognition;  
a story about you & me**

*"Conversion means starting with who we are, not who we wish we were. Conversion doesn't offer a form of knowledge that can be quantified, or neatly packaged. It is best learned slowly and in community"*

*(Dakota: A Spiritual Geography by Kathleen Norris)*

*"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God."* (1 Peter 1:23 from Today's NIV)

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O God, go with us on ordinary days; open our minds and hearts to Your will and feed us with Your heart-opening bread of life. Enter our hopelessness with your awesome grace. Amen.



## Senior Services Month May 2014

In 2013, thanks to the support of congregations across North Carolina, Lutheran Services Carolinas provided 364,419 days of care and services to 2,269 seniors through our skilled nursing homes, retirement communities, assisted living residences, adult day services, and geriatric care programs. **Throughout the month of May, we lift up these ministries and honor the older adults in our care.** LSC is grateful for our partnerships with congregations across the Carolinas. Your support allows us to encourage our residents and enhance the quality of their care. For more information on the work of LSC senior services, visit [www.LSCarolinas.net](http://www.LSCarolinas.net) or call 1-800-HELPING.

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### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin  
Scott Caldwell  
Virginia Crump  
Daniel Dowd  
Cher Grant

Ferrie Hedrick  
Richard Holden  
Zac Hullander  
John Kreitzer  
Chase Lineberger

Rochelle Potter  
Mabel Ratchford  
Mark Reese

### GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

The Abernethy Family  
Harriett Ange  
Kathy Beam  
Dale Burris  
Ronnie Hagy  
Brian Hedrick  
Kathy Helton  
Betty Fox  
Claudia Frazier  
Ronnie Hersey  
Dennis Jordan  
Wesley Jordan & Family

Betty Kannapel  
Becky Knick  
Laura Lanuto & Family  
Pierce Lee  
Peggy McKenney & Family  
Grady Nichols  
Sandra Nix  
Roger Norris  
Jean Peters  
Leland "Lee" Peterson  
Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty

Mara Rappleyea  
Earl Riedley  
Steve Sanford  
Megan Sigler  
Ramona J. Sinclair  
Jimmy Surratt  
Harrison Swindell  
Buck Weatherford  
Beverly F. Wall  
Gloria Ward  
Bryan Wayburn



### OUR SERVICEMEN

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer

Jeremy Shaver



### OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Yount Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).



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**Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 am**

Meet at Davis Park in Belmont

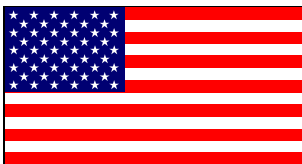
Bring bag lunch for picnic  
and then playing!



**May 18 - Confirmation Sunday**

**Gage Gatlin & Luke Via**

**Confirmands**



**May 25 Memorial Day**

**Outdoor Worship Service**

*(Weather Permitting)*



**June 8 Pentecost Sunday**

***Pig Pickin'*** after the Service

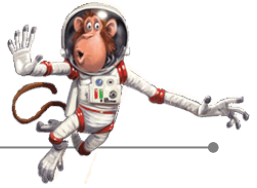
Bring side dish and/or dessert

Meat & drink provided



**SAVE THE DATE:** June 27-28 (Friday evening and Saturday) is the date for our **Vacation Bible School** for **Pre-K through Grade 5**. We will begin on Friday with a pizza supper and will end just before lunch on Saturday so everyone can go on their way for the rest of the Saturday afternoon. **Make plans now to attend.**

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## ***Camp Agape*** Rising 1st Graders — Rising 8th Graders!

**This year we are expanding the day camp to include 6th-8th graders.** The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. **The spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

***Misty Koehler, Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator***

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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**

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Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor

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