# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, July 6, 2014

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



John Propst Interim Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

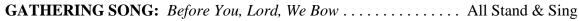
### Silence is kept for reflection.

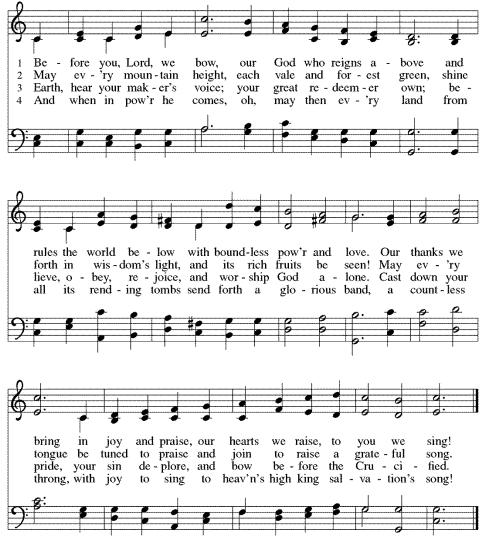
P God our strength,

C we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C Amen.





Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148'TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

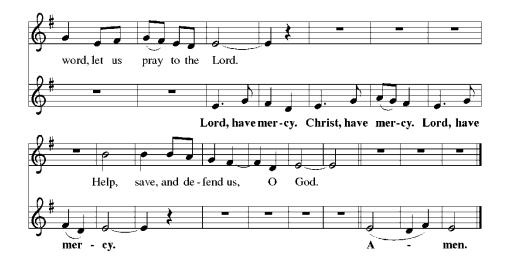
#### **GREETING**

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

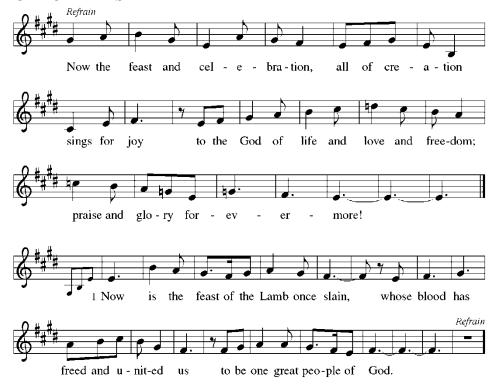
C And also with you.

### **KYRIE**





### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### **SALUTATION**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 Zechariah 9:9–12

A reading from the ninth chapter of Zechariah.

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem: and the battle bow shall be cut off. and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea. and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 7:15–25a

A reading from the seventh chapter of 2 Romans.

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

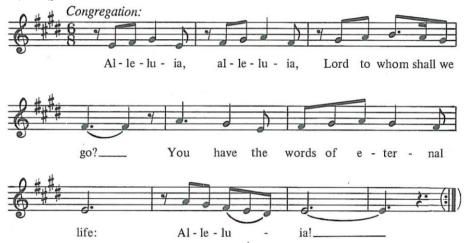
<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not

want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



GOSPEL Matthew 11:25–30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will

give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Light Dawns On a Weary World . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing





Text; Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PËACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

A brief silence.

O God, strengthen and empower your church. Where it is weak or timid, raise up leaders. Support it with your gift of inner strength and peace. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Creator God, the earth groans when we do not regard it with loving care. Forgive us for

<sup>\*</sup> catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

polluting the water and the air, for stripping the land of its natural resources, and for caring more about our own comfort than the long-term health of the planet. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.** 

How beautiful it is when people dwell together in unity. Help us appreciate the differences among us, to seek to understand one another, and to work together for harmony. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

Holy source of hope, so many people are in pain today. Give us hearts of compassion, hands that heal, and lips that speak words of comfort and encouragement. Surround with your love all those in need. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

As you walked with Abraham and Sarah, the magi, and all who follow your call, be with those who travel this day: pilots and truckers, cab drivers and train engineers, those on vacation and those on the road for work. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

Alpha and Omega, you are with us from our first breath to our last. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your loving arms. May the promise of the resurrection sustain those who trust in you. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### Amen.

#### **PEACE**

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

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

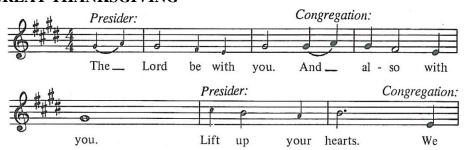


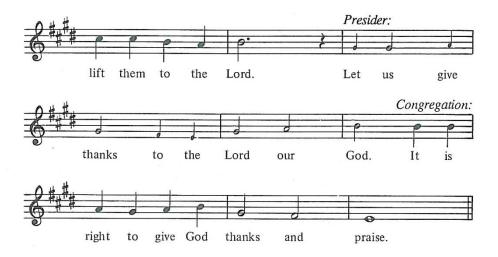
#### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

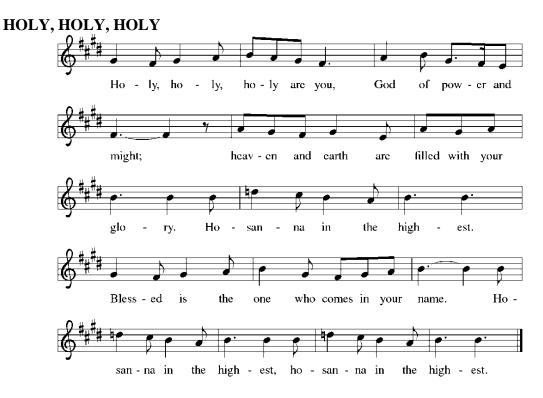
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





#### **PREFACE**

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

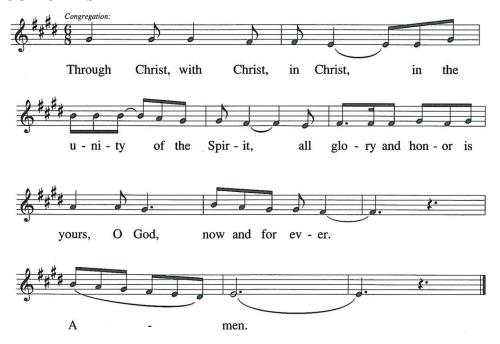


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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 Everyone who hungers, come to the table. Eat what is good, that you may live.
- C Thanks be to God.



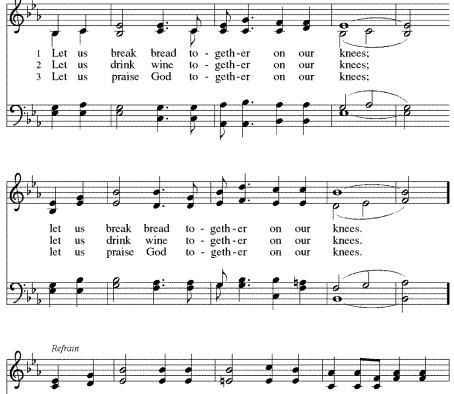




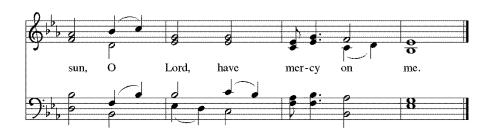
# **COMMUNION**

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: Let Us Break Bread Together . . . . . . All Sing







Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth,
- C that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P May God the sower make you good and fertile soil.

May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions.

May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing

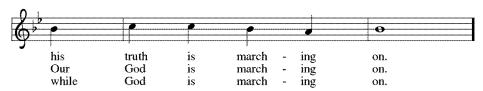


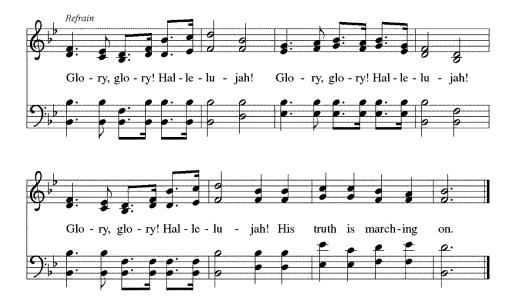


he is tram-pling out the vin-tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be-fore his judg-ment seat. with a glo-ry in his bos-om that trans-fig-ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light-ning of his ter - rì-ble swift sword: Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi-lant, my feet! As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,





Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this The Fourth 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.

<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 by Dianne Lail in honor of Merritt De Nicholas' 6<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Sarah, Jack and Khloe June Tench in honor of Laura Tench's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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, June 29, 2014:

Attendance: 133

Budget Report	June 29, 2014
Current Offering Received 6/29/14	\$ 4,578.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$106,079.23
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 2,126.49
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 10,180.49)

# VISION FUND CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY January 1-June 29, 2014

Vision Fund Contribution for the Period (April 1-June 29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter) \$ 3,215.00 Vision Fund Contribution YTD \$ 7,124.00

Jack Tench, Financial Secretary

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Beth Brittain **GREETERS:** Lyn Miller,

**Becky Richards** 

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin, Matthew Carr EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Shelia & Tim Kelly

CRUCIFERS: Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Louise Day, Co-Captain Donna Bean Nancy Powell

Brenda Daly, Co-Captain Becky Richards

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**: (Team A)

Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly Jo Singleton Jack Tench

**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am)

Nathan Kelly & Amanda Hutton

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: July 6-12** 

July 8 Merritt De Nicholas July 9 Chase Lineberger



July 10 Jeffrey Martin Hailey Ratchford Laura Tench

Sherri Whitley July 11

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Monday, July 6-12

Music Week at Lutheridge

Tuesday, July 8

12 Noon-1:00 pm Bible Study Lunch 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

TELLERS: Jerri & Mike Wesson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER:

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

Trudy Whitener + Helper



# Camp Agape July 14-18

Rising 1st Graders — Rising 8th Graders!

All spaces are filled for the camp this year! We are looking forward to another wonderful week.

# Misty Koehler, Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator

HCY and Kids' Club will meet at 3:45 pm on Sunday, July 20th to go to a Knights Game for Faith & Family Fun Night! (They should return by 8:30 pm)

Tickets are \$14.00 and include a \$2.00 coupon towards food and drink. Parents and friends are invited.

Please email Kristen at keclanton@gmail.com to reserve your ticket!

Grizzlies Baseball Game for Zac's Fund July 31, 2013 Gastonia, NC

Sign-up sheet for tickets @ \$6.00 each See Tom Bocchino to sign up.





#### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin Cher Grant Chase Lineberger
Scott Caldwell Ferrie Hedrick Roger Norris Family
Virginia Crump Richard Holden Mabel Ratchford
Brenda Dabrowski Zac Hullander Mark Reese
Daniel Dowd John Kreitzer Bob Williams

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

Harriett Ange Marshall Kinley **Taylor Propst & Family** Kathy Beam Becky Knick **David Prouty** Alice Langley Dale Burris Mara Rappleyea Ronnie Hagy Laura Lanuto & Family Earl Riedlev Brian Hedrick Pierce Lee Steve Sanford Kathy Helton Peggy McKenney & Family Megan Sigler Betty Fox Carolyn Moss Ramona J. Sinclair Claudia Frazier **Grady Nichols** Jimmy Surratt Donald Freeman Sandra Nix Buck Weatherford Ronnie Hersey Jean Peters Beverly F. Wall Dennis Jordan Leland "Lee" Peterson Gloria Ward Wesley Jordan & Family Scott Phillips Bryan Wayburn

### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Steve Pletsas

Betty Kannapel

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner Dillon Kasmer 🥢 Jeremy Shave

#### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young 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.

#### "Overload" - Sermon notes

Jesus: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 from <u>NRSV</u>)

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest."

(The Message)

Overload ... anybody feel it? Sense it? Live it?

"You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

~John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted* 

"Don't hurry; don't worry; don't hit mama!" ("Tire store theology" from Adam Reed)

# Overloaded People Can (if they are not careful) ...

- Drift from basic values
- > Struggle with relationships
- See life as a contest
- Be Spiritually shallow; even lost

### Applying God's Word/Possible remedy for overload: Margin

(you know, like the margin around a page on a book)

### Margin ...

- Gives us time to enjoy life
- > Helps us remain physically charged
- > Gives us time to respond to the needs of others
- Gives us time to hear from Jesus

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"I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." ~Mother Teresa



PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY & HOPE
ARE OFFERED TO TRUDY WHITENER & FAMILY
ON THE RECENT DEATH OF HER BROTHER
ROGER NORRIS.



THE CONGREGATION OF
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
DOUGLAS MICAH KEARNEY
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014
4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BISHOP BOLICK OF THE ELCA NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD WILL PRESIDE

# Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground Project



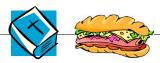
The playground, built on our church grounds, will be a commercial structure designed for 2-12 year-olds.

The location for the build is the empty lot beside of the storage building. Other children outside the congregation will be allowed the use of the equipment, but will be a *play-at-your-own-risk* situation.

Half of the \$36,000 cost has already been raised by the generous contributions from family, congregation members at the time of Heather's passing and anonymous donors.

We need your help to raise the \$18,000 in order to complete this project.

Please join us in making the playground a reality by indication on your check memo line or offering envelope: *Playground Project*.



# Bible Study/Lunch Tuesday, July 8 from 12 Noon—1:00 pm

Bring a pot luck or a sandwich...just come!
Bring your Bible.

John Kreitzer will lead the study.

\*\*Agape Lunch Bunch\*\*
is now the new name of the group.
If you work close to the church,
join us over your lunch hour.

# **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

John Propst, Interim Pastor; email: JohnCPropst@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager