# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 15, 2014

# Holy Trinity Sunday



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.



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# **GREETING**

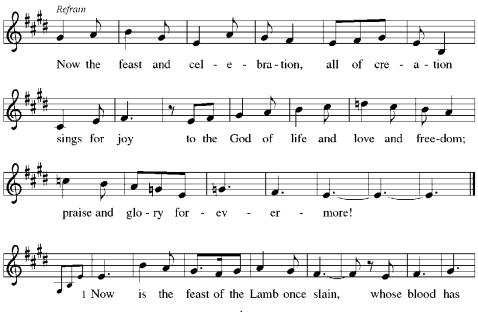
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

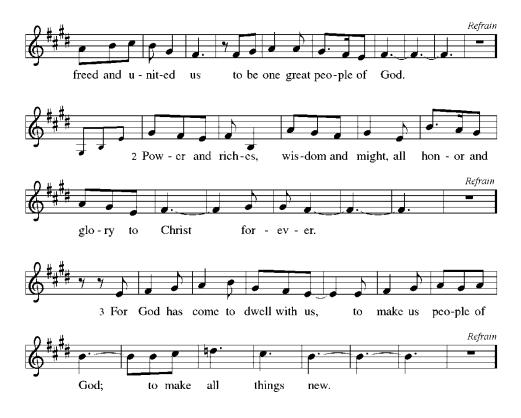
# **KYRIE**





# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### **SALUTATION**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

# P Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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 Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from the first and second chapters of Genesis.

This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.

# **Chapter 1**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the

earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

# Chapter 2

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.

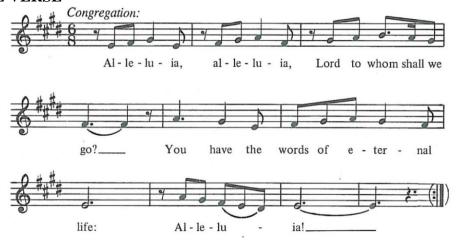
<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**SERMON:** "The Great Comfort" + Sermon Notes (Page 23) . . . . . . . . . Pastor John

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Faith of Our Fathers . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



- Faith of our fa thers! We will love both friend and foe in
- fire. sword. Oh. how our hearts beat high and with joy blest would be their con science free: chil dren's fate all our strife; pro - claim thee too, love knows how, as





Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

#### 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; be descended to the deed

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.

Almighty God, you send your people into the world as beacons of light and hope. Bless the ministry of churches everywhere, that they take strength from your promise to be with us always. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

With a word, you brought forth the majesty of creation: rolling hills, fragrant meadows, thundering seas. Inspire us to cherish and preserve them as stewards of your good land. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Be with those in the path of violence and war. Guard them against harm and give them a future with hope. Send your peace to the places that need it the most (*especially*). Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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

Give strength to those bearing heavy burdens: addiction, mental illness, loneliness, and grief. Heal those whose bodies and souls are hurting. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

Enable this congregation to support all families. Strengthen fathers and all who nurture, so that they guide with wisdom, gentleness, and grace. Let us pray.

# Have mercy, O God.

We give thanks for all the saints who rest eternally in your loving care. Enliven our witness by their example. 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 ANTHEM:** O God, Whose Word Well Planted . . . . . . . . Church Choir

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





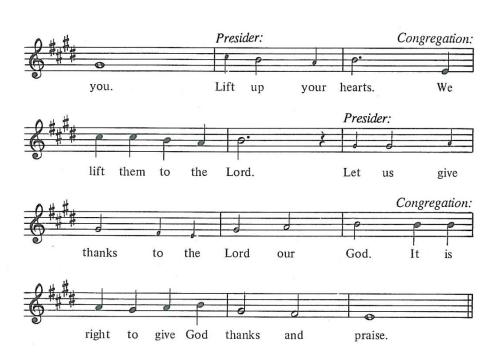
## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

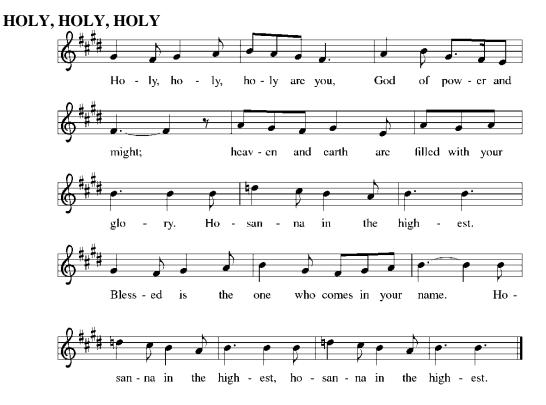
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





# **PREFACE**

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



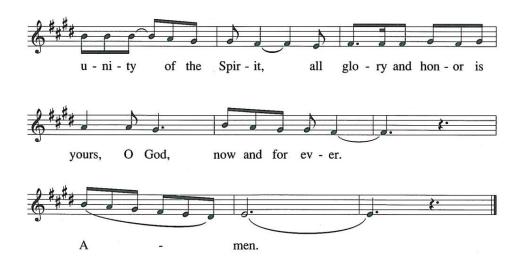
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# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

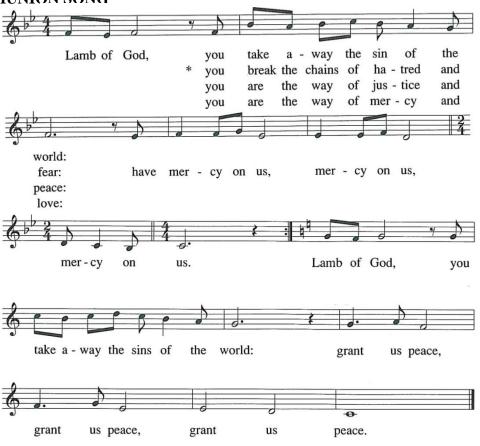
For thine is the kingdom,

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 SONG**





#### **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.



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

#### C Amen.

#### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



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#### 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:** Holy God, We Praise Your Name . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing





Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

#### DISMISSAL

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

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Holy Trinity 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 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 Jack, Laura, Elizabeth & Khloe Tench in honor of Sarah's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday; and by Dean Burwell in honor of Cooper's birthday.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> 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 8, 2014:

Attendance: 193

Budget Report	<u>June 8, 2014</u>
Current Offering Received 6/08/14	\$ 4,168.75
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 94,108.23
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 3,669.28
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 8,637.70)

#### **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Brenda Daly

GREETERS: Brenda Daly,
Levige Day

Louise Day

ACOLYTES: Claire Mitchell PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon

Nathn Baakko Diann Halvorson

CRUCIFERS: Cooper Burwell, Madison Carr FLUTE: Julia Gunter

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)
Fran Holland, Co-Captain
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Tracey Nault Courtney Gatlin

Stephanie Hinson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**: (Team C)

Sherry Alexander Greg Garrison
Courtney Gatlin Volunteer

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:** 

Need Volunteers

**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am) Sherry Alexander & Becca Gatlin

**TELLERS:** Raini Kimball

Dennis Tucker

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

#### BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 15-21

June 16 Cooper Burwell

Brooke Martin Sarah Tench June 17 Marsha Kinley June 18 Dawn Fleming June 19 John Koehler



# THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

# Today, Sunday, June 15

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Happy Father's Day!

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

# Tuesday, June 17

7:00 pm Nar-Anon



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 27-28**

**5:30 pm Friday** evening we begin with a with pizza supper; **9:00 am Saturday** morning -12 Noon, NO LUNCH **Vacation Bible School** is for **Pre-K through Grade 5**. Make plans now to attend.

We will receive new members on June 29. If you are interesting in joining Holy Comforter contact Pastor John Propst at JohnCPropst@gmail.com.



# Camp Agape July 14-18

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 <u>due at the time of registration</u>. 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



# PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

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

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

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

# **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Dillon Kasmer

Jason Gardner

Jeremy Shaver

#### **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.

# "The Great Comfort" + Sermon Notes

#### The Great Claim --

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." (Matthew 28:18 from <u>Today's NIV</u>)

## The Great Commission -

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20a from *NRSV*)

# The Great Comfort -

"and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:20b from NKJV)

**or** "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (The Message)

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# **The Great Commandment --**

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

(Matthew 22:37-40 from *Today's NIV*)

The Great Claim + The Great Commission + The Great Comfort ...

Add this to the Great Commandment **End Result:** A Great Church Reaching a Hurting World



# Congratulations to Crystal & Daniel Hughes On the birth of

# Emilee Grace

Born June 10, 2014 at 5:30 am 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19-inches long



THE CONGREGATION OF
HOLY COMFORTER LUTHERAN CHURCH
IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE WEDDING OF
MAKAYLA FELIZ & MITCH BROOKS
SUNDAY, JUNE 29
2 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

# **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

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager