

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, April 13, 2014

The Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday



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Interim Pastor

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Organist/Choirmaster

REDEDICATION OF CARILLON (pages 23-24)

WELCOME/GATHERING

GATHERING

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1–11

A The processional gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church.



GATHERING SONG: *All Glory Laud and Honor* All Stand & Sing

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL. ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Congregation 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

Isaiah 50:4–9a

A reading from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens —
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LESSON ANTHEM: *Sing Hosanna* Chamber Choir

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

A reading from the second chapter of Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11–54

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation is seated.

SERMON: "Why Good Friday? So that ..." (Notes on page 20) Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Where Charity and Love Prevail All Stand & Sing*
 [All members of the Children's Ensemble come to the balcony during the singing of this hymn.]



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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THE 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.**

* catholic with a small “c” refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we enter this holy week, together let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world, that our sisters and brothers in every land be renewed in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the fragile gift of creation, that our world's many scars and sufferings find healing in God's mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the nations of the world, especially where betrayal and injustice reign and God's children perish by the sword of violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those in need—for those who are grieved or distressed, lonely or despairing, ill or in pain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism and for all seeking renewal amid these holy days, that we might all be transformed in Christ's love poured out for the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God of love, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Blessed Is He* Church Choir & Children's Ensemble

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Let the Vineyards* All Stand & Sing

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION SONG: *Jesus, Lamb of God* All Sing

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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COMMUNION

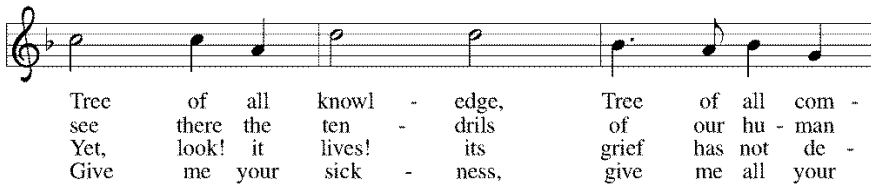
A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: *On the Willows* Trio
(See page 19 for words)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *There In God's Garden* All Sing

- 1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
- 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
- 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
- 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982
Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* All Stand & Sing



1 Go to dark Geth-se-ma - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
 4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Passion/Palm 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.

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 or online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Tim & Debbie Baker; and Mark & Rebecca Yount to the glory of God for their anniversary. **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 Committee

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, April 6, 2014:

Attendance: 134

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>April 6, 2014</u>
Current Offering Received 3/30/14	\$ 8,015.68
Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 61,354.93

The Current Offering Received for the year through April 6, 2014 is \$ 6,070.90 more than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

Contribution Summary 1st Quarter 2014, January 1 - March 31, 2014

Total Contributions for the period	\$72,497.52
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Total includes all fund contributions for the period

Current Budget Fund Contribution for the period	\$53,062.25
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Vision Fund Contribution for the period	\$ 3,909.00
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Jack Tench Financial Secretary

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. + Julia Gunter

GREETER: Need Volunteer

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin
Matthew Carr, Alec Via

TELLERS: Jerri & Mike Wesson

CRUCIFERS: Hannah Carnes, Molly Koehler, Noah Rogers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain
Brad Milton, Co-Captain
Carmen De Nicholas
Brandy Milton

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
Tracey & Carolina Nault

USHERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) Tom Bocchino & Makayla Feliz
(Next Sunday, April 20: Ashley Ange & Misty Koehler)

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, April 13

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir
10:30 am The Service

5:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm ***Maundy Thursday***
Worship w/**Holy Communion**

Friday, April 18

7:00 pm ***Good Friday Tenebrae***
Service "Crucifixion Mime"

Saturday, April 19

10 am-12 Noon ***Rock-n-Roll Easter Event***
Toddler 2 – Grade 5 **Egg Hunt**
No Lunch.

Sunday, April 20, The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 am Sunrise Service
Breakfast after the service
No Children's Sunday School
10:05 am Chamber Choir in Choir Room
10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
10:30 am The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Service With Holy Communion

*Also, remember to bring flowers from your yard to "flower the cross"
before the 10:30 am service.*

Today is the deadline for your Easter lily order. Order form on page 21.



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: April 13-19

April 16 Misty Koehler
Debbie Neagle

April 17 Jody Flowers
April 19 Jake MacDonald



The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Forms Available.



To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter for at least one year
- Participate in Communion and contribute to the church during the time you are receiving the grant
- **Submit the following by the deadline of April 24th:**
 1. Your completed application
 2. A transcript from your most recently completed semester
 3. A typed essay (at least one paragraph) describing yourself, career plans, and life goals(Email the church office at holycomforter@gmail.com and request Lineberger Scholarship Form.)

Our best wishes to you in your educational journey. *Your Scholarship Ministry, Carmen De Nicholas*



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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *On the Willows* Schwartz
Trio: Greg Byrum, Leslie Crist, Diann Halvorson

On the willows there We hung up our lyres
For the captors there required of us songs and our tormentors mirth.

Saying: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion,"
But how can we sing, sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

On the willows there We hung up our lyres.

Sermon Notes: “**Why Good Friday? So that ...**”

40 Days of Purpose – (Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren)...

First Purpose: *It's all about God. On the cross, it's all about us!*

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one. As You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”

~Jesus - John 17:20-21 from NRSV

“I lay down My life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.”

~Jesus - John 10:17b-18a from NRSV

“Christianity is the only major religion in the world to have as its central event the humiliation of its God”

~Bruce Shelly, Church Historian

*“**so that** at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”*

(Philippians 2:10-11 from NRSV)

*“On the eve of the cross, Jesus made a decision. He would rather go to hell **for** you than go to heaven **without** you.”*

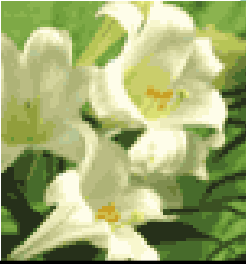
(And the Angels Were Silent, Max Lucado)

“This was love at its best when humankind stooped to its worst.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Why the cross & Good Friday? So that ...



Easter Lily Order

For Sunday, April 20, 2014

Please place your Easter Lily Order by filling in the form below. You may then return the form to the church office or place in the offering plate. **All orders must be accompanied by payment at time of order so that we can keep a proper accounting of your gifts and reduce the possibilities of errors.** Please PRINT CLEARLY your name and the name of person/persons you are honoring or placing the Easter lilies in memory of. **Deadline to place your order is today, April 13, 2014.**

Easter Lily Order Form

Your Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ Number of Lilies Ordered: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

To The Glory of God: _____

Paid Check ☐

Paid Cash ☐

The cost of **each** Easter lily is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to *Holy Comforter* with notation on check that it is for Easter lily order.



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Virginia Crump
Daniel Dowd
Ferrie Hedrick

Richard Holden
Zac Hullander
Chase Lineberger
Pat Long & Family

Liz Propst
Mabel Ratchford
Mark Reese

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Angela & Derek Abernethy
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
Ruth Lail
Peggy McKenney & Family
Grady Nichols
Sandra Nix
Paul Outlaw
Jean Peters
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Mara Rappleyea
Joel Rivers (NY)
Steve Sanford

Kelly Shoe
Shore Family
Megan Sigler
Ramona J. Sinclair
Jimmy Surratt
Harrison Swindell
Charmaine Townsend
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.

Carillon Rededication

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther
All Glory, Laud, and Honor Melchior Teschner
Chacone Jean-Baptiste Lully
Jesus Loves Me Traditional

Psalm 100 (from various translations)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

R/ Ring the bells with joy & praise!

Bring a gift of praise;

sing joy-songs in God's presence.

R/ Ring the bells with joy & praise!

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving

and God's courts with praise;

R/ Ring the bells with joy & praise!

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Worship God! Praise God!

R/ Ring the bells with joy & praise!

For the LORD is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

R/ Ring the bells with joy & praise!

Prayer of Rededication

Carillon Rededication

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

The bronze bells of the carillon tower have rung their praises to God for over half of Holy Comforter's nearly 100-year history. In 1960, shortly following the completion to the new sanctuary, a peel of 12 bells was installed. In 1976, the tower was enlarged to 23 bells. 1984 completed a total of 35 cast bells. Today we celebrate the return of the bells which have remained silent for some eighteen months, following years of wear, weather exposure, and lightning strikes.

The bells are supplied by a power unit which is custom-designed to ring a bell that is mounted in a stationary position; the clappers being housed within the bell to be rung. The frame is fabricated of steel, with the clapper ball cast in bronze to preserve the quality and richness of tone. System programming is accomplished from a remote keyboard; computer controlled. The carillon may also be played (live) from the organ console.



The congregational family of Holy Comforter expresses its sincere thanks to the Lineberger family for their magnificent gift of the refurbished 35-bell carillon.

The following is inscribed on one of the original tower bells: "To the Glory of God And In Loving Memory Of Abel Caleb Lineberger And Martha Jane (Hipp) Lineberger By Their Children."

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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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