Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 13, 2019

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord* David Dahl

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, \pm one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen.

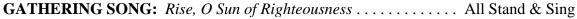
P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our helper,

C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news. C Amen.





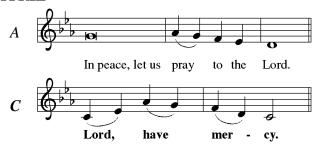
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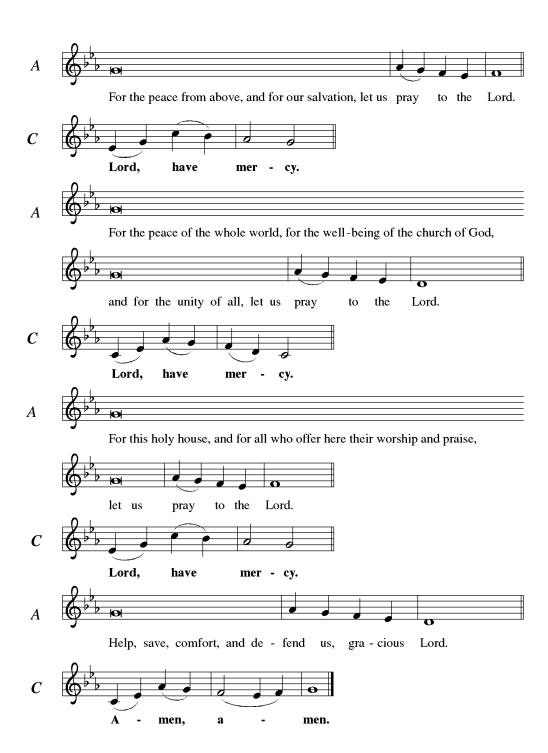
GREETING

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







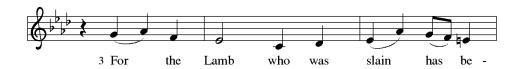














PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

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 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from the fifth chapter of 2 Kings.

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure

a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from the second chapter of 2 Timothy.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

- P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated

himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

The assembly is seated.

Silence for Reflection is Kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Come to You for Healing, Lord All Stand & Sing



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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

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O God, you promise your church: if we die with you, we will also live with you; if we endure, we will also reign with you; even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. Strengthen us to believe your gracious promises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great are your works, O Lord, and we delight in the wonder and majesty of creation. As the earth brings forth its fruit, renew your creation so that all creatures are sustained and nourished. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Bless presidents, prime ministers and chancellors; lawmakers, judges, governors, and county officials, so

that they reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for the people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You wash us and we are made clean. In your compassion, immerse all who are sick and suffering in your care (*especially*). Heal us, even when there may be no cure, and give us thankful hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With love and thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in you. Give us certainty to trust the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

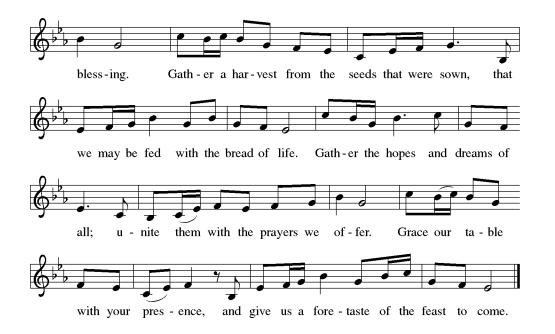
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Let the Vineyards All Stand & Sing



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

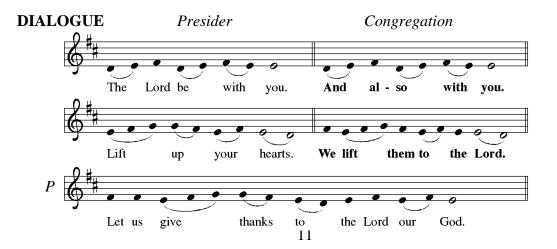


OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

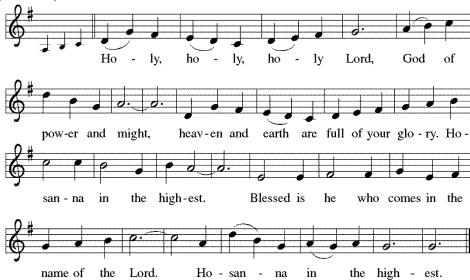




PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



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Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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

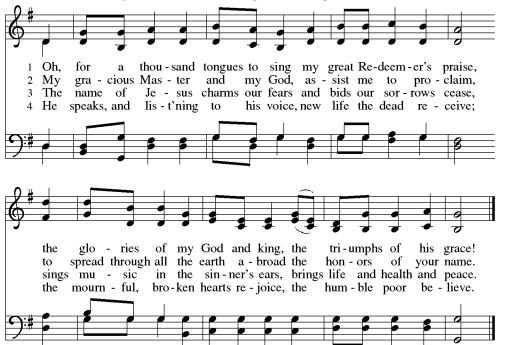
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray.
- C God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* All Stand & Sing



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

SENDING

- A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
- C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this Eighteenth 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 in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



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 board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Claire, Will, Evan, Katie & Beau in honor of Jeff Howard's birthday; and by Judy, Carly & Mollie Caldwell in memory of Scott Caldwell.

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

Offering and Attendance Report for October 7, 2019:

Attendance: 119

Budget Report	This Week	Year-to-Date	(Unfavorable)
Offering	\$ 4,680.00	\$223,762.77	(6,386.17)
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$228,380.87	1,768.07
Offering less Expenses	(\$ 1,094.35)	(\$ 4,618.10)	(4,618.10)

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 10/7/19

Goal: \$225,000 Received to Date: 165.015 Additional Amounts Promised: 35.000 Remaining Needed: \$ 24.985

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 13-19

October 14 Jean Ferguson

Linda Grimsley Stephanie Hinrichs

Jeff Howard

October 15 Pat Speck October 18 David Koehler

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Volunteer **GREETER:** Volunteer

ACOLYTE: Henrik Sarrazin TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: **CRUCIFER:** Bella Ince

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3) Fran Holland, Co-Captain Tracey Nault, Co-Captain

Rebecca Yount

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

Shelia Kelly

NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am)

Rebecca Yount

USHERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION ORGANIST:

Suzanne Fairbairn

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Sunday, October 13

8:45 am Children's Ensemble

9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holv Communion

Council after

5:00 pm Handbells

HCY

6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Christian Ed meeting

Nar-Anon

Wednesday, October 16

6:45 pm HCY Girls' Bible Study

(Upstairs)

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

(Downstairs)

Saturday, October 19

Sanctuary Cleanup Day 8:30 am

> Breakfast, then projects after





Fiber UP! Fiber is an indigestible carbohydrate. It helps people stay healthy by preventing constipation, and in certain forms seems to lower cholesterol levels and prevent cancer. Yet until recently, fiber was processed out of most grain foods like bread and cereal. In pursuit of good health, we've now welcomed back fiber. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) recommends that everyone take in 20 to 35 grams of fiber a day. Fruits, vegetables, beans, and grains all contain dietary fiber.

Dietary fiber consists of two kinds of fiber: water soluble fiber (meaning it dissolves in water) and water insoluble fiber (meaning it doesn't). The following foods are especially good sources of soluble fiber, which may be helpful in lowering cholesterol: barley bran, cooked dried beans, legumes, and oat bran. The following foods are especially good sources of insoluble fiber, which may protect against constipation and colon cancer: corn bran, nuts, vegetables, and wheat bran. Most fruits, vegetables, and grain products contain both soluble and insoluble fiber, though, so eating a wide variety of foods can help you get your fair share of both soluble and insoluble fiber. Note: Many people rely on breakfast cereals as their main source of fiber but keep in mind that, while most highfiber breakfast cereals contain 10-13 grams of fiber per 1/4-1/3 cup serving, you'd have to eat two to three times that to get your daily quota! Better to add fruits, vegetables and grains to your diet later in the day to balance out your needs. Plus you'll be getting the additional nutrition that those foods offer, as well!

REMINDERS: Pep exercise class is starting October 21st at 6:00 pm. Come join us for some gentle stretching. No signup is needed, just come and expect to feel better! And "Getting Your House in Order" luncheon workshop is November 9th from 10-2. Please do sign up for this workshop – we need a count for luncheon and notebook purposes. If you need further information, email the Parish Nurse at parishnurse0407@gmail.com.

NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to Dianne in the office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Shirley Causby
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone

Ellen Fleming
Sarah Tench Helms
Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Ben Moose

Sherry Perry Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Mike Barbee
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Carol Fox
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Meredith Hovis
Steve Leonard
Ruth Lyerly
Jane Marino
Clarence McLain
Family of Dawn Mitchell
Anne Murdy
Linda Nichols

Robert Nichols Sarah Nichols Ann Peters Tommy Smith Brody Thornburg Dennis Yates

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

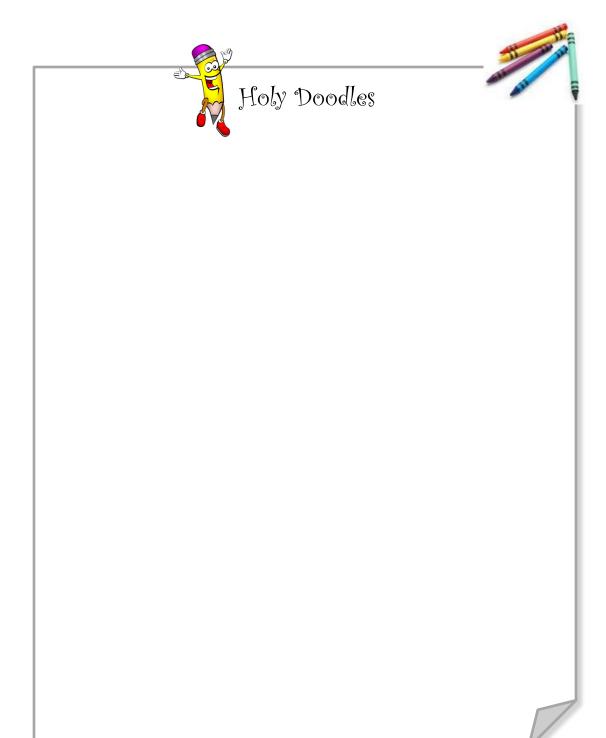
Colton Parker



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.





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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MKearney@holyc.org
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse