Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: How Firm A Foundation Sacred Harp, 1844

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, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C Amen.

P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P O God, our merciful redeemer,
- C we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for 4 his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Crown Him With Many Crowns All Stand & Sing



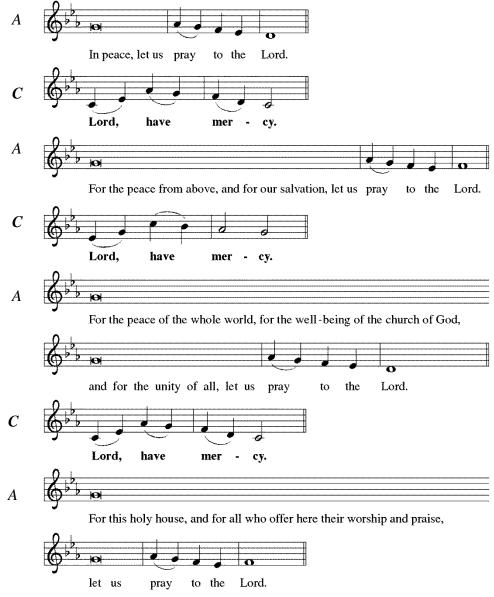
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GREETING

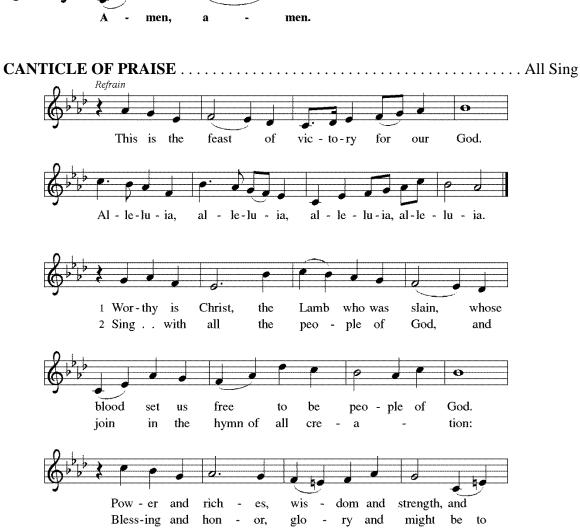
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

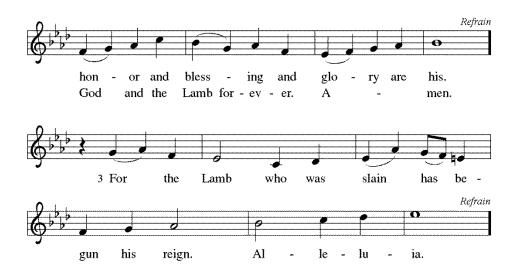
C And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 nurseries.

FIRST READING

A reading from the seventh chapter of Daniel.

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched. thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne. his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him.

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. Α

Thanks be to God. \mathbf{C}



A reading from the first chapter of Revelation.

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL John 18:33–37

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

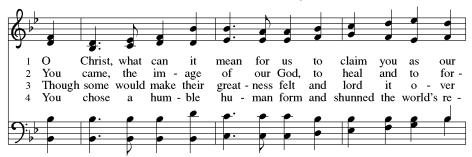
- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor Micah

Silence is Kept for Reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us All Stand & Sing





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Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902
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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

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick (*especially*). Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your dominion is forever and ever. We give thanks for the faithful departed who live with the saints of all ages in your infinite love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

The Children's and Church choirs will come forward for the anthem offering.

OFFERING



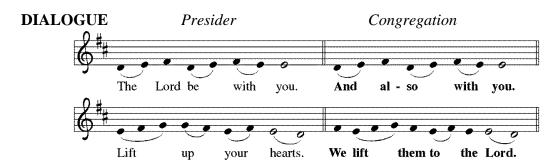


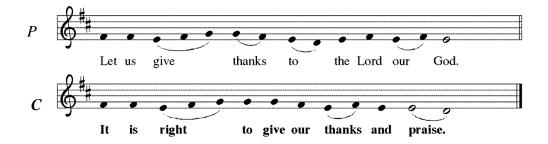


OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

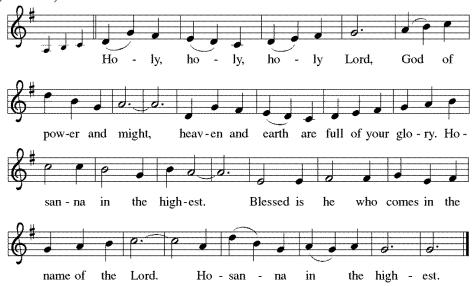




PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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,

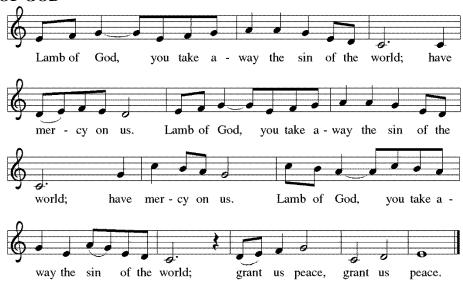
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

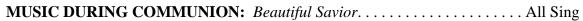
LAMB OF GOD





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.





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

- 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 Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C Amen.



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SENDING

A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune* Purcell

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this Christ the King 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. Nurseries for children (infants through 3 years old) are 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 Andrew & Beverly Robinson in celebration of their 29th wedding 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.

Worship & Music Committee

Offering and Attendance Report for November 18, 2018:

Attendance: 114

Budget Report		mber, 2018	Year-to-D	Year-to-Date	
Offering	\$	3,095.00	\$ 238,463	3.60	
Expenses	<u>\$</u>	5,551.17	<u>248,31</u>	1.61	
Offering less Expenses	(\$	2,456.17)	(\$ 9,84	8.01)	
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses			\$ 254,82	5.28	
Offering less Budgeted Expenses			(\$ 16,36	1.68)	

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye GREETER: Pat Koehler

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jill Cassel

Volunteers

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

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Tracey Nault, Co-Captains TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

Katie Howard

Rebecca Yount USHERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) **EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**

Bev Mauney, Fran Holland, Sherry Alexander Volunteers

HANDBELL DUET: ANTHEM ACCOMPANIST:

Janet Achor and Ellen Fleming Jo Irwin

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 25-December 1

10:30am The Service w/Holy Communion

Today, November 25 Mallory Morton November 29 Rickie Neagle November 27 Sue Lahr December 1 Madison Kelly

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, November 25 Tuesday, November 27

8:45 am Children's Ensemble 7:00 pm Chamber Choir 9:30 am Sunday School Nar-Anon

10:10 am Church Choir prep

Thanksgiving/Christmas Lunch
Decorate for Advent/Christmas Wednesday, November 28

2:00 pm Adult Catechism class 5:00pm Youth Handbells

5:00 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Church Choir



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Tim Baker
Cynthia Buchanan
The Family & Friends
of Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone

Sarah Tench Helms Zac Hullander Sue Lahr Ben Moose Holly Peche Sherry Perry Kathie Schaumburg Scott Schaumburg Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jo Singleton Jerri Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Amy Beale Blythe Doug Brewer Ron de la Vega Carol Fox Larry "Poss" Garrett Ruth Lail Beverly Lineberger Jennifer Lineberger Ronnie Lunsford Clarence McLain Susan Misner Anne Murdy 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.







Drink Water, the Nutrient for Every Cell Two-thirds of your body is composed of water, making it your body's most vital nutrient. Water provides a valuable source of minerals, like calcium and magnesium. Water helps digest food and absorb nutrients into the body. Water carries nutrients to organs via the bloodstream and carries away bodily waste

products. Water moistens mucous membranes and lubricates the joints, and cools the body through perspiration. Many people underestimate their need for water. The average adult should drink six to eight 8-ounce glasses of water (or its equivalent) a day. You can meet part of that quota by consuming high water content foods such as iceberg lettuce (95 percent water), cantaloupe (91 percent water), and raw carrots (88 percent water). And, while consuming those foods you're also getting some of your vegetable and fruit servings for each day! So, do your body a favor...**DRINK WATER!**

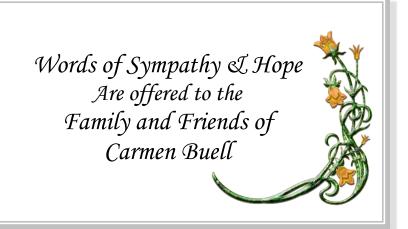
Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or parishnurse0407@gmail.com.





Sunday School Attendance 11/18/2018

CLASS	KIDS	ADULTS	
Pre-K	0		
Upper Elementary	6		1
Lower Elementary	4		
Teens	3		XXX
Seekers		6	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adults		8	



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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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