Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 4, 2017

The Day of Pentecost

The Baptism of Owen Leroy Shoemaker

Micah Kearney Pastor



Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

PRELUDE: God of Earthquake, God of Thunder Ashdown

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: O Day Full of Grace All Stand & Sing



PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world

Sponsors:

I present Owen Leroy Shoemaker for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Owen baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

As you bring Owen to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that Owen may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made.

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Owen grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Owen by praying for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

- C I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

- P Owen Leroy Shoemaker, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
- P Sustain Owen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

P Owen Leroy Shoemaker, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

- A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- A Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 Acts 2:1–21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL John 20:19–23

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

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

The assembly is seated.



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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven.

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Inspire us with your Spirit. Unite us in your love. Raise up faithful leaders from among our youth and our elders to guide your church throughout the world. Especially today we pray for our newest brother in Christ, Owen, that he might be formed and nurtured through the work of the Holy Spirit to be a reflection of your grace in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For city parks and wildlife refuges. For community gardens, farms, and ranches. For agricultural workers, seafood harvesters, and subsistence farmers. Nourish the earth with seasonable weather and adequate rainfall. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations. For people of every land and language. End violence, warfare, and ethnic strife. Lead us from fear to friendship, from injustice to equality, from oppression to freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. For those who work with children. For those discerning a call to ministry. For all the baptized and those who have newly affirmed their baptism. For visitors, new members, and those who are absent from us today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might.

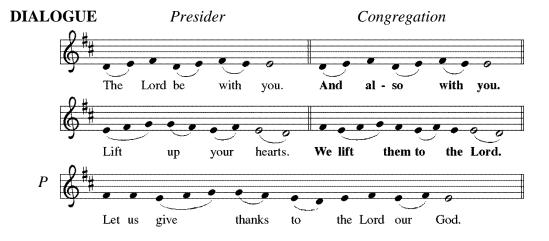
To the members of Christ's body, to the brances of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign.

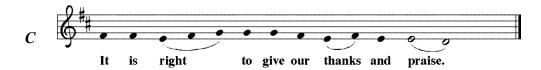
With the healing of division, with the cease-less voice of prayer, with the pow'r to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.



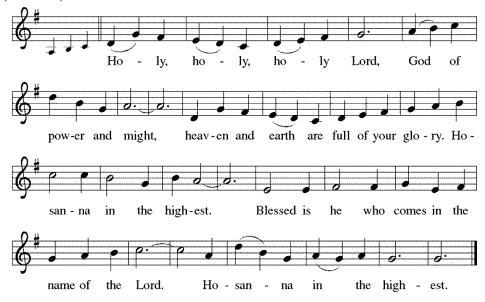


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Now let us feast this Pentecost Day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

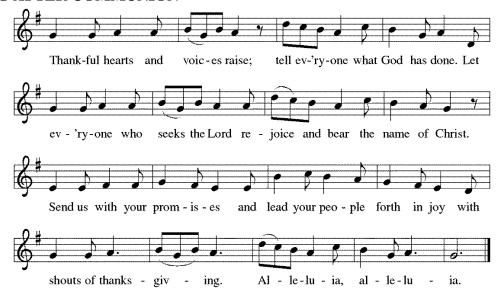
A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to Lov - ing Spir-it, you en - fold me, hold my life Like a moth-er with-in your own, a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye, Friend and lov - er. in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed: Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see your flesh and bone. me see the world from high. your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray.
- C Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Lord, You Give the Great Commission All Stand & Sing





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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Α
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this Day of Pentecost. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (infants through 3 years old) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! Please return the tote bag with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Horace Bean and Donna Bean in memory of the Bean and Morgan Family.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. *Carmen Buell, Worship & Music*

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 28, 2017:

Attendance: 49

Budget Report	May 28, 2017	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$ 1,191.00	\$ 107,408.75
Expenses	\$ 5,656.42	\$ 119,154.26
Offering less Expenses	(<u>\$ 4,465.42)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,745.51)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		\$ 120,654.86
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 13,246.11)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye GREETER: Katie Kessen

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)
Bev Mauney, Co-Captain
Charles Mauney, Co-Captain
Carmen DeNicholas

Deb Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

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

Infants: Volunteers
Toddlers: Staff

Volunteer

TELLERS: John Koehler

Fran Holland

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers **USHERS:** Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 4-10

June 9 Kaylin Leitner June 10 Greg Garrison



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, June 4

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Pentecost Picnic after the service

Friday, June 9

8:00 pm Movie on the Lawn

Showing Moana



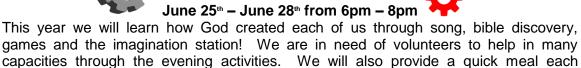
Tuesday, June 6

7:00 pm Nar-Anon



evening for all participants & volunteers.

Vacation Bible School 2017



If you are interested in volunteering to lead a group of kids, a breakout session or help prepare a meal, please email Melissa Bocchino at melissa.bocchino@pwc.com. Registration forms for children in rising grades K through 5th are available in the narthex (inside front doors of entrance to sanctuary). We invite our middle schoolers & high schoolers to volunteer to help! Please reach out with any questions!



Holy Comforter is hosting Camp Agape July 17-21.

Agape is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Agape Kure Beach Ministries.

During a day at camp the kids will participate in Bible study, crafts, games, skits, nature time and lots of other fun activities. The kids in the 6th to 8th grade 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 **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration**. There is only room for 25 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.**



We welcome to Holy Comforter
via Infant Baptism
Owen Leroy Shoemaker
Son of Jason & Lauren Shoemaker
Born November 11, 2016

Requests PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen Kay Holden Sherry Perry
Brenda Dabrowski Dot Holland Marguerite Shive
Shawn De Nicholas Zac Hullander Denise Taylor
Ardean Ewing Chase Lineberger Jack Tench
Ned Featherstone Holly Peche Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Jennifer Lineberger Jeanne Bernhardt Carol Fox Scott Frisk Barbara Bingham Anne Murdy Karen Wayt Father Frank Cancro Bill Hinkle Midge Cunningham Donnie Yavelak Glenda Hinkle Teresa Beale Davis Brian Jackson & Karen de la Vega Family

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

OUR SERVICEMEN

Dillon Kasmer Leo Kasmer Tom Kasmer

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 located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org



Be included in Holy Comforter's 2017 Photo Directory!

Lifetouch (formerly Olan Mills) supplies professional photographers on-site to provide members with the highest quality family photos as well as providing the church with a top-notch Photo Directory. We strongly encourage EVERY FAMILY to participate in this opportunity! Here are a few reasons why:

- It's 100% FREE! Lifetouch only requires there be at least 15 families photographed to provide this free service.
- Each family receives a FREE 8x10, no purchase necessary!
- Each family receives a FREE Photo Directory, a professionally bound book of photos and contact information as well as a history lesson celebrating Holy Comforter's Centennial year!
- · Easy online scheduling! Visit our website or Facebook for link.
- For every session scheduled, Holy C receives \$5! So not only is the session beneficial to your family, but it's a fundraising opportunity!
- We have coupons! \$10 off any photo package simply for providing your e-mail address!

We have **FOUR** dates to ensure everyone will be able to participate.

Monday, June 12 2 pm - 9 pm

Tuesday, June 13 2 pm - 9 pm

Friday, June 23 2 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, June 24 10 am - 5 pm

Questions? Contact Katie Kessen at 815.762.5480 or ktkssn112@aol.com

BCO June Items of the Month...





Holy Doodles



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

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager