Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 5, 2014

World Communion Sunday



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

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, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.
- C Amen.
- P Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Generous and faithful God,
- C we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *The Church of Christ, In Every Age* All Stand & Sing



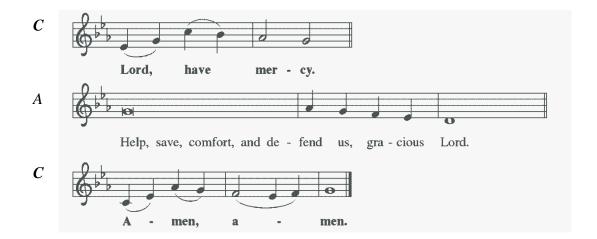
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GREETING

- 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.

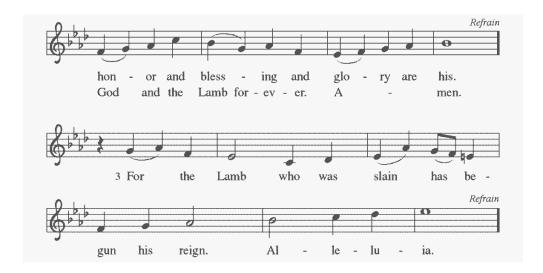
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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 Isaiah 5:1–7

A reading from the fifth chapter of Isaiah.

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Let me sing for my beloved

my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste:

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,

but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,

but heard a cry!

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the third chapter of Philippians.

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

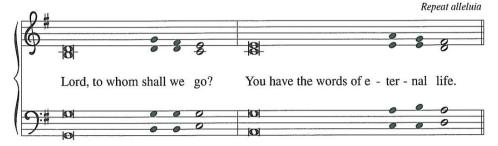
⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL VERSE





GOSPEL Matthew 21:33–46

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

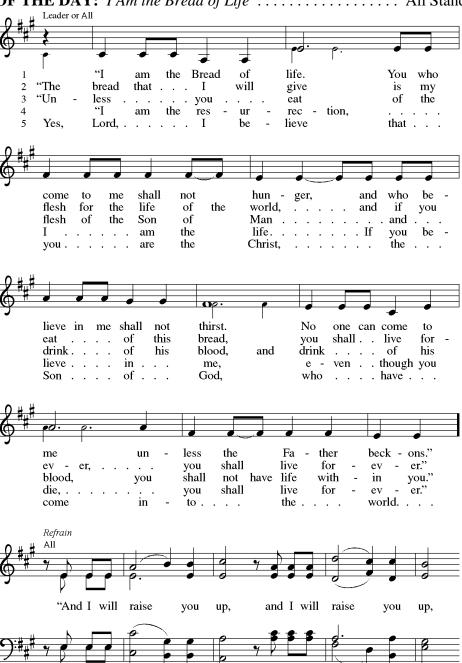
⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

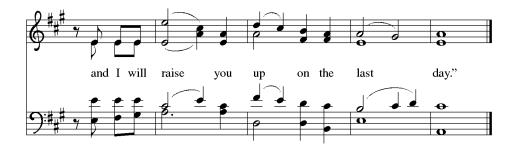
⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Am the Bread of Life All Stand & Sing





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Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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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 whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that rouse us to be the church in a world where faith is met with cynicism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

^{*} catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that motivate us to rebuild where storms have torn down, droughts have sucked dry, and waters have flooded. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that provoke us to create change where there is injustice, freedom where there is captivity, and harmony where there is violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that compel us to provide relief to those who suffer, comfort to those who mourn, protection to those who are vulnerable, and compassion to those who are scorned. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that lift us out of complacency and into our communities to share the priceless gift of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that assure us of eternal life, where, together with all your saints, we will join you in a song that has no end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring All Standing Choir verse 1; **Congregation verses 2 & 3**

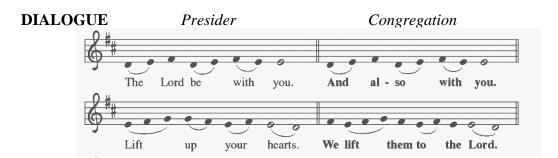


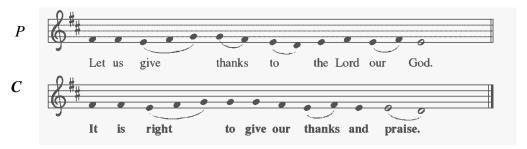
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.



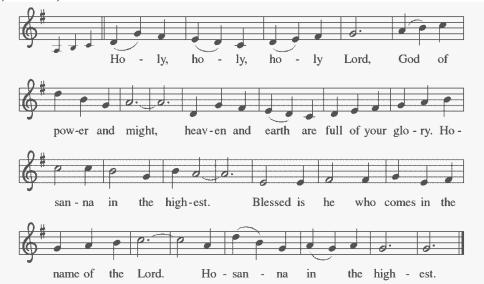


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

- The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.
- 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.



- What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, and keep God's ways Sing, pray,
 - in peace and un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, an - ger dis - tress? and qui - et - ness con - tent. ser - vice faith - ful - ly.

you'll find that God is there If your Say - ior's you are in in God's good will We rest Trust heav-en's word; though un - de -



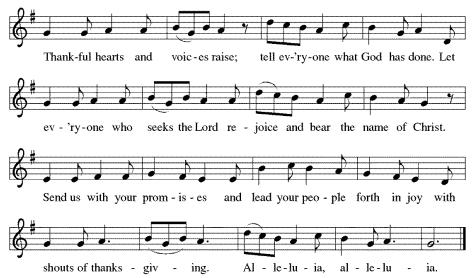


build on the God's un - chang - ing love; rock that will not move. took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss. the cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well fears we face. con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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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

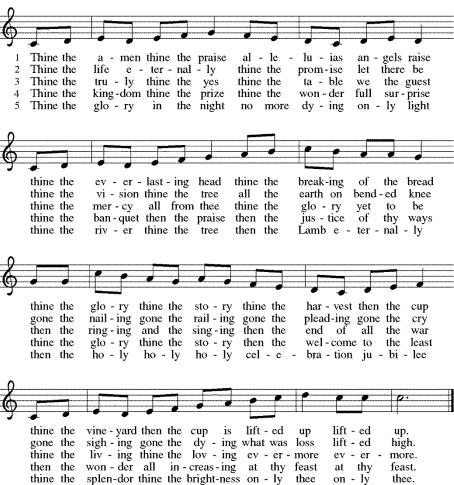
A Let us pray.

C O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

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

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Donna & Horace Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean and the Hamilton family.

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

Greg Byrum, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, September 28, 2014:

Attendance: 151
Budget Report

Budget Report	<u>September 28, 2014</u>
Current Offering Received 9/28/14	\$ 2,909.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$157,182.06
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	(\$ 4,783.45)
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 16,963.31)

Vision Fund Contribution Summary January 1-September 28, 2014

Vision Fund Contribution (July 1-September 28, 2014 - 3rd Quarter) **\$2,808.00** Vision Fund Contribution Y-T-D **\$9,932.00**

Reported by: Jack Tench, Financial Secretary

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr.

Beth Brittain

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin,

Matthew Carr

CRUCIFERS: Cooper Burwell,

Madison Carr

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1) Bev Mauney, Co-Captain Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Charles Mauney
Brandy Milton

Carmen De Nicholas

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) Today: Makayla Brooks

Next Sunday: Jill Leitner

GREETER: Barbara Kasmer

USHERS: Nathan Kelly + Volunteers

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)
Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly
Jo Singleton Jack Tench

EUCHARISTS PRESENTERS:

Shelia & Tim Kelly

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS: Today: Trudy Whitener + Helper

Next Sunday: Shelia Kelly + Helper

SOLOIST: Greg Byrum

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, October 5

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Choir meets in choir room

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm **HCY**, Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 5-11

Today, October 5 Larry Siglar October 7 Catherine Carr October 8 Brenda Daly October 10 Tim Kelly

October 11 Evan Howard

Pat Roberson Mike Varn



	Attendance September 28, 2014		
@ ı	1	Children	<u>Adults</u>
SCHIDE	Nursery	2	1
SCHOOL	Pre-K	7	2
HAS A CLASS	God's Eden	7	1
S OF YOU	Youth	1	1
	Seekers		9
	Adult Bible Class		<u> 13</u>
	Totals:	17	27

Heather Mauney Yount Memorial Playground Project



The playground, built on our church grounds, is a commercial structure designed for 2-12 year-olds. We are finishing the construction as funds become available.

Approximately \$8000 is still needed to complete this project.

Please join us in making the finished playground a reality by indication on your check memo line or offering envelope: Playground Project



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise AustinFerrie HedrickVirginia NeagleScott CaldwellKay HoldenMabel RatchfordDaniel DowdZac HullanderMark ReeseCher GrantChase LinebergerMarguerite Shive

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Harriett Ange Dennis Jordan Steve Pletsas Janice Barker Wesley Jordan & Family Taylor Propst & Family Kathy Beam Betty Kannapel David Prouty Dale Burris Steven Keating Mara Rappleyea Father Frank Cancro Marshall Kinley Steve Sanford Ken Capps Becky Knick Megan Sigler Wesley Coleman Alice Langley Ramona J. Sinclair Laura Lanuto & Family Ronnie Hagy Jimmy Surratt E. Taylor & Family Brian Hedrick Pierce Lee Kathy Helton Steve Mathis Beverly F. Wall Betty Fox Peggy McKenney & Family Gloria Ward Claudia Frazier Sandra Nix Bryan Wayburn Donald Freeman Pastor Gary Weant Mark Outlaw Ronnie Garrison Jean Peters Olivia Wilcox

OUR SERVICEMEN

Leland "Lee" Peterson

Scott Phillips

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner Dillon Kasmer

Ronnie Hersey Judy Jackson



Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

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

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

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

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

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