

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 6, 2016

All Saints' Sunday

We remember Louise Austin and David Daly, members of Holy Comforter;
and others who have died in the Lord since last All Saints' Sunday.



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Gabriel's Oboe* Morricone

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the ☩ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

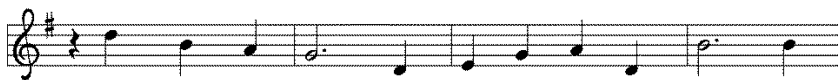
P Gracious God,

C we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

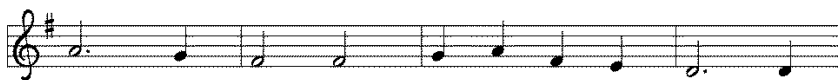
P With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and ☩ forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *For All the Saints* All Stand & Sing



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



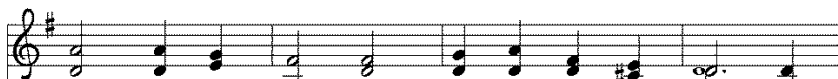
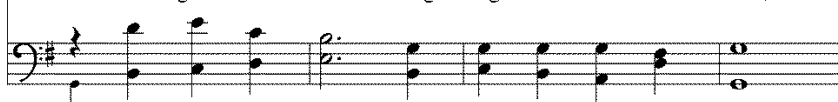
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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

A

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

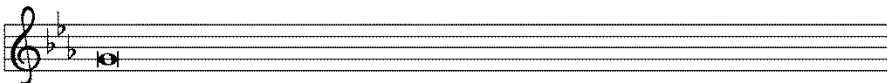

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Lord, have mer - cy.

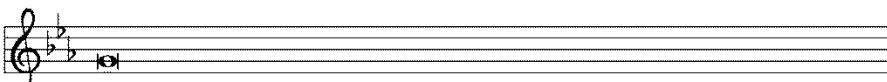

A

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

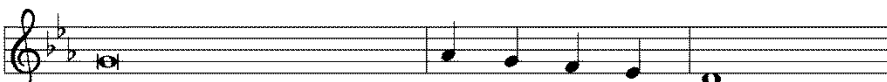
C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

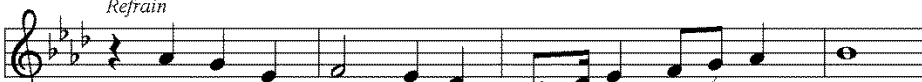
A 
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

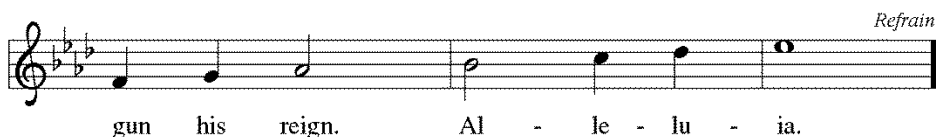
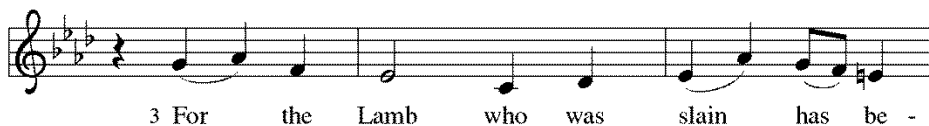
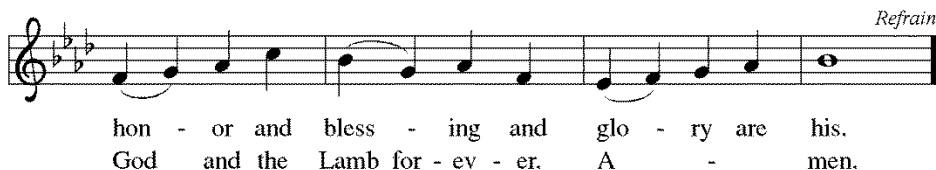
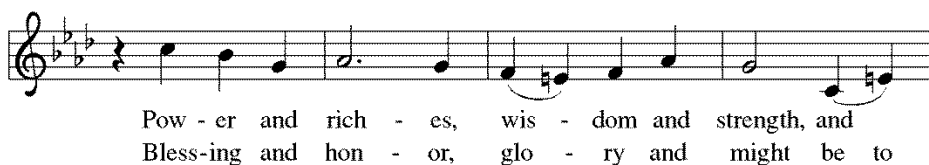
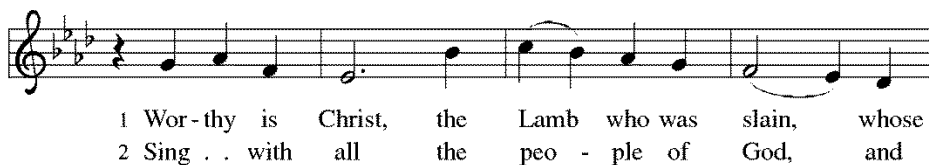
C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C 
A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE All Sing

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical

body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

A reading from the seventh chapter of Daniel.

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from the first chapter of Ephesians.

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

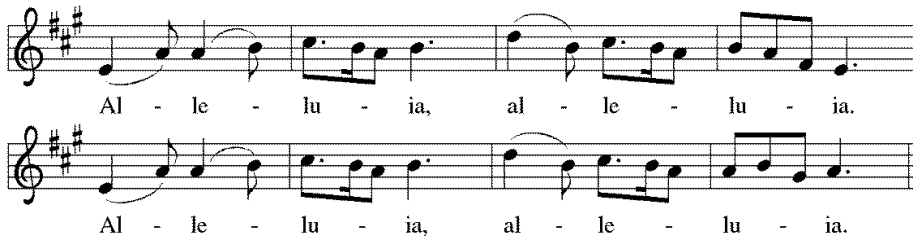
¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 6:20–31

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

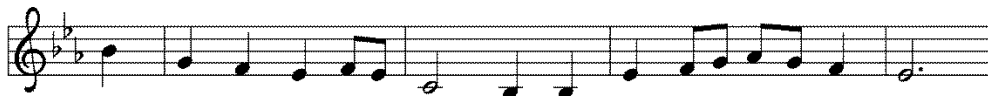
SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *By All Your Saints* All Stand & Sing



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,

2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron'
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



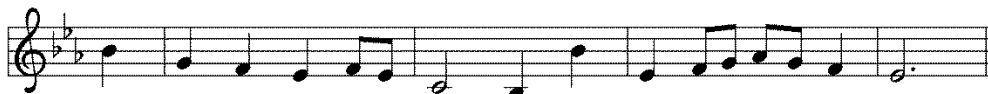
your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!

who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown

for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.

and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 13, 16, 18
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
Text sts. 13,16,18 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness (*especially*), that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized, that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, especially David Daly and Louise Austin, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *O, How Glorious* Church Choir

O How Glorious is the Kingdom, where all the Saints rejoice with Christ.

Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth.

O How Glorious!

(The congregation will stand when prompted for the receiving of the offering gifts and communion elements.)

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.

DIALOGUE

Presider

Congregation

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

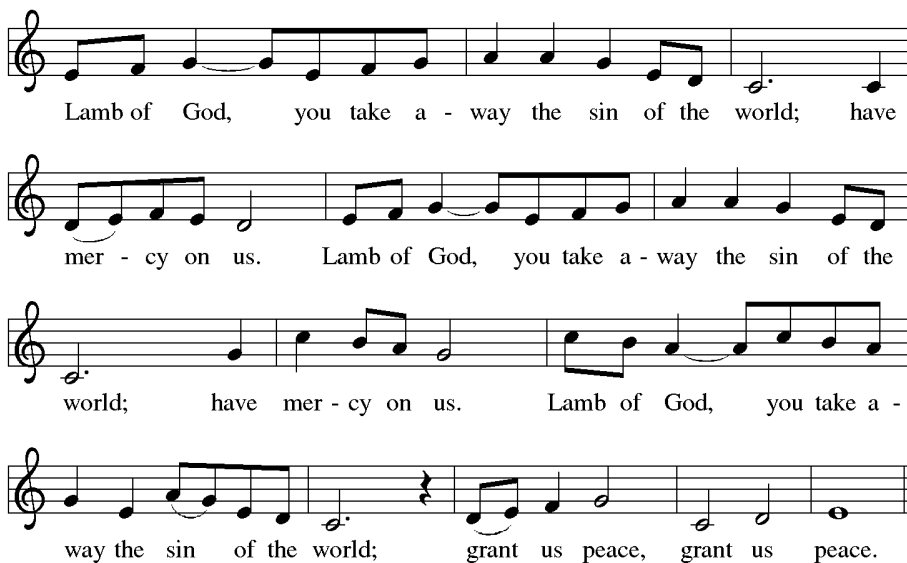
LORD'S PRAYER

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 Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.
 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.



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Blessed are They* All Sing



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



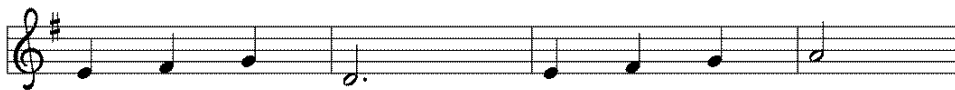
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

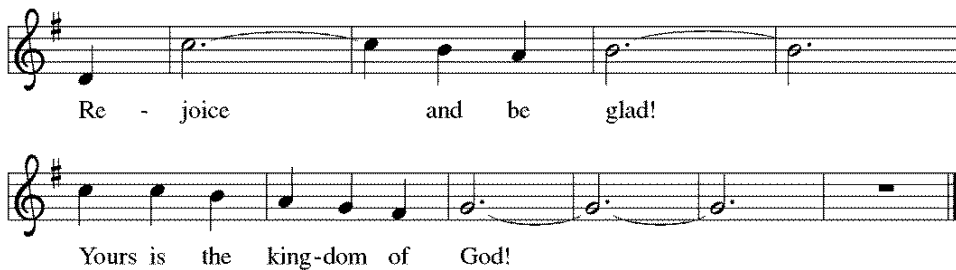
All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: BLEST ARE THEY, David Haas

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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

A Let us pray.

C **We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

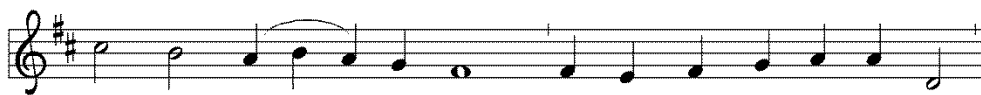
P God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* All Stand & Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6. Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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 **All Saints' 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 located 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 Julia Gunter in memory of Christine Booth; and by Debbie Bray to the Glory of God.

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

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Offering and Attendance Report for October 30, 2016:

Attendance: 152

Budget Report

	<u>October 30, 2016</u>
Current Offering Received	\$ 3,836.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$ 217,306.17
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 12,689.41
Offering less Expenses YTD	\$ 39.12

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

GREETER: Katie Kessen

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: Sherry Alexander

John Koehler

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains

Donna Bean

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Trudy Whitener

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Jo Singleton Jack Tench

Shelia Kelly

USHERS: Need Volunteers

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

Infants: Staff

Toddlers: Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Paul & Tracey Nault

COMMUNION KEYBOARD: Jo Irwin

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: November 6-12

Today, Debbie Bray

Jenn Kearney

November 8 James Buell

Matthew Heilig

November 11

Ashley Ange

Richard Holden

November 12

Libby Joye



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, November 6

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am Worship Service with H/C

3-5 pm Confirmation class at St. Paul's

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir



Wednesday, November 9

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 8, Voting Day

12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/Bible Study

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Property Committee

Nar-Anon



Thursday, November 11

Veterans' Day



BCO NOVEMBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:

Ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal

One or more of the following:

Frozen turkey

Dressing mix

Canned beans

Canned corn

Cranberry sauce

Pumpkin pie mix

Instant Potatoes

Sweet potatoes in can

Monetary donations



NOTE: Notify Rebecca Yount or Tom Bocchino that you have brought and placed a frozen turkey in the church's freezer.

Holy Doodles





Prayers FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Elizabeth Bruchon
Shirley Causby
Tommy Causby
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas

Ardean Ewing
Dot Holland
Zac Hullander
Tom Irwin
Chase Lineberger
Ann Outlaw

Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Mark Reese
Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Father Frank Cancro
Parker Holland

Jeff Lail
Jennifer Lineberger

Capt. Basil Jeff Marett
Bruce Zander



OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek
Leo Kasmer

Jason Gardner
Tom Kasmer

Dillon Kasmer
Mike Kelso

OUR MISSIONARY

Alyssa Buchanan in Manzini, Swaziland Africa

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.

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager