

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 7, 2021 •

## All Saints Sunday

We remember: Jake Ewing, Myra Yount Hollar, Sherry Perry, Beverly Reynolds, and other beloved saints who joined the church triumphant.



**GATHERING:** *Holy Comforter Carillon*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE:** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. . . . . Women's Chamber Chorus

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Have mercy on us, O God.

**C We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**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 drear, 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!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Music from *The English Hymnal* outsided the USA© Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## 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

*P*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*C*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*



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

*C*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

*C*



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

*P*



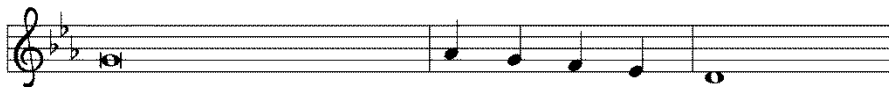
let us pray to the Lord.

*C*



Lord, have mer - cy.

*P*



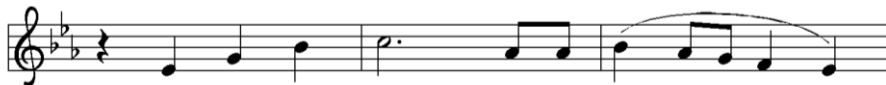
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

*C*



A - men, a - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE .....*All Sing*



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## 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.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....All Stand and Sing



*Repeat alleluia*



**GOSPEL**

**John 11:32-44**

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

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

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**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: *Give Thanks For Saints. . . . . All Stand & Sing*

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on  
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!  
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.  
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962  
 Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
 Text © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Used by permission.

## 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**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us, especially Jake Ewing, Myra Yount Hollar, Sherry Perry, Beverly Reynolds, and other beloved saints we lift to you now. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Bless Us With Your Love.* . . . . . Church Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Holy God,  
C **the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*Presider*

*Congregation*




*P*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*C*

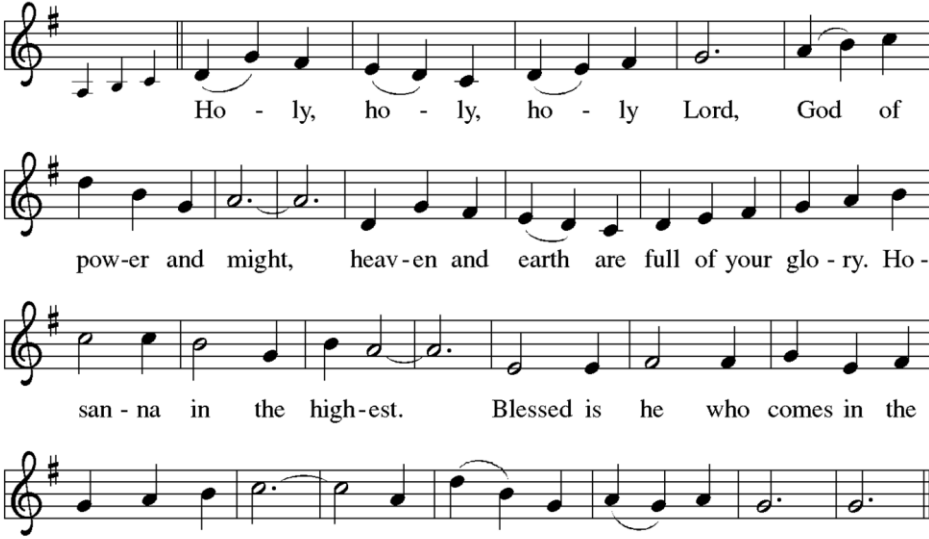


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.** .....*All Sing*



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  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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** A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMB OF GOD.....All Sing



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 Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*Altar Flowers given by Rianna Nance in celebration of Tom and Declan's birthdays.

<p>From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2018 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #24292. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.</p>
--



# Holy Doodles



**Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

216 N. Main St. Belmont NC 28012 704-825-2483  
[holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com)

**Church Office Hours: - Monday – Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm**

Micah Kearney, Pastor: [micahkearney@gmail.com](mailto:micahkearney@gmail.com)  
Beka Forst, Deacon of Discipleship: [rforst@holyc.org](mailto:rforst@holyc.org)  
Greg Cline, Organist/Choirmaster