# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 8, 2014

# Pentecost Sunday



John Propst Interim Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

C Amen.

P Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of life.

C by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in youboth now and forever.

C Amen.



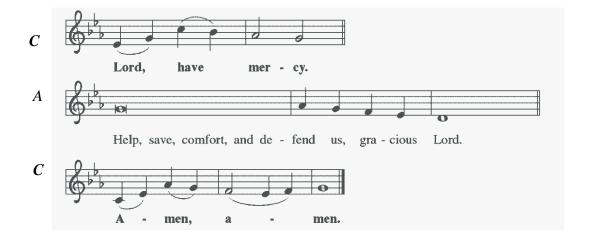
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## **GREETING**

- P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

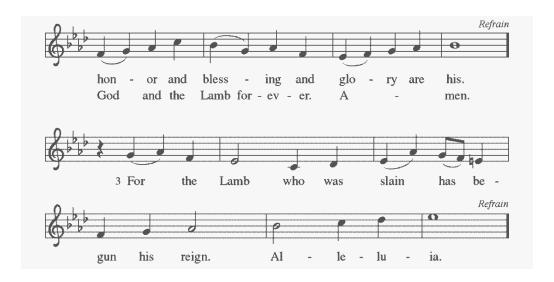
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## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### 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.

The assembly is seated.

#### **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 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.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

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

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>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**

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.

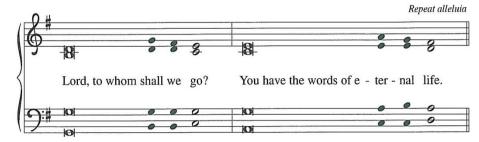
<sup>3b</sup>And no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to 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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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

The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

## 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.

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If 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.

**SERMON**: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" (Notes Page 20) . . . . . . . . . . . Pastor John

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Loving Spirit . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing

Women Vs. 2; Men.

Vs. 3



- 1 Lov ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir it, you have cho sen me to be-
- 2 Like a moth-er you en fold me, hold my life with in your own,
- 3 Like a fa ther you pro tect me, teach me the dis cern ing eye, 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir it, you have cho sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me. feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone. hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high. in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest. you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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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.

<sup>\*</sup> catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

## A brief silence.

Your Spirit gathers the church. With your grace, enliven bishops, pastors, teachers, and artists, that they proclaim the gospel of peace in their own languages. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Your Spirit animates the creation. By your power, renew the earth. Fill us with wonder for your handiwork, that we be partners with you in restoring land, skies, and seas. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit enlightens the nations. By your wisdom, direct governments and international organizations, that your peace free those held captive by misunderstanding and violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit revives body and soul. In your mercy, soothe the afflicted, uplift the sorrowful, comfort the grieving, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit energizes this faith community. Spur on young and old alike to use their creative talents for building up the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Baptized in his name, help us trust the Spirit's power now and in the life to come with all the saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

Amen.

## **PEACE**

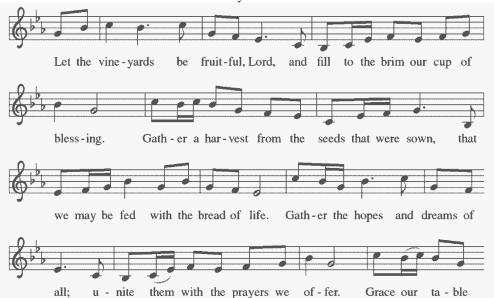
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

- 1. Come my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
- 2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Let the Vineyards . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing

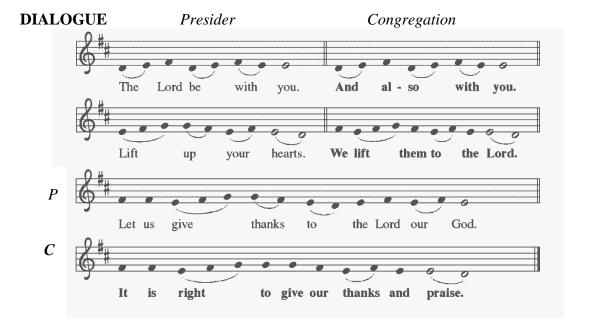




## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

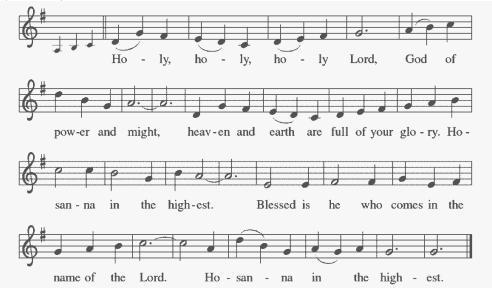


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### **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 Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Blessed are all who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

#### 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.



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: All Who Hunger . . . . . . . . . . . . All Sing

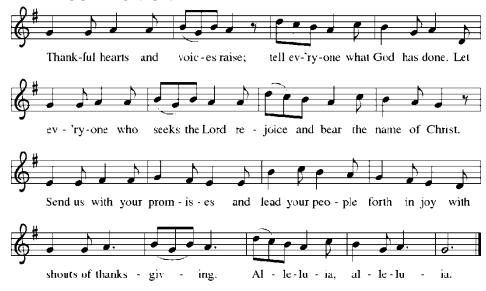




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- P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

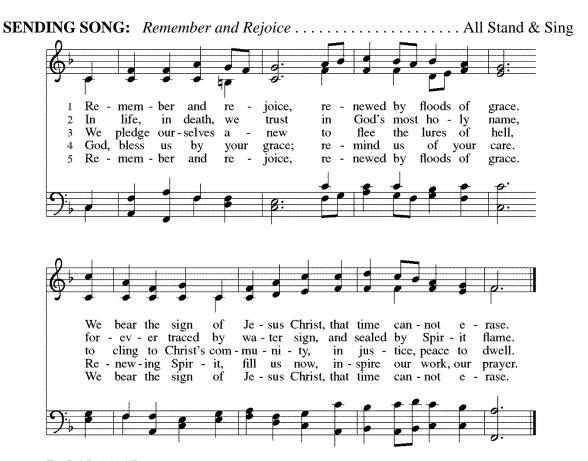
A Let us pray.

C Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



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#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Pentecost 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.

**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 form on line at www.holyc.org.

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

<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, June 1, 2014:

Attendance: 92 at Holy Comforter, + 25 at Isle of Palms = 117 total

Budget Report	June 1, 2014
Current Offering Received 6/01/14	\$ 4,035.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 89,939.48
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 4,005.13
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 8,301.85)

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Brenda Daly **GREETERS:** Brenda Daly,

Louise Day

ACOLYTES: Claire Mitchell PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon

Nathn Baakko Diann Halvorson

CRUCIFERS: Cooper Burwell, Madison Carr SOLO: Elizabeth Bruchon

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3) ANTHEM CONDUCTOR:

Fran Holland, Co-Captain Raini Kimball

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Tracey Nault Courtney Gatlin
Stephanie Hinson NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Need Volunteer/s

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**: (Team C)

Sherry Alexander Greg Garrison TELLERS: Raini Kimball

Courtney Gatlin Volunteer Dennis Tucker

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:** USHERS: Need Volunteers

Donna Bean & Horace Bean

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 8-14

June 9 Liz Propst

June 10 Greg Garriosn

June 11 Tonya Zander

June 13 John Kreitzer



## **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

## Today, Sunday, June 8

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Pig Pickin' after the service

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

## Tuesday, June 3

12:00 Noon **Bible Study/Lunch**Pot luck or bring a sandwich

7:00 pm Nar-Anon



Daniel Dowd

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise AustinCher GrantChase LinebergerScott CaldwellFerrie HedrickRochelle PotterVirginia CrumpRichard HoldenMabel RatchfordBrenda DabrowskiZac HullanderMark Reese

John Kreitzer

#### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

The Abernethy Family Betty Kannapel David Prouty Harriett Ange Marshall Kinley Mara Rappleyea Kathy Beam Becky Knick Earl Riedley Laura Lanuto & Family Dale Burris Steve Sanford Pierce Lee Ronnie Hagy Megan Sigler Brian Hedrick Peggy McKenney & Family Ramona J. Sinclair Kathy Helton **Grady Nichols** Jimmy Surratt Betty Fox Sandra Nix Harrison Swindell Claudia Frazier Roger Norris **Buck Weatherford** Donald Freeman Jean Peters Beverly F. Wall Ronnie Hersey Leland "Lee" Peterson Gloria Ward Steve Pletsas Bryan Wayburn Dennis Jordan Wesley Jordan & Family **Taylor Propst & Family** 

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Jason Gardner Dillon Kasmer 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 let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.

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



**Today, Pentecost Sunday -** *Pig Pickin***'** after the Service Everyone is invited to attend!

## "Who is the Holy Spirit?" Sermon Notes:

<u>The Day of Pentecost</u> – Birthday of the Christian Church ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> chief festival of the Church Year (Christmas & Easter = other two)

#### Who is the Holy Spirit?

- ✓ Involved in creation (Genesis 1:1)
- ✓ Breath of life (Genesis 2:7)

# <u>In the Old Testament</u> the Spirit came to *particular* people at a *particular* time for a *particular* task

- ✓ Brings gifts (Exodus 31:1-5)
- ✓ Provides leadership (Judges 6:14, 15, 34)
- ✓ Gives strength (Judges 15:14-15)
- ✓ Enables prophesy (Isaiah 61:1-3)

#### <u>In the Old Testament</u> = a sense that something is going to happen!

- Jeremiah 31:33 (What will happen?)
- Ezekiel 36:26-27 (How will it happen?)
- Joel 2:28-29 (To whom will it happen?)

## <u>In the New Testament</u>, the promise is fulfilled in Jesus.

Everyone connected with the birth of Jesus is filled with the Spirit: Luke 1:15 (John); 35 (Mary); 41 (Elizabeth); 67 (Zachariah)

- John is the first to make the link between the Spirit & Jesus (Luke 3:16)
- Jesus is filled with the Spirit (Luke 3:21-22; 4:1; 4:14; 4:18)

## Jesus begins to predict the Spirit's presence (John 7:37-38, 39; Acts 1:4-5, 8)

## The promise is fulfilled! (Acts 2:1-4) TODAY'S LESSON

- ✓ Reaction: "amazed" (2:7); "perplexed" (2:12); "made fun of" (2:13)
- $\checkmark$  The promise is for <u>ALL</u> (Acts 2:16-17, 33, 37-39)

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<u>At Pentecost</u> the promise is fulfilled! No more did the Spirit come to *particular* people at a *particular* time for a *particular* task.

## NOW the Holy Spirit is for all