

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 20, 2019

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster



WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Fugue in Bb* J. S. Bach

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen.

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our helper,

C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Baptized and Set Free* All Stand & Sing



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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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.

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.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

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

Response:

I do.

As you bring Elizabeth and Lucas to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that Elizabeth and Lucas 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 Elizabeth and Lucas grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Elizabeth and Lucas by praying for them in their new life in Christ?

C We do.

The presiding minister:

Jarin Schmaltz, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

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

C We do.

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 Elizabeth Ruth Schmaltz, 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 Lucas Augusto Serrano, 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 Jarin Alexander Schmaltz, 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 Elizabeth, Lucas and Jarin 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 Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

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

C Amen.

P Jarin, 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, 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

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the thirty-second chapter of Genesis.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from the third and fourth chapters of 2 Timothy.

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* All Stand & Sing



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead;
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful partner, you will not leave us without a blessing. Wrestle with your church and renew it for the sake of the world. Preserve our life in you, so that we faithfully name you before the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant us joy in these autumn days. As the daylight shortens and summer's green abundance decays, scatter the seeds that will bring forth new life in the spring. Keep watch over your whole creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Mercifully extend your ancient promises to all people. Keep and defend the nations from all evil and be their shade and protection. Held in your steadfast love, guide the human family in ways of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our help comes from you, maker of heaven and earth. Hear the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*), and help us not to lose heart, so that your healing love prevails in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Speak through us in our encounters with Holy Scripture. Hearten and strengthen ministers of faith formation, so that all who belong to you may be capable and equipped for good works in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We thank you for your grace made manifest in the saints who have gone before us. Living in hope, bring us all to the joyful feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Once Led to Your Font* Church Choir

Once Led to Your Font to die and to live, called down to the water for washing,
O God, lead us out to serve and to give, sent forth from the bath for the living.

Addressed by your word, caught tight and set free, reshaped by our Savior's
embracing, O God, lead us out, and speak by our deeds, sent forth with your word for the
nations.

Both welcomed and fed at your table of grace, your supper brings life and
salvation, O God, lead us out to nourish and cheer, sent forth from your meal for creation.

By your washing made pure; by your feeding made whole; by your calling made
willing and able; O God, lead us out to make your world ring with echoes of bath, word,
and table.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Light Dawns on a Weary World* All Stand & Sing



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

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Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray,

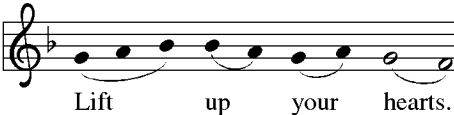

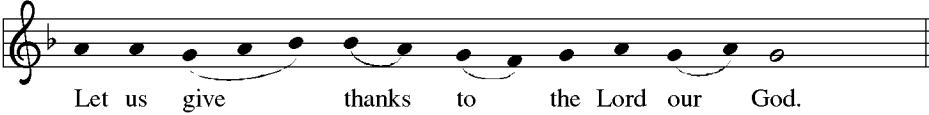

C God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

Pastor

Congregation

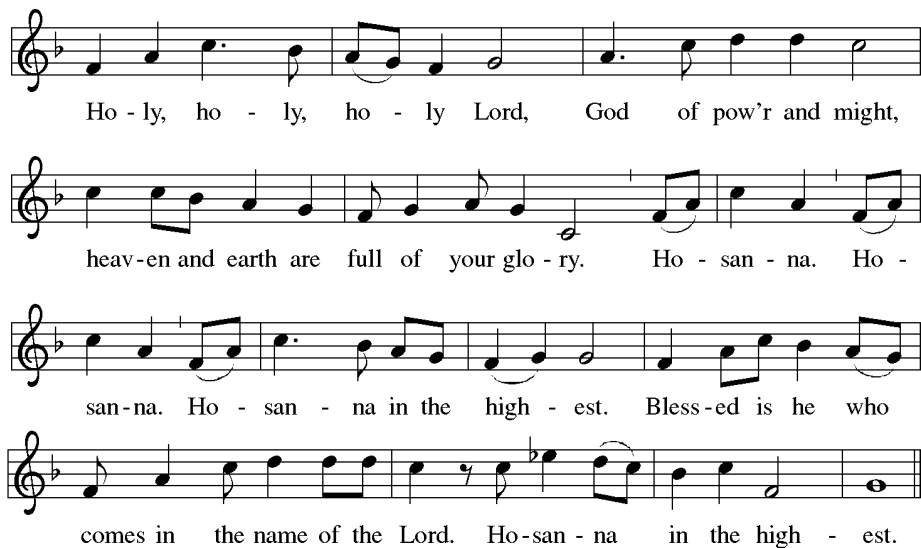
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
 <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	 <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<i>Pastor</i>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<i>Cong.</i>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

C Thanks be to God.

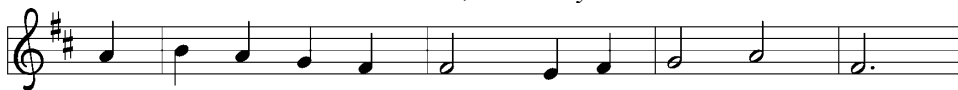
COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me All Sing*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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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

P Let us pray.

C God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *How Firm a Foundation* All Stand & Sing



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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SENDING

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **Nineteenth Sunday after 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 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 Rochelle & Danny Potter in honor of Carson Potter and Taylor Gross's birthday.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Julia Gunter, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, October 13, 2019:

Attendance: 98

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	(Unfavorable)
Offering	\$ 6,457.50	\$230,220.27	(5,703.02)
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$234,155.22	<u>1,768.07</u>
Offering less Expenses	<u>\$ 683.15</u>	<u>(\$ 3,934.95)</u>	<u>(3,934.95)</u>

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 10/13/19

Goal: \$225,000
Received to Date: 169,560
Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000
Remaining Needed: \$ 20,440

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Julia Gunter

GREETER: Volunteer

ACOLYTE: Henrik Sarrazin

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

CRUCIFER: Bella Ince

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenn Kearney

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Tracey Nault, Co-Captain

Rebecca Yount

NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am) Jill Cassel

FLUTE: Julia Gunter

USHERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, October 20

8:45 am Children's Ensemble
9:30 am Sunday School
10:10am Church choir prep
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
5:00 pm Handbells
HCY
6:00 pm Church Choir practice

Wednesday, October 23

6:45 pm *HCY Girls' Bible Study*
(Upstairs)
Women's Bible Study
(Downstairs)

Monday, October 21

6:00 pm Pep Class in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 22

6:00 pm Worship & Music
7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Health Ministry
Nar-Anon

Saturday, October 26

4:00-6:00 pm ***Trunk or Treat***
HolyC parking lot
Candy, games, &
food for all



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 20-26

October 21 George Keller
October 23 Eva Kline
Carson Potter
Noah Rogers

October 24 Sarah Boyd
Renee Carpenter



Mission Trip to Harlan, KY: Shelia Kelly will be participating in a mission trip from November 8-10, 2019. She is asking for the following donations that will be distributed to the needy residents of Harlan, KY:

- Winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, clothing for all ages
- Sample size toiletries, cosmetic bags
- Sanitary supplies for women
- Spiral notebooks, pens/pencils
- Blankets, sleeping bags
- Shoes

Please call Shelia at 704-718-6161 if you need her to pick up your items.



Use Care When Raking Leaves Autumn is a time that everyone looks forward to but, along with the beauty and cooler temps, we get the chore of raking! Wet leaves can be heavy, difficult to rake and put strain on your back. They also tend to be slippery; and because wet leaves (as well as trees and other plants in the yard) can breed mold and mildew that trigger allergy symptoms in some people, you may want to wear a mask. Allergy sufferers should also shower and put work clothes in the

laundry as soon as they enter the house. Mold spores cling to pants, jackets, socks and shirts worn while raking and can easily be spread to upholstery, carpets and blankets. Falls a wonderful time to be outside tending to nature's chores but be cautious and guard your health.

REMINDER! PEP exercise classes begin tomorrow at 6:00 pm. Remember, this class is for those who want gentle exercise that simply works the joints, limbers up and tones us, and helps us maintain balance and coordination. This class will be on-going...come when you can and as often as you can, your body will thank you!

Don't forget to sign up! The "Getting Your House in Order" luncheon workshop, November 9 from 10-2, is something you don't want to miss! Sign up now in the education wing under the Health Ministry bulletin board. All the information you need is there!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Shirley Causby
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone

Ellen Fleming
Sarah Tench Helms
Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Ben Moose

Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Mike Barbee
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Carol Fox
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Meredith Hovis
Steve Leonard
Ruth Lyerly
Jane Marino
Clarence McLain
Family of Dawn Mitchell
Ann Mundy
Linda Nichols

Robert Nichols
Sarah Nichols
Ann Peters
Tommy Smith
Brody Thornburg
Jeff Wiles

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker



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

NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to Dianne in the office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.



Holy Doodles





We welcome via Holy Baptism new members:

Elizabeth Ruth Schmaltz
Lucas Augusto Serrano
Jarin Schmaltz



Brittany Carey
Suzanne Fairbairn
Carole Jolley
Richard & Margaret Millard
Katie Piscatelli
Luca Piscatelli
Lauren Schmaltz
Eugenia Smith
Dixie Spivey
Mary Yavelak



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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: MKearney@holyc.org
 Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
 Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
 Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
 Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse