

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, March 4, 2018

## The Third Sunday in Lent

Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster



by Mallory Morton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** Hymn tune: *Olivet* ..... Arr. Hopson

## 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 the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

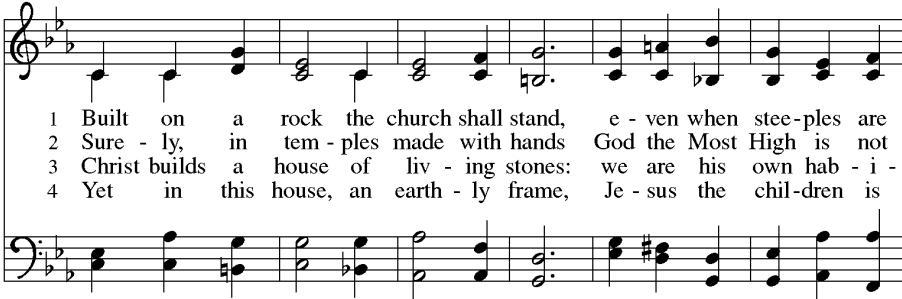
P Merciful God,

**C** you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

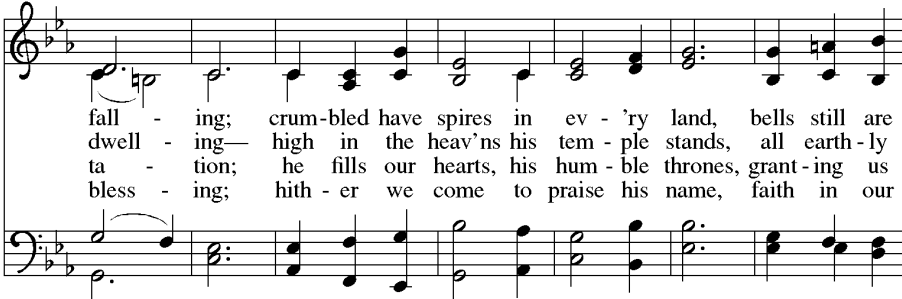
P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

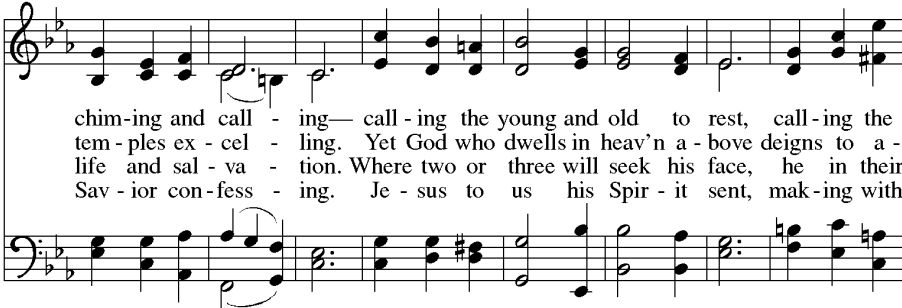
**GATHERING SONG:** *Built On a Rock* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.  
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887  
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## GREETING

**P** The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE

*Assistant*

*Congregation*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. 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**

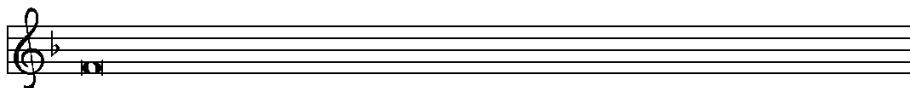
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

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,

*Assistant*

*Congregation*



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## GLORY TO GOD ..... All Sing



Glory to God in the highest, 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.



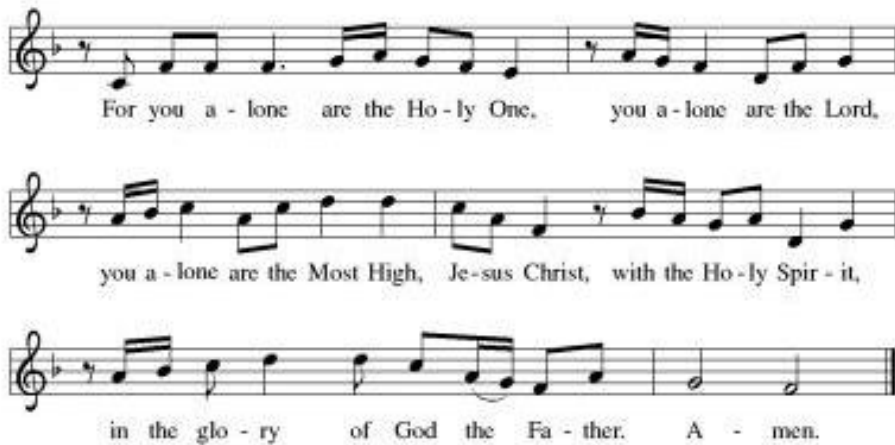
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

*Congregation is seated and 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

**Exodus 20:1–17**

A reading from the twentieth chapter of Exodus.

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Corinthians.

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

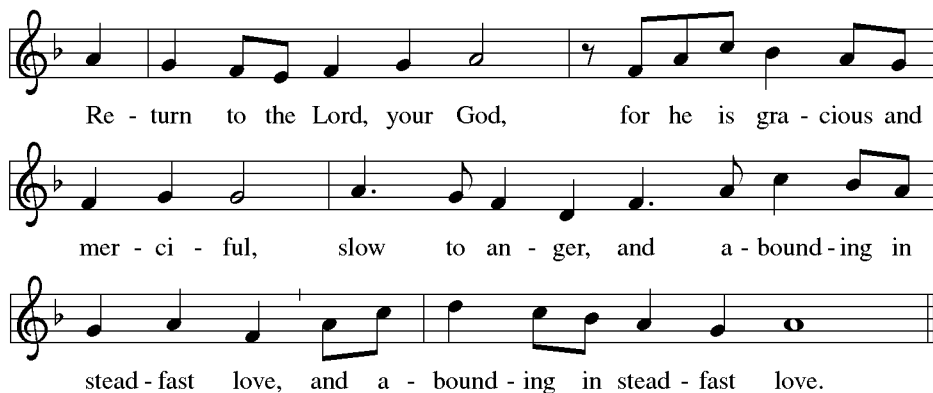
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**John 2:13–22**

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

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

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death*

and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.



<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

<sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The gospel of the Lord.

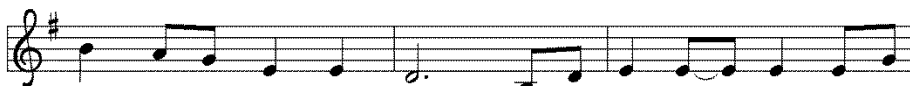
C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** ..... Pastor Micah

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Canticle of the Turning* ..... All Stand & Sing



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

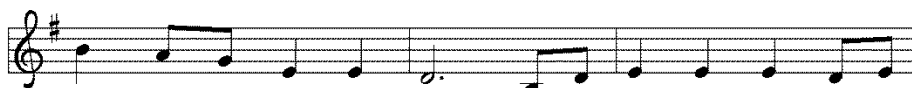




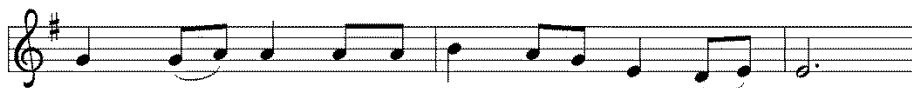
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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## APOSTLES CREED

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**

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross. Unite us as one body in Christ. Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed, demonstrating with our words and bodies the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For sheep, cattle, and all domesticated livestock. For wild creatures, service animals, and pets. Provide shelter, food, and safe drinking water for every living creature. Protect the earth from disaster and harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor one another as you command. Protect refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those who lack what they need for daily life. For people whose lives are consumed by their possessions. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for their families, sponsors, and faith mentors. For Bible study leaders and participants. For our elders in thanksgiving for the depth of wisdom and experience they offer. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness and example. Bring us with them into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

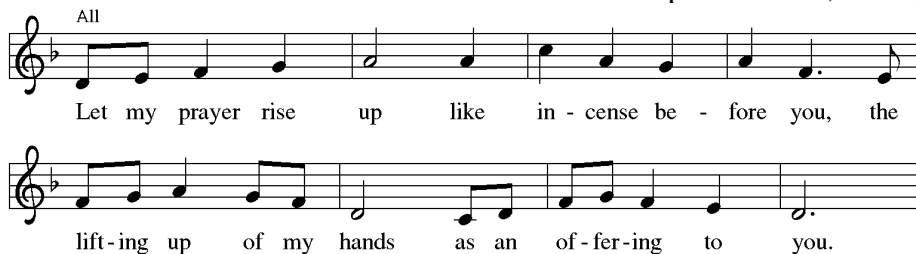
C And also with you.



## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *The Lord's My Shepherd* ..... Church Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *Let My Prayer Rise Up* ..... All Stand & Sing  
Group 1: Women; **Group 2: Men**



Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my

Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like

now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

hands as an of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -  
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of  
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DIALOGUE

*Pastor*

*Congregation*

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Cong.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

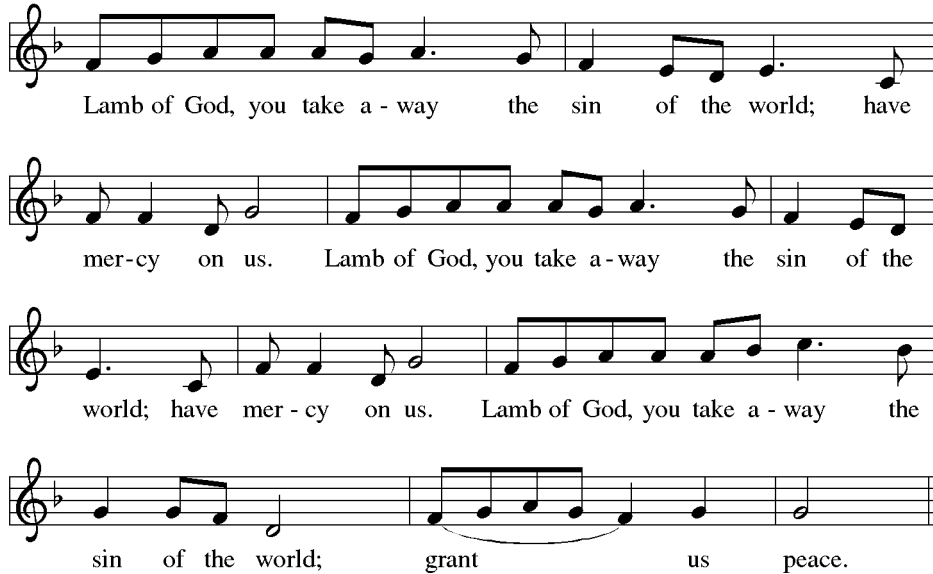
### LORD'S PRAYER

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 Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.  
C Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION SONG



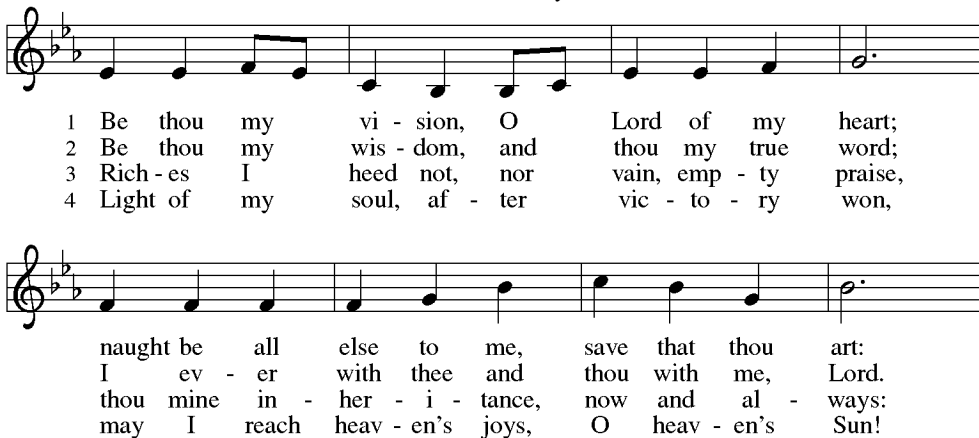
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



## 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: *Be Thou My Vision* ..... All Sing



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!





thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

**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** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**C** Amen.

# SENDING SONG: *What Wondrous Love Is This* ..... All Stand & Sing

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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## SENDING

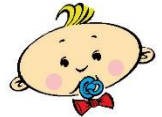
**P** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all our visitors on this **The Second Sunday in Lent**. 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 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 form on line at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

### **Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, February 25, 2018:**

Attendance: 118

<b><u>Budget Report</u></b>	<b><u>February 25, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>
Offering	\$ 4,337.00	\$ 41,410.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$ 42,113.99
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 1,215.17)</u>	<u>( \$ 703.96)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>43,880.70</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		<u>( \$ 2,470.76)</u>

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:****LECTOR:** Billy Joye**GREETER:** Teresa Keller**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

**TELLERS:** Tim & Shelia Kelly**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 4)Carmen Buell, Captain  
Dean & Diann Halvorson  
Barbara Kasmer**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Jill Cassel

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team B)

Volunteers

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

Sherry Alexander

**USHERS:** Volunteers**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:**

Volunteers

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:** March 4-10

Today, March 4 Dean Halvorson

March 5 Rob Ratchford

March 6 Debbie Baker

March 7 Roger DiBiase

Holly Harper

March 10 Dee Smith

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:****Today, Sunday, March 4**9:30 am Sunday School  
10:10 am Church Choir prep  
10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion  
4:00 pm Children's Ensemble  
5:00 pm Handbells  
*HCY* at the church  
6:00 pm Church Choir**Wednesday, March 7**5:00 pm Handbell Class (kids)  
6:00 pm Lenten Dinner  
6:45 pm *Holden Evening Prayer*  
7:15 pm Chamber Choir**Tuesday, March 6**

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

**Saturday, March 10**5:30-8:30 pm ***Parents' Night Out***  
Dinner, games, watch  
***Toy Story 3***  
(Fundraiser for National  
Youth Gathering)  
6:00 pm ***Staying Connected***  
At The Brass Monkey**Sunday, March 11** is ***Bring A Friend to Church Sunday***. You are encouraged to invite a friend or neighbor who might not have a church of their own to come with you to Holy Comforter. Share God's love.

## BCO March Items of the Month



### Dried Beans & Rice



**Music Week at *Lutheridge*, July 8-14, is open for registration.** Grade 1 - Adult scholarships are available to Holy C members. See Greg Cline.

### The 29th Annual Holy Comforter *Isle of Palms Retreat*

will be Memorial Day weekend,

**Thursday, May 24 through Monday, May 28th, 2018.**

Signup at the church. Contact Veronica Bryant or Mandi Kline for details.

**Cost: \$99 per room per night with a minimum of 2 nights.**

Make checks payable to Holy Comforter (due by Easter Sunday)



### Attendance February 25, 2018

	Adults	Kids
Pre-K	2	5
Lower Elementary	2	6
Upper Elementary	2	7
Middle School	1	3
Seekers	9	
Senior Adults	11	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>



## **PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER**

Cathleen Allen  
Carmen Buell  
Brenda Dabrowski  
Ardean Ewing  
Becke Featherstone  
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander  
Jo Irwin  
Ben Moose  
Holly Peche  
Sherry Perry  
Marguerite Shive

Denise Taylor  
Jack Tench  
Beverly Reynolds  
Jerri Wesson

## **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Bobbie Bingham  
Amy Beale Blythe  
Doug Brewer  
Karen de la Vega  
Carol Fox

Larry "Poss" Garrett  
Brandi Hager  
John McDermid  
Clarence McLain  
Jennifer Lineberger

Anne Murdy  
Brody Thornburg  
Dennis Yates

## **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](http://www.holyc.org)



## Holy Doodles



### ***Bring a Friend to Church*** **Sunday, March 11**

The Evangelism Committee encourages every member to always share God's love with those around them!

Please invite your friend or neighbor who might not have a church of their own to worship with us at Holy Comforter **on March 11.**



The **National Youth Gathering** is exactly what it sounds like,  
30,000 + youth will gather in Houston.  
We are excited to serve, worship and gather in large community.  
**There are 115 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!**  
For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.

In the coming months you will be introduced to one of our seven travelers to Houston.  
Below, meet Emily Koehler:



Hi, my name is Emily and I am 13 years old. I am in 8th grade at Belmont Middle School. I have been a member of Holy Comforter my whole life. My hobbies include tennis, painting, and reading. I am looking forward to our Youth Gathering in June. I am excited to meet other people my age from all over the country that have the same beliefs as me. I look forward to helping the Houston community through multiple service projects. I'm sure we are going to have lots of fun.

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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](mailto:MKearney@holyc.org)

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager