Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, February 10, 2019

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Micah Kearney 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, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

P Mighty and loving God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Holy, Holy, Holy.....* All Stand & Sing Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, Lord God Al - might - v! ly! the saints a - dore 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho All 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly! Lord God Al - might - y! - 1y the morn - ing our song shall rise thee. cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see, thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. mer - ci - ful and might - y! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly, ho cher-u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee. there is none be - side on - ly thou art ho ly; thee, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! ho God bless - ed Trin - i - ty! in three per sons, which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be. fect in love and per pow'r, in pu - ri ty. God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i -

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.





CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, 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 Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

A reading from the sixth chapter of Isaiah.

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard

the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [9And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;

keep looking, but do not understand.'

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,

and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,

and turn and be healed."

¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant.

and houses without people,

and the land is utterly desolate;

¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,

and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it,

it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak

whose stump remains standing

when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.]

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Men sing Odd verses, Women sing even verses

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart; before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

³When I called, you | answered me;

you increased my | strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD, that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works \mid of your hands.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and

his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

- P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.



¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught

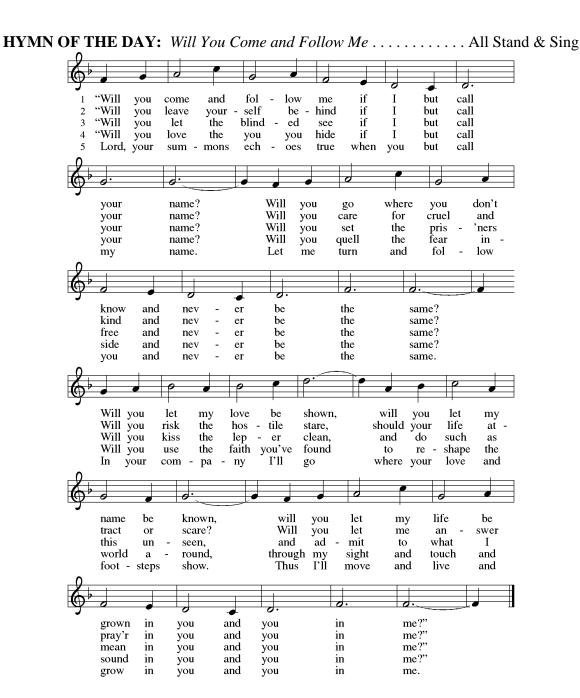
nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON Pastor Micah

Silence is Kept for Reflection.



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

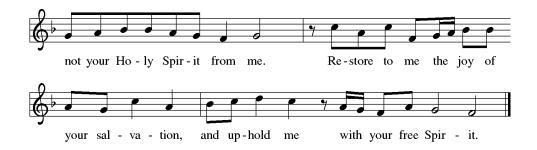
C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Create In Me All Stand & Sing







OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Give us courage to answer your call and keep us faithful to your life-giving word. Send us out to be the good news of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For tundra and forests, grasslands and deserts; for those who fish and those who farm. For ranchers, gardeners, and all whose work brings food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Grant wisdom to those in authority. Strengthen peacekeepers, ambassadors, military personnel, and disaster relief workers. Protect families who have to leave their homes because of war, natural disasters, or rejection by their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those whose lives are in turmoil; for those who wrestle with addiction; for those burdened by anxiety and self-doubt. For those who grieve, and those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. For those who prepare this space for worship and those who mentor others in the faith; for those who nurture fellowship within this congregation and those who reach out in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and now rest in your presence (*especially*). Sustain us in hope of the resurrection and bring us into the joy of unending life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

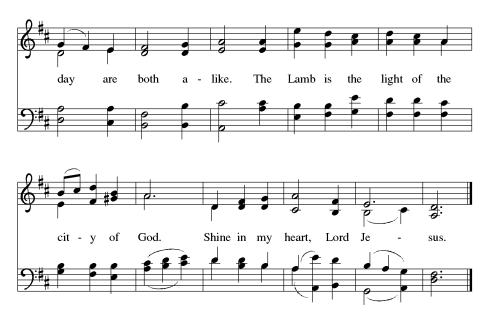
BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* All Stand & Sing





Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

SENDING

- P Go in peace. Christ is your light.
- C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION for those who desire it will be offered at the alter after church.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all our visitors on this **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.** 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 Julia Gunter in memory of Patricia Booth.

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

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, February 3, 2019:

Attendance: 120

Budget Report	February 3, 2019	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$ 4,164.00	\$ 23,398.01
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$ 29,260.53
Offering less Expenses	(\$ 1,610.35)	(\$ 5,862.52)
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses		27,496.89
Offering less Expected Expenses	3	(\$ 4,098.88)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Judy Caldwell **GREETER:** Debbie Mendez

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Veronica Bryant

Volunteers

NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am) Jill Cassel ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains **TELLERS:** Fran Holland, John Koehler

Donna Bean Beverly Robinson **USHERS:** Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, February 10:

8:45 am Children's Ensemble 9:15 am Adult Handbells

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service

Church Council after

5:00 pm Church Choir

Appreciation Dinner

HCY to assist with dinner

6:00 pm Church Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 13:

5:00 pm Youth Handbells 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 14:

10:30 am Bible Study in fellowship hall

12 Noon *Prime Timers* Lunch at 124 Main restaurant in Mt. Holly

Saturday, February 16:

10:00 am Kids' Club meets at the church

Tuesday, February 12:

6:30 pm Social Ministry meting

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: February 10-16

February 14 Will Howard

Noah Rawlins

February 15 Leslie Crist

Risa Wilson

February 16 Rochelle Potter







PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen Cynthia Buchanan	Teresa Keller Sue Lahr	Scott Schaumburg Marguerite Shive
Brenda Dabrowski	Ben Moose	Denise Taylor
Becke Featherstone	Holly Peche	Beverly Reynolds
Sarah Tench Helms	Sherry Perry	Jo & Harold Singleton
Zac Hullander	Kathie Schaumburg	Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Amy Beale Blythe	Earl Gardner	Clarence McLain
Wayne Bradshaw	Larry "Poss" Garrett	Anne Murdy
Doug Brewer	Meredith Hovis	Family & Friends of
Ron de la Vega	Steve Leonard	Paul Outlaw
Nancy Dickson	Jennifer Lineberger	Tommy Smith
Dallas Foscue	Ronnie Lunsford	Brody Thornburg
Carol Fox	Jane Marino	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.



Soothing Remedies for Laryngitis There are many things that can cause laryngitis: talking for hours, air pollution, infections, surgeries, smoking, drinking alcohol, breathing cold air – all of these can cause laryngitis which is an irritation of the larynx (voice box). Inside the larynx are your vocal cords — two folds of mucous membrane covering muscle and cartilage. Normally, your vocal cords open and close

smoothly, forming sounds through their movement and vibration. But with laryngitis, your vocal cords become inflamed or irritated. This swelling causes distortion of the sounds produced by air passing over them. As a result, your voice sounds hoarse. Sometimes, laryngitis is painless, but you may experience a sore throat, a tickling sensation in the back of the throat, fever or dry cough, or have trouble swallowing. If laryngitis persists for more than a week or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as a fever or coughing up blood or yellow-green sputum, consult your doctor for treatment. Otherwise, home treatment for laryngitis is simple.

- 1. Don't talk if you don't need to. Use a note pad and pencil to communicate.
- 2. If you must speak, do so softly but don't whisper. Whispering is more stressful than speaking in soft tones.
- 3. Use a cool mist humidifier to moisturize the air in rooms where you expect to spend a lot of time (like the bedroom).
- 4. Drink plenty of warm liquids. (Tea with honey is a good choice).
- 5. Take a hot shower or steam bath.
- 6. Don't smoke and avoid smoky environments.
- 7. Suck on over-the-counter throat lozenges.
- 8. Take Tylenol or ibuprofen to relieve discomfort, if necessary.

Remember when we launched the Health Ministry and asked you to fill out a survey indicating areas of interest?

Well, we are in need of help from you so we can bring to you what you most need from us. Several of you indicated interest in the **topic of depression**. We'd like to most fully address that but are not sure of the perspective, so we are inviting all folks interested to please stay late for about a half hour on **February 24**th and talk with us about what you'd like to see us provide. Any clarification you bring to us will be of great help and will then be used to develop a more beneficial program! We will not ask you to share your own experiences or stories, simply to let us know what you'd like to see us address for you. We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after church. Refreshments will be provided but we promise we won't keep you longer than about a half hour. Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or parishnurse0407@gmail.com.



A signup sheet for the *Isle of Palms Retreat* is floating around the church. The dates for the retreat are Thursday, May 23 — Monday, May 27. Checks for reservations are due and deposited on Easter Sunday.

Cost: \$99 per room with 2-night minimum stay.

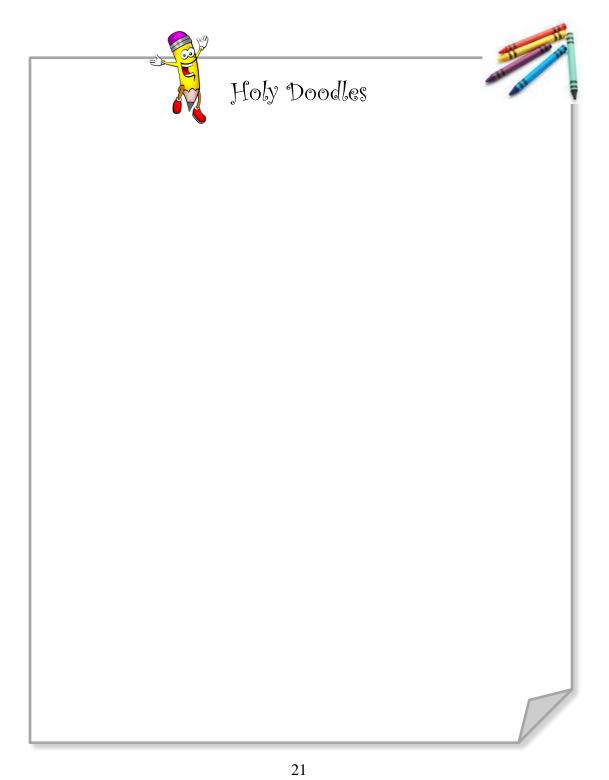


Mandi Kline is offering her *Spiritual Gifts* class to any adult who would like to be a part of it. This engaging class started *February 3*^{rd.} The 8-week course is offered during the Sunday school hour. Are you looking to deepen and grow in your relationship with God? Have you ever thought about what God is calling you to do in life and in ministry? We want to celebrate the spiritual gifts God has given you? Join us to discover how we as God's people will grow closer to God and in ministry as we uncover our God- given talents and gifts. We invite you to join us in the fellowship hall. If you are concerned about missing

sessions, Mandi assures us that she is happy to send lecture notes and missed class info to those who were unable to be with us in that class.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please fill in the form below, tear off and place in the offering plate, take to the church office, give to Beka, or email Beka at rforst@holvc.org.

	I am interested in participating in the <i>Spiritual Gifts</i> class that began February 3.	
l I	Name:	
l I	Contact Info: Email	
l I	Telephone:	
	Telephone:	





On the death of her father *Paul Outlaw*

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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

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