

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, March 16, 2014

## The Second Sunday in Lent



John Propst  
Interim Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *They Crucified My Lord.* . . . . . Spiritual

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Kneel/Sit Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

**RESPONSE:** *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am* . . . . . All Sing on Next page

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The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;'. The second system corresponds to 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.' Below the musical score, there is a block of text providing the text and music credits.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell  
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P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**  
*(Sing Response)*

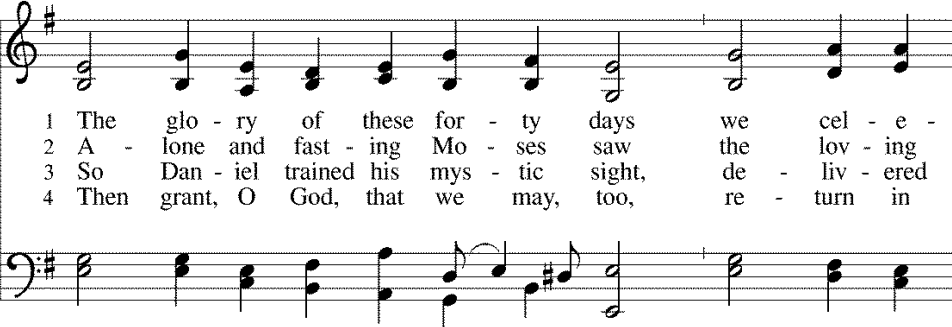
P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**  
*(Sing Response)*

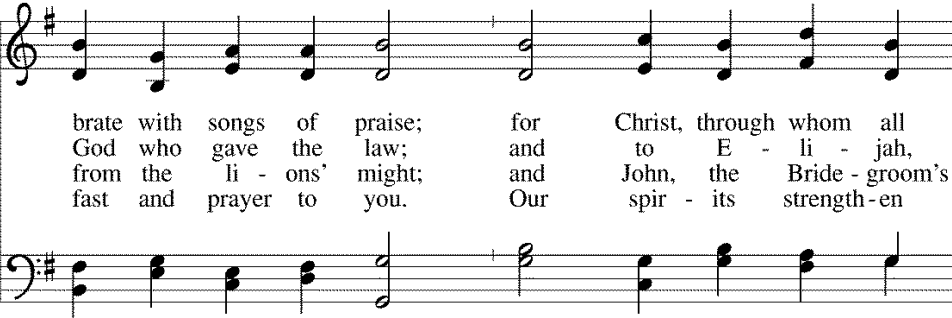
P Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, he died to sin, once and for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

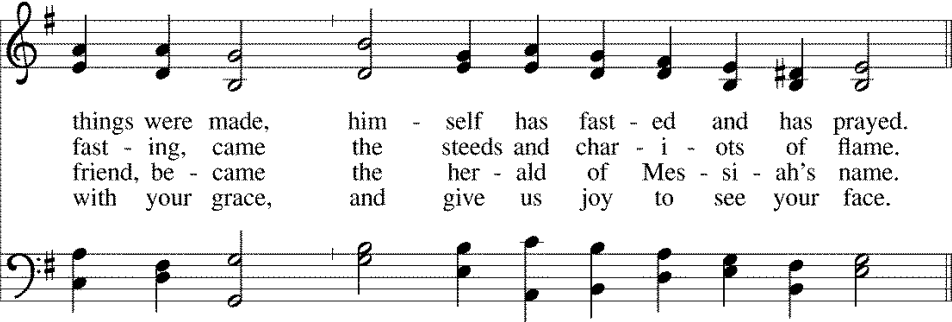
## GATHERING SONG: *The Glory of These Forty Days* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
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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.

# KYRIE

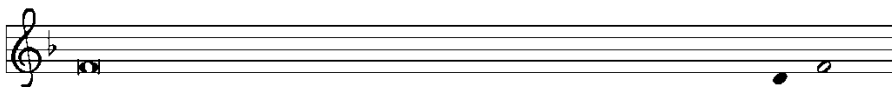
*Assistant*

*Congregation*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant*



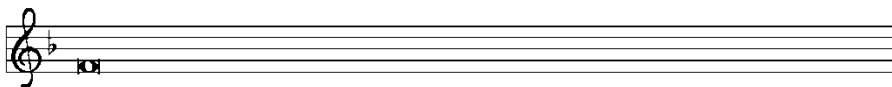
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Cong.*

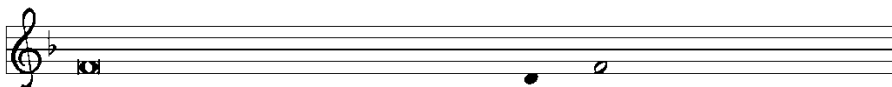


Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant*



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



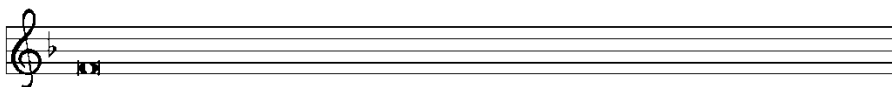
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Cong.*



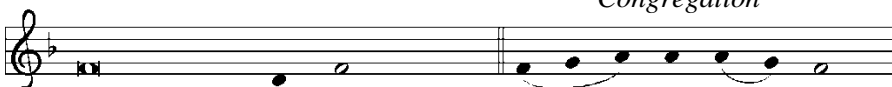
Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant*

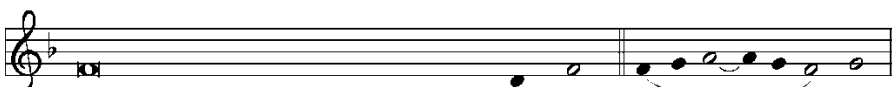


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

*Congregation*



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Congregation 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

**Genesis 12:1–4a**

A reading from the twelfth chapter of Genesis.

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

**A The word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 4:1–5, 13–17**

A reading from the fourth chapter of Romans.

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

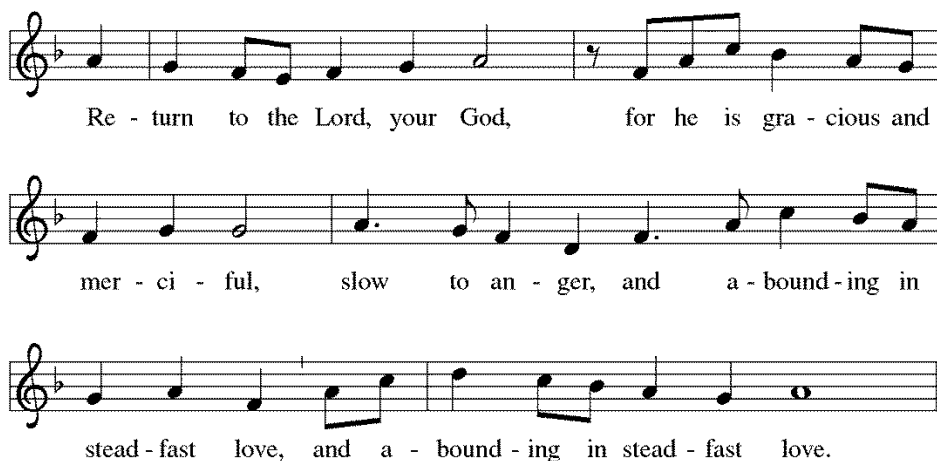
What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

**John 3:1–17**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

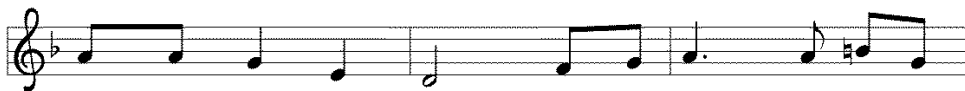
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** *"Born Again!"* (Notes page 19) . . . . . Pastor John

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Tree of Life* ..... All Stand & Sing



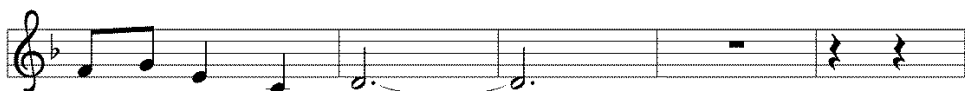
1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM PRESENTATION

I present, *Carmen & Jim Buell, Dawn & Riley Fleming, Nancy & Len Johansson, Viv Lane, Mary Page, Paul Outlaw, Jerri & Mike Wesson and Deb & Bob Williams*, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*The presiding minister may continue with prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these men and women, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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?

*Each person responds:*

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

P People of God, do you promise to support these men and women and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM & RESPONSE:** *Servants of Peace . . . . Stand & Sing vs. 5*

All 1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace:  
Women 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Choir 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek  
All 4 May we not look for love's re - turn,  
All 5 Dy - ing, we live and are re - born

where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
to be con - soled, but to con - sole,  
but seek to love un - self - ish - ly,  
through death's dark night to end - less day.



Men where there is hurt, may we for - give;  
 where all is night, may we sow light;  
 nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts,  
 For in our giv - ing we re - ceive,  
 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace,



where there is strife, may we make one.  
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.  
 to wake at last in heav - en's light.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the whole body of Christ. (*Pause*) That being born of the Spirit and blessed by God, your church may be a blessing to the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. (*Pause*) For water and wind in their many forms, that they nourish and renew the earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. (*Pause*) For all countries, tribes, races, and families, that they live in harmony and cooperation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need. (*Pause*) For the spiritually lost, the fearful, the confused, and the ill that the Lord will keep their going out and their coming in. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. (*Pause*) That having received all righteousness by faith, we boldly bear witness to a God who loves the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed. (*Pause*) For the example of faith by which they lived, that it sustain us until we all enter the reign of God in its fullness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

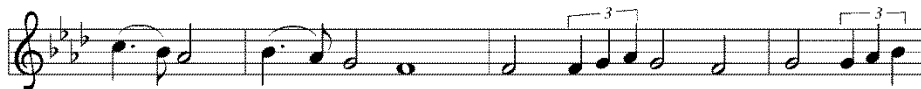
**P** God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

**C** **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG: *Through the Night* ..... All Stand & Sing



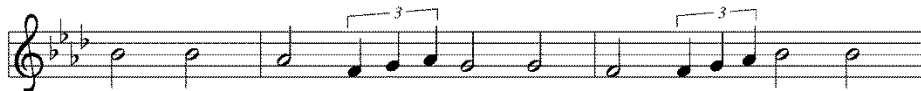
1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.  
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **The Second Sunday of 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. 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](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Cher Grant & Linda Grimsley in memory of Louise Grant, Cher's mother.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** 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, March 9, 2014:**

Attendance: 128

## **Budget Report**

Current Offering Received 3/9/14  
Weekly Expenses  
Offering, Year-To-Date

**March 9, 2014**

\$ 5,004.90  
\$ 4,504.60  
\$ 43,404.43

The Current Offering Received for the year through March 9, 2014 is \$ 5,676.06 more than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

## **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. +  
Steve Bingham

**CANTOR:** Raini Kimball

**ACOLYTES:** Claire Mitchell  
Nathan Baakko

**GREETER:** Need Volunteer

**CRUCIFERS:** Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

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

March 16: Sherry Alexander &  
Becca Gatlin

March 23: Courtney & Becca Gatlin

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)  
Fran Holland, Co-Captain  
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain  
Courtney Gatlin          Stephanie Hinson  
Tracey Nault

**TELLERS:** Janet Achor  
Dennis Tucker

**USHERS:** Volunteers

Eligible members for **2013 Thrivent Choice Dollars** reminded to have your designations in **by March 31, 2014. Questions?** Call Myra Hollar 704-825-5885.

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

### **Today, Sunday, March 16**

9:30 am    Sunday School  
10:10 am   Church Choir  
10:30 am   The Service  
4:00 pm    Children's Ensemble  
5:00 pm    Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm    Church Choir  
8:00 pm    Nar-Anon

### **Tuesday, March 18**

5:45 pm    **Lenten** dinner  
6:30 pm    Mid-Week Worship  
**Lord's Prayer** by  
Jo Singleton: ***give us this day  
our daily bread;***  
7:00 pm    Chamber Choir  
Nar-Anon

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: March 16 - 22**

March 18   Melinda Lingerfelt  
March 21   John Beasley

March 22   Louise Day



The Lillian E. Lineberger



Scholarship Forms Available.

To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter for at least one year
- Participate in Communion and contribute to the church during the time you are receiving the grant
- **Submit the following by the deadline of April 24th:**
  1. Your completed application
  2. A transcript from your most recently completed semester
  3. A typed essay (at least one paragraph) describing yourself, career plans, and life goals
  - 4.

### Application forms available via email.

(Email the church office at [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com) and request Lineberger Scholarship Form.)

Our best wishes to you in your educational journey. *Your Scholarship Ministry, Carmen De Nicholas*



## WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

If you are concerned, due to inclement weather, as to whether we will have church services or planned activities, please check the following for information:

- ◆ Call the church office at 704-825-2483 and listen to recorded message
- ◆ Check the church website at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org)
- ◆ Check your email. Please give us your email address if we do not have it.



*New Members Are Joining*

***Carmen & Jim Buell, Dawn & Riley Fleming, Nancy & Len Johansson, Viv Lane,  
Mary Page, Paul Outlaw, Jerri & Mike Wesson and Deb & Bob Williams***



**You may pick up your Lenten devotionals in the foyer of the Education Building.**

***1 brochure per family, please.***

**Also, there are Lenten calendars available for the children.**

## **Lent 2014: Midweek Worship on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm**

*(Following our Lenten meal at 5:45 pm)*

As part of our midweek worship on Tuesday evenings, 5 people will be sharing a brief (2-5 minutes) "testimony of grace." Our theme will be the **Lord's Prayer**. Below are the petitions, dates and those who will be sharing. THANKS friends, for answering God's call to meditate on one of the petitions! You are a blessing to God AND to those who will hear God's Word through you!

**March 18** **Jo Singleton:** Give us this day our daily bread;

**March 25** **Mandi Kline:** and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**April 1** **Mark Kline:** and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**April 8** **Julia Gunter:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.



**Contributions to Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary will be accepted today.** *A life membership to honor or memorialize someone is no longer available. All contributions will be just contributions...no lifetime memberships included.*

On May 20, 1940, a large group of women, brought together by Mrs. E. C. Cooper, wife of the president of the Seminary at that time, met in the Seminary Reception Room and organized an auxiliary to be known as the Women's Auxiliary of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. **The auxiliary provides for non-budgeted needs through this membership.**

Please see Barbara Beale or Beverly Reynolds after church today to make your contributions. **Please make your check payable to Holy Comforter with a notation that it is for LTSS Auxiliary.**

*Thank you, Beverly Reynolds & Barbara Beale*

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**Holy Communion will be offered immediately following today's service.**

Please gather at the front of the sanctuary.

Pastor John will join you at the altar after he greets folks.





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

Louise Austin  
Deborah Bingham  
Virginia Crump  
Daniel Dowd

Ferrie Hedrick  
Richard Holden  
Zac Hullander  
Chase Lineberger

Liz Propst  
Mabel Ratchford  
Mark Reese

### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Kathy Beam  
Dale Burris  
Ronnie Hagy  
Brian Hedrick  
Kathy Helton  
Betty Fox  
Claudia Frazier  
Ronnie Hersey  
Dennis Jordan  
Wesley Jordan & Family  
Betty Kannapel  
Laura Lanuto & Family

Ruth Lail  
Dan Martin  
Peggy McKenney &  
Family  
Grady Nichols  
Sandra Nix  
Jean Peters  
Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty  
Mara Rappleyea  
Joel Rivers (NY)  
Steve Sanford

Kelly Shoe  
Shore Family  
Megan Sigler  
Ramona J. Sinclair  
Jimmy Surratt  
Harrison Swindell  
Charmaine Townsend  
Buck Weatherford  
Beverly F. Wall  
Gloria Ward



### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer

Jeremy Shaver

### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Yount 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](http://www.holyc.org).

## ***“Born Again!”*** – Sermon Notes

### **A couple of key verses in John’s Gospel:**

*“to all who did receive Him (Jesus), to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision but born of God.”* (John 1:12 from Today’s NIV & The Message)

### **The Purpose of John’s Gospel:**

*“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”* (John 20:30-31 from Today’s NIV)

### **“The Gospel in Miniature” ...**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

(John 3:16 from Today’s NIV)

*“Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again.”*  
(“born from above” from NRSV)

- Question to Spiritually ponder ... how many births can a believer have? (Today’s preacher might give you a hint later in the message!)

*“I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly”* (John 10:10b) **and** *“I told you everything that you might have joy & have it completely”* (John 11:15)

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To become that born-again child, on this side of heaven, look at your sin and remember where you were; look at the cross and remember what Jesus did; then look up to Heaven and say,

“Wow, You did this all for ME!, Your child”

..... is God good or what?



## **Camp Agape** Rising 1st Graders — Rising 8th Graders!

It is hard to believe, but it is time to start planning for summer camp again. Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape July 14-18**. *Agape* is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

**This year we are expanding the day camp to include 6th-8th graders.** The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. **The spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

***Misty Koehler, Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator***

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**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm**

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education  
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor  
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager