

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 10, 2018 •

The Third Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Were You There* Spiritual

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

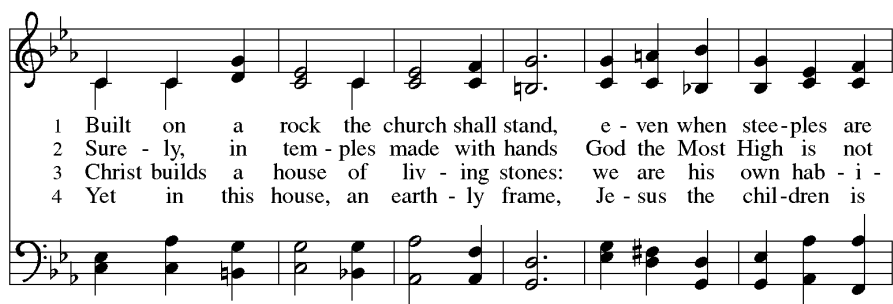
P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

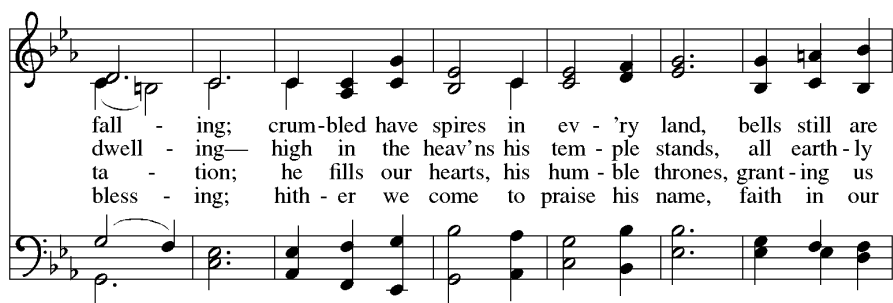
P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

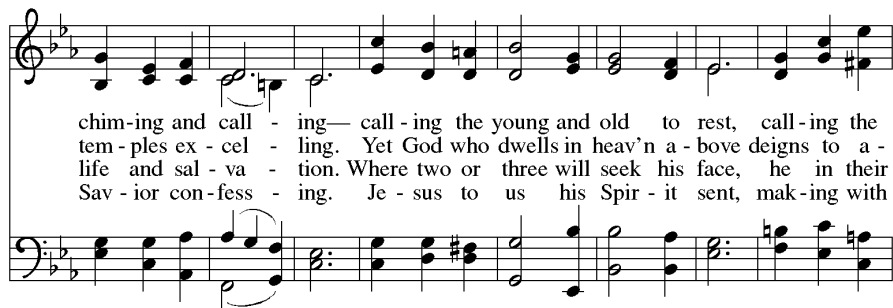
GATHERING SONG: *Built on a Rock.* All Stand & Sing



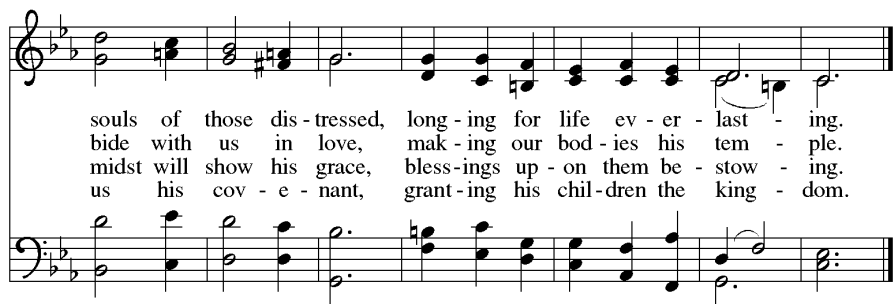
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



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.
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 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

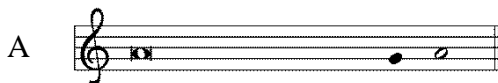
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 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELTHUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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GREETING

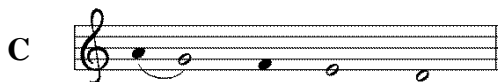
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

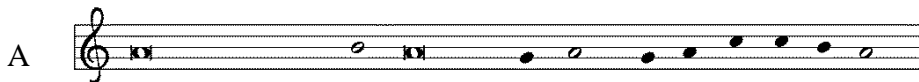
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



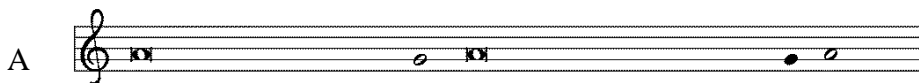
Lord, have mer - cy.



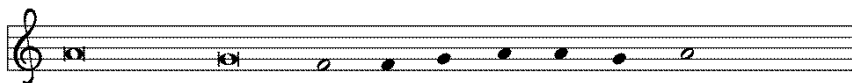
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



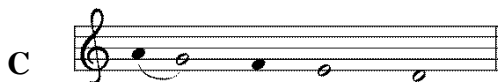
Lord, have mer - cy.



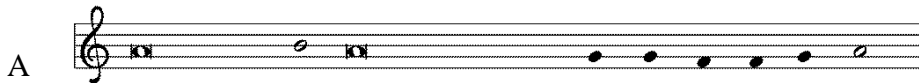
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



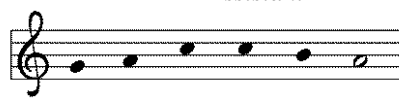
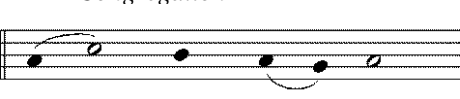
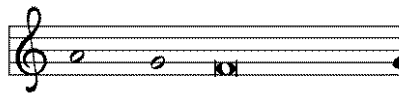

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

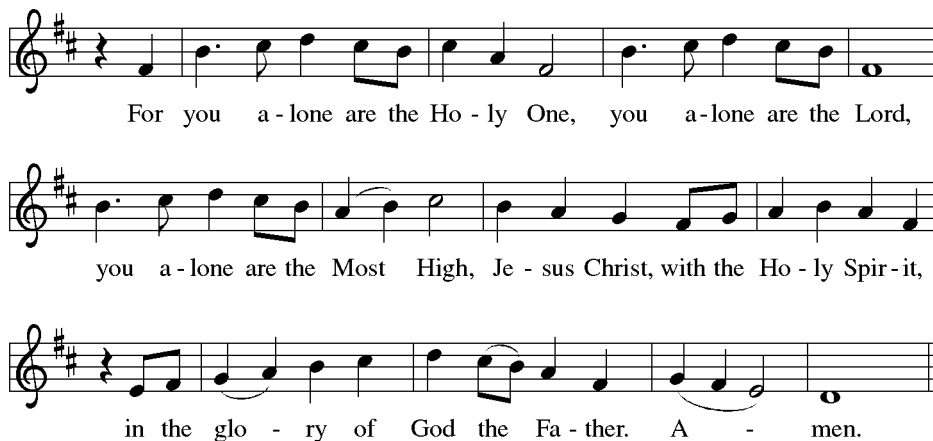


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

<i>Assistant</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
 <p>let us pray to the Lord.</p>	 <p>Lord have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.</p>	 <p>A - men.</p>

GLORIA

<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 0;"><i>Assisting minister</i></p>  <p>Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 0;"><i>All</i></p>  <p>Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we</p>
 <p>wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.</p>
 <p>Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,</p>
 <p>you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;</p>
 <p>you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.</p>



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.

Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same 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 nurseries**.

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from the third chapter of Genesis.

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the fourth and fifth chapters of Corinthians.

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

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

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,
 “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided
 against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is
 divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he
 cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a
 strong man’s house and plunder his property without first
 tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be
 plundered.



²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies
 they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness,
 but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and
 called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and
 your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my
 mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are
 my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and
 mother.”

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

SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Rise, Shine, You People!* All Stand & Sing



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un-bound-ed.
wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en, now are for-giv-en.
world go out and tell the sto-ry of Je-sus' glo-ry.
Spir-it calls from ev-'ry na-tion God's new cre-a-tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Overcome our separations in the body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you love your whole creation. Help us order our lives so that human activity in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. Replace our fear with trust, remove enmity between nations, and grant us peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing afflictions of any kind (*especially*). Renew all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you raised Jesus from the dead and promise to raise us with him and bring us into his presence. We remember those who have died, and we thank you for your steadfast love and power to redeem. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY: *Concerto in G* Telemann
Largo I

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



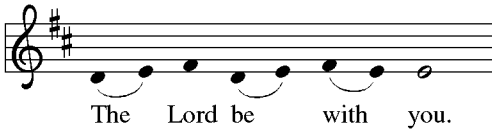
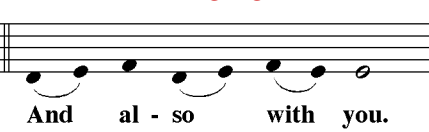
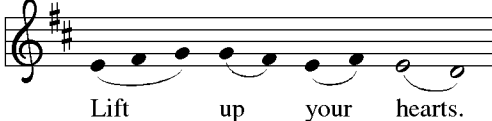
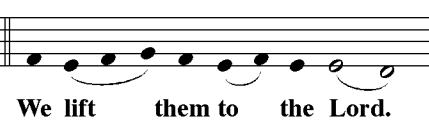
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

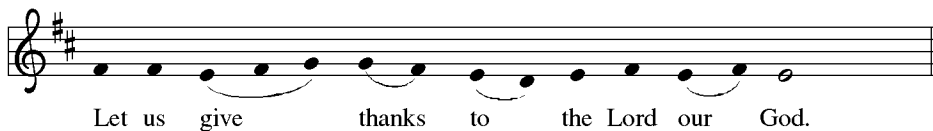
A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

Pastor	Congregation
 <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	 <p>And al - so with you.</p>
 <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	 <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>

Pastor



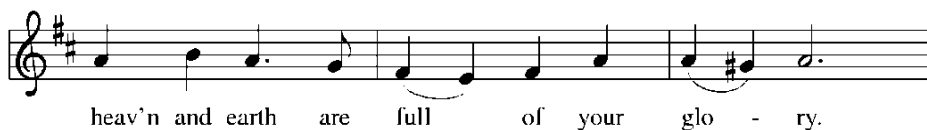
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PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

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, 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: *Concerto in G* Telemann
Largo I
Andante III

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray,
C Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *On Our Way Rejoicing* All Stand & Sing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

SENDING

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **The Third 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. 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.**

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 3, 2018:

Attendance: 117

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>June 3, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 7,963.00	\$118,664.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$118,354.61
Offering less Expenses	<u>\$ 2,411.83</u>	<u>(\$ 309.42)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>122,654.49</u>
Offering less Expected Expenses		<u>(\$ 3,990.46)</u>

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

GREETER: Carmen Buell

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: John Koehler

Fran Holland

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains

Donna Bean

Amanda Kelly

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Rebecca Yount

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

Lauren Shoemaker

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Barb Kasmer
Shelia Kelly

Tim Kelly
Volunteer

PIANO: Jo Irwin

VIOLA: Katie-Jo Groenhout

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly.

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

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music Committee

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: June 10-16

Today, June 10 Greg Garrison
June 11 Tonya Zander
June 12 Martha Hogge

June 16 Cooper Burwell
Sarah Tench Helms

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, June 10

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir prep
10:30 am The Service with
Holy Communion
Church council after
1:30 pm Confirmands leave for a
week at *Lutheridge*

Tuesday, June 12

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Thursday, June 14

12 Noon Retired Members Luncheon
Meet in Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 11

6:30 pm Social Ministry meets

BCO June Items of the Month



Peanut Butter & Jelly

Campfirmation at Lutheridge, June 10-16. Our confirmands, along with Pastor Micah, will spend the week at *Lutheridge*. The Lord be with you all.

As we enter the time after Pentecost, you will notice that the color of the paraments are now green. Green is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ during this season.



Agape Day Camp will be held July 15th-20th For grades entering 1st - 8th



Registration forms are available from **Misty Koehler**. The cost is **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration**. There is only room for 32 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.



VBS Registration Is Here!

Dates of VBS are July 29-August 2
Contact Beka at rforst@holyc.org to register.



Baby Bottle Blessings **Change for Change**



Pick up a baby bottle from the narthex and start filling it with your loose change.

This is a special project that will CHANGE countless lives.

Collection is for The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County (5 locations).

Bottles are due on Father's Day, June 17th.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Dot Holland
Zac Hullander

Jo Irwin
Ben Moose
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Pat Roberson
Marguerite Shive

Denise Taylor
Jack Tench
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Jim Barbee
Bobbie Bingham
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Karen de la Vega

Carol Fox
Larry "Poss" Garrett
Brandi Hager
Jennifer Lineberger
Clarence McLain

Ray McNeely
Anne Murdy
Tommy Smith
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



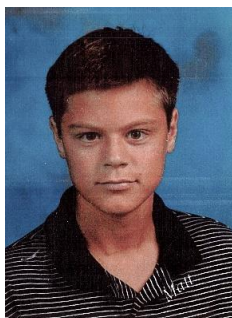
Holy Doodles



We welcome Katie-Jo Groenhout, our guest instrumentalist today, as she shares her musical gift playing the Viola. Katie is accompanied by her grandmother and our choir alto, Jo Irwin. Katie is a recent graduate of Providence Day in Charlotte.



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 17 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!
For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.

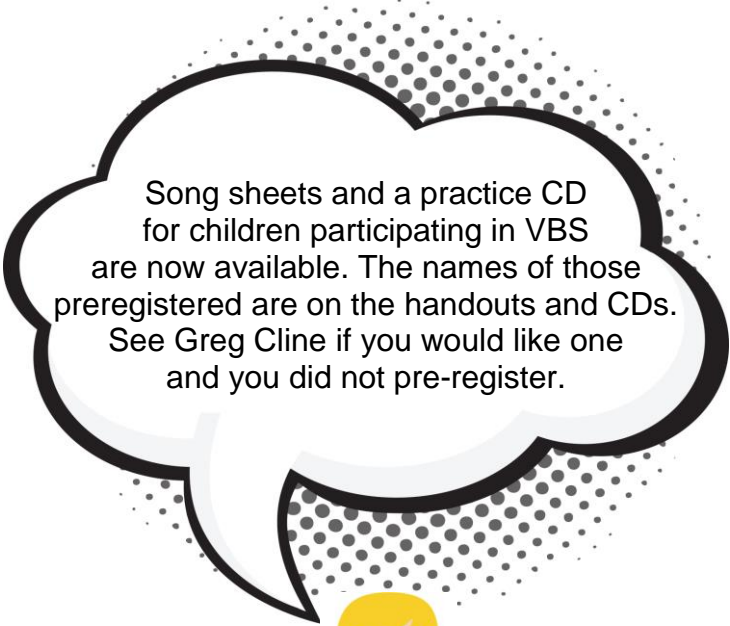


My name is Matthew Carr. I am 16 years old and a 10th grader at South Point High School. I have been a member of Holy Comforter for 14 years and was confirmed last year. I enjoy playing soccer, playing video games, playing guitar, and volunteering at food banks. I am looking forward to meeting other Lutheran youth and serving the community. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow closer to God.



We congratulate **Molly Koehler**, granddaughter of **Bob and Pat Koehler**, on her graduation from Highland School of Technology. Molly will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall.

Congratulations also go to **Kristen Bunney**, granddaughter of **Harold & Jo Singleton**, who graduated from International Connections Academy with honors. She will attend Gaston in the fall to study Liberal Arts. Upon completion she will transfer to a university in N.C.



Song sheets and a practice CD
for children participating in VBS
are now available. The names of those
preregistered are on the handouts and CDs.
See Greg Cline if you would like one
and you did not pre-register.



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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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