Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, May 22, 2016 •

Holy Trinity Sunday



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE

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, \oplus one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Just and gracious God,
- C we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, # "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

C Amen.



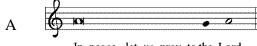
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GREETING

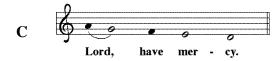
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

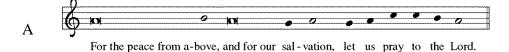
C And also with you.

KYRIE

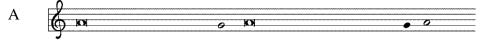


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





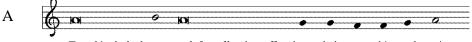




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

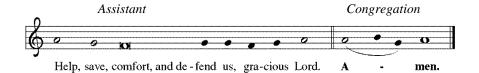






For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from the eighth chapter of Proverbs.

In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

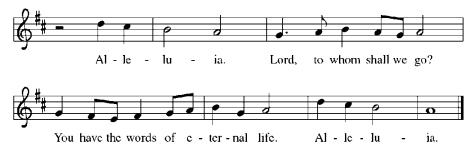
A reading from the fifth chapter of Romans.

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL John 16:12-15

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

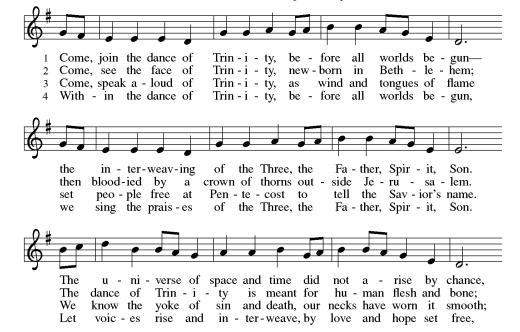
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

 HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity All Stand & Sing





but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with in their dance. when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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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

Rejoicing in the triune God, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

O Lord our sovereign, your name is majestic in all the earth. Enliven your church by your Spirit to live into the name bestowed on us in baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy Wisdom, we praise and thank you for the mountains and hills, the earth and fields, the skies above, the fountains of the deep, and your delight in the human race. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Peace-bringing God, the nations of the world are ever and always dependent on the peace that only you give. Guide the leaders of nations to make choices that lead to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Spirit of truth, heal us, reconcile us, break the bonds of the oppressed, give sanctuary to refugees, end the exile of those who are marginalized, and pour your love into all hearts. Especially we pray for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Father of Jesus, keep us mindful of how we use the names of others. Keep us from bearing false witness, and help us honor your name above all others. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

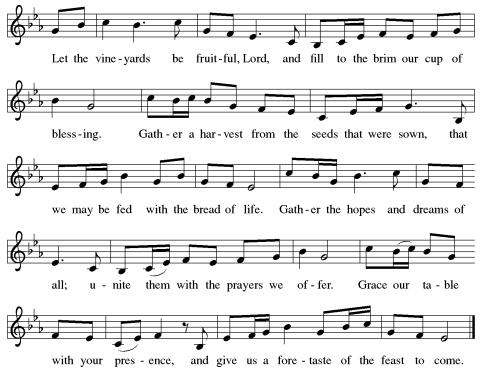
Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful All Stand & Sing

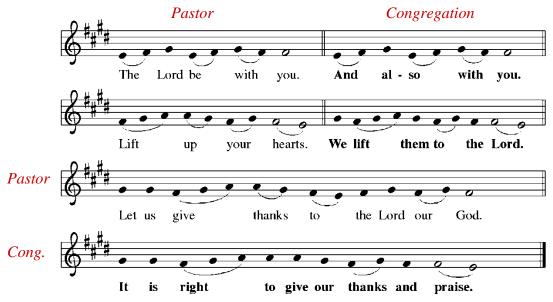


OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

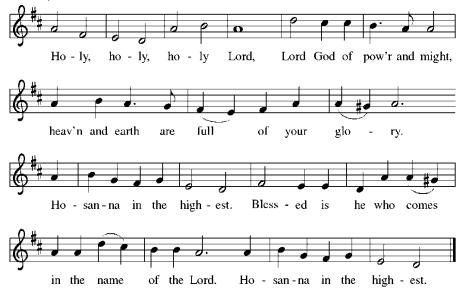
DIALOGUE



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,

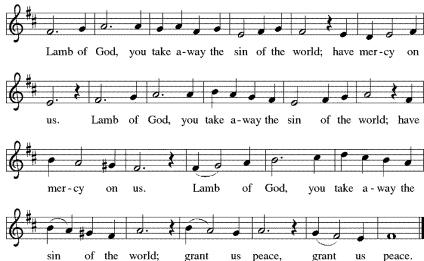
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.
- C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG



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: *Father, Most Holy* All Sing



Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt. Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris Antiphoner, 1681 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God,

C O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and \oplus give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Holy God, We Praise Your Name All Stand & Sing



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this Sunday of 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 located 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.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Julia Gunter ion honor of the Church Choir.

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

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 15, 2016:

Attendance: 133

Budget Report

Budget ReportMay 15, 2016Current Offering Received\$ 7,170.00Weekly Budget Expenses\$ 5,019.46Offering, Year-To-Date\$107,333.25Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD\$ 7,652.09Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD\$ 9,575.23

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. **GREETER:** Becky Richards

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers TELLERS:

Amanda Helton, Dawn Fleming

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain

USHERS: Volunteers
Charles Mauney, Co-Captain

Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Volunteer GUEST ORGANIST: Jo Irwin

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) Infants: Staff; Toddlers: Volunteer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Shelia Kelly Jo Singleton Jack Tench Volunteers Needed

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: May 22-28

Today, May 22 Billy Joye, Jr. May 25 Michael Jenkins
Arch Lineberger William Kline

May 23 Chuck MacDonald May 28 Richard Fox

Jennifer Miller Angie Koehler May 24 Mandi Kline

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Denise Taylor

Today, Sunday, May 22

9:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 pm Christian Ed meeting

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room Nar-Anon

10:30 am The Service

With Holy Communion
6:00 pm HCY dinner & outdoor activities Wednesday, May 25

(weather permitting) 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study





Vacation Bible School 2016

June 26-29th • 6:00-7:45 pm

This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our Vacation Bible School program will allow children to submerge themselves in God's Word. They will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth!



A quick meal will be provided, then the children rotate through activities of play, studying scripture, singing, and art. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves. **Registration forms are available** via email to holycomforter@gmail.com or ask Melissa. If you are interested in helping with the program, you would be welcomed, whether it's providing a meal or assisting with one of the activity stations. **More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.** Contact Melissa Bocchino at Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com.



Holy Comforter is hosting *Camp Agape* the week of July 18-22. Agape is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6th-rising 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 in the narthex or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$130 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. Contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin Brenda Dabrowski Shawn De Nicholas Ardean Ewing Dot Holland

Zack Hullander

Tom Irwin
Chase Lineberger
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive
Mark Reese

Beverley Reynolds Anna Spikes Jack Tench & Family Kevin Washle

David Prouty

Julio Quiros

Anna Rudder

Megan Sigler

Sally Vanhoy

Pat Via

Tangie Shingler

Carson Thomas

E. Taylor & Family

Dan Robinson and

Daughters Breanna & Mikavla

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy
Harriett Ange
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Barbara Bingham
Emma Davis Bremer
Graham Brezler
Libby Byrum
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine

Zachary Evans
Jamey Gardner
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison

Tammy Gordon Brian Hedrick Sam Holloway Stacy Hunsucker Dennis Jordan Steven Keating Marshall Kinley Jennifer Lineberger Terry Mahaffey Al McCov Clay McCoy Gene McRorie Don Moore Jean Peters Jim Poag **Taylor Propst & Family**

Gloria Ward Pastor Gary Weant Olivia Wilcox Jeff Wiles Bruce Zander

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll Dillon Kasmer
Matt Cisek Leo Kasmer
Jason Gardner Tom Kasmer

Mike Kelso Jeremy Shaver



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



TAKE ME OUT to the BALL GAME

Saturday, June 18 at the Grizzlies Stadium *Grizzlies vs. Savannah*

Advance tickets: \$6.00

Food voucher: \$4.00 = hotdog, chips & drink

Contact Misty Koehler at mistykoehler@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

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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: MicahKearney@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager