Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, May 27, 2018 •

Holy Trinity Sunday The Baptism of Collins Rae Lugue

Micah Kearney Pastor



Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE Jo Irwin

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: Dearest Jesus, We Are Here All Stand & Sing



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors:

I present Collins Rae Lugue for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Collins baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

As you bring Collins to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Collins may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Collins grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Collins by praying for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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

C I renounce them.

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

C I renounce them.

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

- C I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

- P Collins Rae Lugue, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
- P Sustain Collins with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

P Collins Rae Lugue, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

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 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the sixth chapter of Isaiah.

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

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!"

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

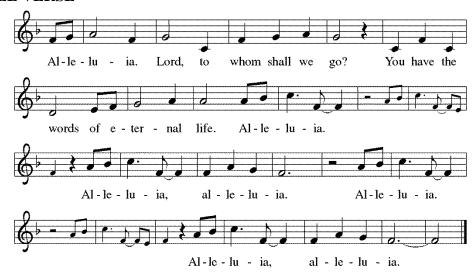
In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you

have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water

and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"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.

¹⁷"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.

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



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun-
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin-i-ty, new-born in Beth le-hem;
- 3 Come, speak a loud of Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,





the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



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.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Waterlife All Stand & Sing

Before I can remember the covenant was sealed

With Father, Son, and Spirit, in water was revealed.

The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word;

These gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.

A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start:

Our Christ began the singing that swells within my heart.

His love became my calling, his life my ministry.

His name is my adoption into his family.

My hope and expectation for true community Begins with resurrection, his death and life in me. His Spirit fills the Body; his church through water sees His promise for tomorrow his water-life in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

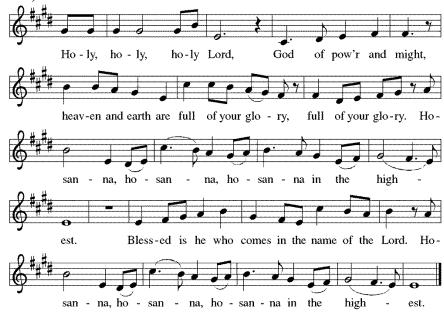
DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,

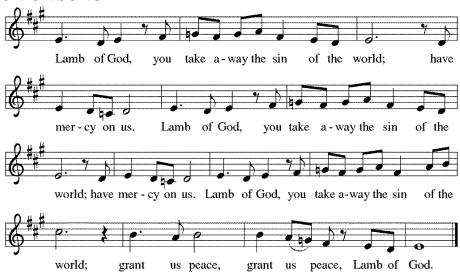
but deliver us from evil.

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. Our Lord's body let us take together.
- 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: Jo Irwin Bap-tized cleansed by the in wa ter, sealed by the Spir it, 2 Bap-tized wa ter, sealed by the Spir it. dead in the 3 Bap-tized wa - ter, sealed by the Spir in it, marked with the blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's faith - ful - ly God's sing. prom - ise, now praise we thank-ful - lv God's giv - en, now praise we sing. chil - dren; joy - ful - ly God's now praise we sing.

- 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.

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.

Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Strengthen our newly baptized, Declan and Collins, in faith toward you, and guide those who raise them in faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. 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.**

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.

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For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty! All Stand & Sing



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

SENDING

- A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all our visitors on this **Holy Trinity Sunday.** 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.



<u>KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:</u> 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.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: 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, May 20, 2018:

Attendance: 133

Budget Report	May 20, 2018	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$ 3,352.24	\$108,455.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$108,054.92
Offering less Expenses	(\$ 2,198.93)	\$ 400.11
Budgeted Expenses		112,080.83
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 3,625.80)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye **GREETER:** Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: TELLERS: Amanda & Nathan Kelly

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

Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: **ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3) Lauren Shoemaker

Fran Holland, Co-Captain Tracey Nault, Co-Captain

Katie Kessen Rebecca Yount Melissa McGinnis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) PIANIST: Bev Mauney, Fran Holland, Sherry Alexander Jo Irwin

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: USHERS: Volunteers

Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, May 27 Tuesday, May 29

7:00 pm Nar-Anon 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion Wednesday, May 30

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study Monday, May 28 Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: May 27-June 2

May 21 Natalie Hullander May 26 Matthew Hogge

May 22 Billy Joye Amelia Kline Arch Lineberger May 28 Richard Fox

May 23 Chuck MacDonald Angie Koehler Dawn Mitchell Jennifer Miller

May 24 Mandi Kline May 29 Angle Morton Perri Potter May 30 Jonathan Baker

Denise Taylor May 31 John Zander May 25 William Kline

BCO May Items of the Month:









Soups

Baked Beans

Dried Beans



Agape Day Camp will be held July 16th-20th

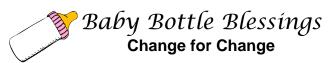
For grades entering 1st - 8th



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.





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.



VBS Registration Is Here!

Dates of VBS are July 29-August 2

Contact Beka at rforst@holyc.org to register.



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



We welcome to floly Comforter
via Infant Baptism
Collins Rae Lugue
Paughter of Mika & Leslie Lugue
Born November 12, 2017



The **National Youth Gathering, June 27-July 1**, is exactly what it sounds like, 30,000 + youth will gather in Houston.

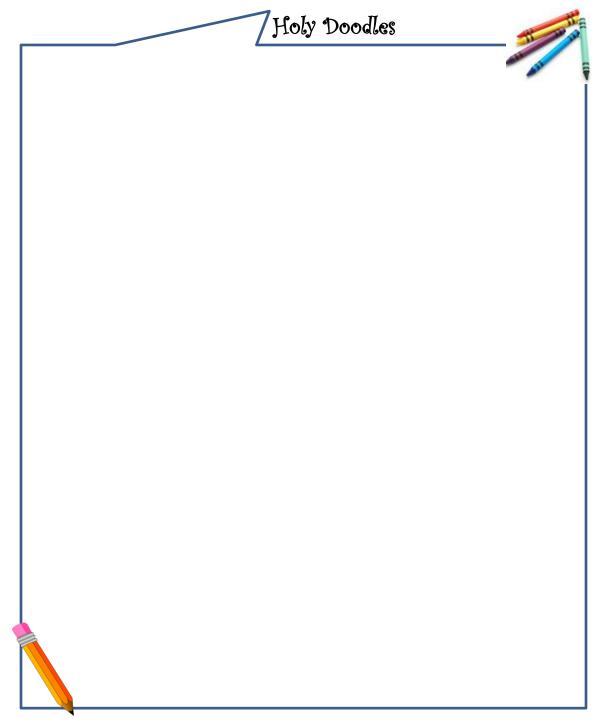
We are excited to serve, worship and gather in large community.

There are 31 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!

For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.



Hi, my name is Catherine Carr and I am 14 years old. I am in 9th grade at South Point high school. My hobbies include soccer, playing piano, baking, and running. I love being a part of our church family and am so excited to attend the National Youth Gathering in June. I look forward to volunteering in Houston and being around other Lutheran youth while growing closer to Christ!



Sunday School Attendance for May 20, 2018

Pre-K & Lower Elementary	7
Upper Elementary	3
Middle School	3
High School	0
Seekers	4
Adults	9
Total	26



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: mkearney@holyc.org Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager