Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, August 4, 2013

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



John Propst Interim Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: Lord of the Blossom, O God of the Seed North American Traditional

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, 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.
- C Amen.

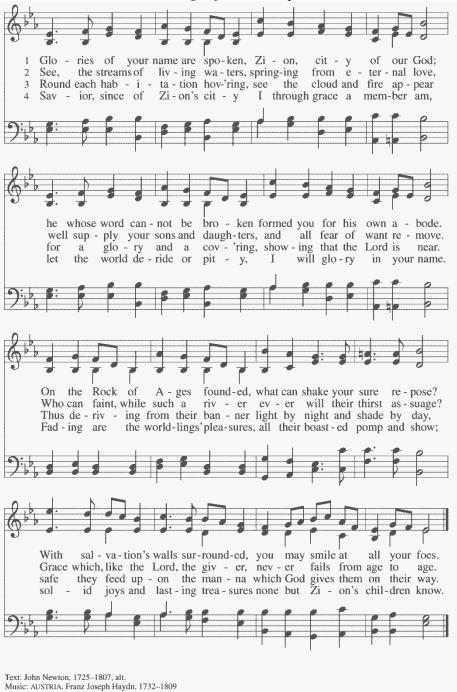
Silence is kept for reflection.

- 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.

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.

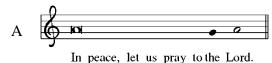
GATHERING SONG: Glorious Things of You Are Spoken All Stand & Sing



GREETING

- P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE











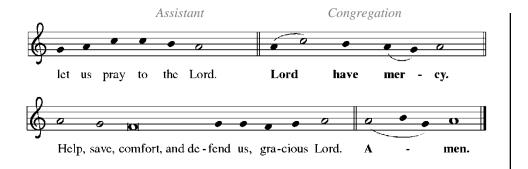
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE









This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Congregation is Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

A reading from the first and second chapters of Ecclesiastes.

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Chapter 1

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,

vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Chapter 2

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹— and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the third chapter of Colossians.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath,

malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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



GOSPEL Luke 12:13–21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones,



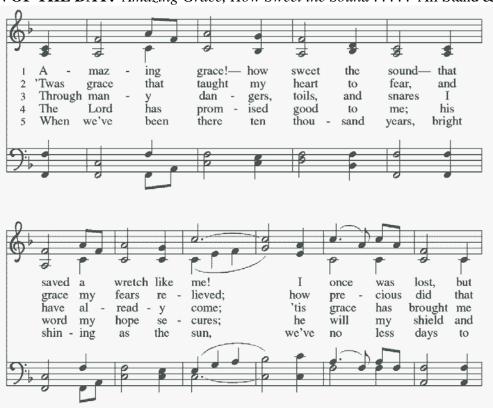
and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

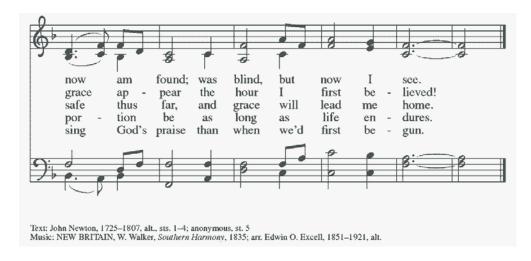
P The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Pastor Jack

HYMN OF THE DAY: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound All Stand & Sing





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

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

A brief silence.

Protect churches living under persecution, and erase the lines of country, race, and class that separate us from their struggle. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Teach us to treasure and nurture the world around us, and reawaken our sense of wonder at the miracle and brevity of life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Advance wisdom and diplomacy among nations, that we may recognize our interdependence and work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give hope to those weighed down by fear and worry: the unemployed, the depressed or suicidal, those who are ill, in pain, or in any way overwhelmed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Transform us by your gifts of bath, meal, and story that we will find riches in giving and sharing all that we have and enjoy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Set our minds on things above and at the last, join us with our faithful departed brothers and sisters and bring us to eternal life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: O God, Whose Word Well Planted Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Let The Vineyards All Stand & Sing

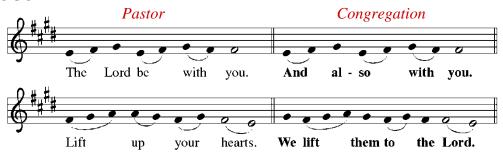


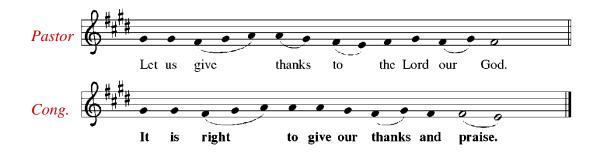
OFFERING PRAYER

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

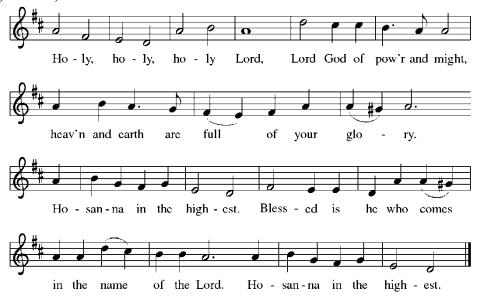




PREFACE

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,

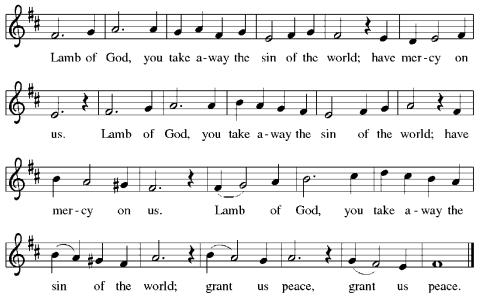
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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: Eat This Bread All Sing





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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Gracious 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 upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Sent Forth By God's Blessing All Stand & Sing by God's bless-ing, our faith Sent forth true con fess - ing, 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev er liv - ing, the God from this dwell-ing peo - ple of take leave. the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face---The sup - per end - ed. Oh, be tend - ed is now ex our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev er car - ing, the this all who fruits of ser - vice in be - lieve. em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race. The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re cep - tive souls With feast feed us, with your your you light now reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. u - nite us life that we lead us; one in this share. as Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall nite BS liv - ing with thanks - giv - ing Then may all the praise and to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call. give hon - or to Christ and his name that bear.

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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 **Eleventh 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. 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. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Jody Flowers in loving memory of his mother's birthday; and by Rebecca Yount and sons Luke and Alec in honor of Mark Yount's 51st birthday.

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 Committee

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, July 28, 2013:

Attendance: 128

July 28, 2013 **Budget Report** Current Offering Received 7/21/13 2,735.25 Total Current Offering, Y-T-D (1/1/13-7/21/13) \$136,571.74 Expenses, Year-To-Date \$121,755.58

The Current Offering Received for the year through July 28, 2013 is \$ 14,816.16 more than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. + Charles Mauney

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4) ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin

Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain Gage Gatlin Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

CRUCIFERS: Wil Carpenter Barbara Kasmer

Cody Koehler Gayla Foscue

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B) **GREETERS:** Need Volunteers

Sherry Alexander Fran Holland Charles Mauney Dee Smith **USHERS:** Courtney Gatlin

Denise Wiegand

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Shelia & Tim Kelly **RECORDER:** Maria Frame

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, August 4 Tuesday, August 6 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

10:10 am Church Choir

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: August 4-10

Today, August 4 Mark Yount August 6 Eric Carpenter Justin Koehler

Stanley Lahr

The Call Committee is now in the process of receiving names for Pastoral Candidates. If anyone in the congregation has someone they would like to nominate for consideration, the forms are available in the church office and should be returned to me.

The Call Committee welcomes your suggestion of possible candidates. Only a

member of the clergy roster for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America may be nominated. All ELCA pastors with the exception of our interim pastors, John Propst and Jack & Linda McHenry are eligible.

The Call Committee will take all nominations seriously and share appropriate names with the office of the Bishop. If the nominee is from a synod other than NC, our bishop will obtain clearances from the nominee's synod. It is strongly suggested that the first contact with the nominee be made by his or her bishop. Also, due to the call process and confidentiality, please know that there may be no direct response.

The Call Committee appreciates your input and if you have any questions, please let us know. Faithfully yours, *John Crist, Call Committee Chair*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Wesley Ashe Ferrie Hedrick Liz Propst Louise Austin Richard Holden Jo Singleton Virginia P. Crump Zac Hullander Gisela Stone

Daniel Dowd Lee Ireland

Gayla Foscue Chase Lineberger

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Beth Austin
John Bingham
Dale Burris
Ceci Colbert
Dove Davis

Kathy Helton
Betty Fox
Betty Fox
Betty Kannapel
Paul Outlaw
Jean Peters

Rose Strait
Buck Weatherford
Junior Westmorland
Beverly F. Wall

Brian Hedrick Taylor Propst & Family
Ms. Frankie Hedrick Ramona J. Sinclair

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll (Honduras) Jason Gardner Dillon Kasmer 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 let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex.

We welcome Pastor Jack McHenry to the pulpit this morning!

By the grace of Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at a celebration of Holy Communion
With the Installation to the Office of Pastor
At St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

For Joshua Adam Tucker

Sunday, the eleventh of August Two thousand and thirteen Four o'clock in the afternoon

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 201 N. Piedmont Avenue Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Reception to follow In St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall.

Clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is green.

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

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

John Propst, Interim Pastor; email: JohnCPropst@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager