Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, July 7, 2019 •

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Micah Kearney Pastor



Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: Prelude in C Major J. S. Bach

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: In Christ Called to Baptize All Stand & Sing

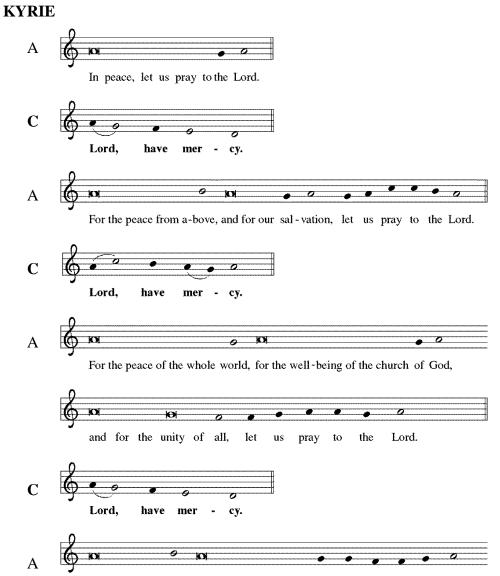


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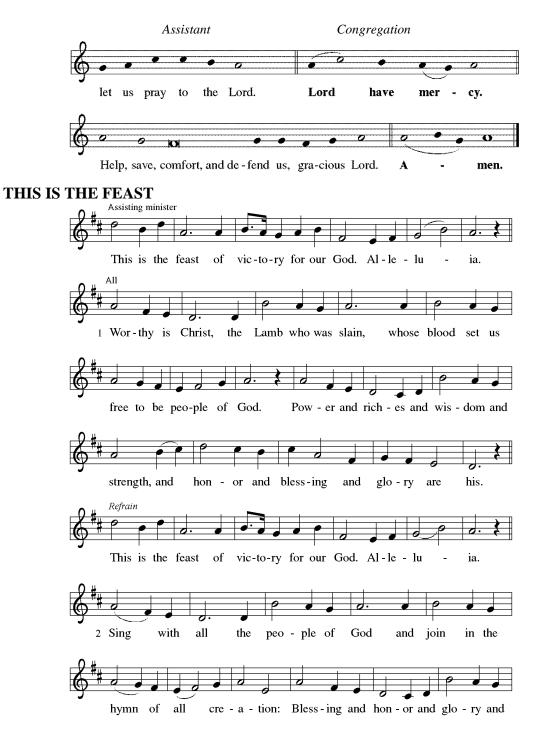
GREETING

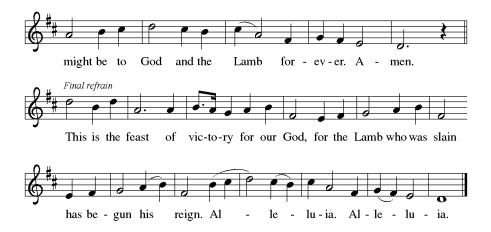
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.



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





SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, 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 20minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children's sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day*. Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

FIRST READING

A reading from the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah.

Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

- ¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants. and his indignation is against his enemies.
- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:7-16

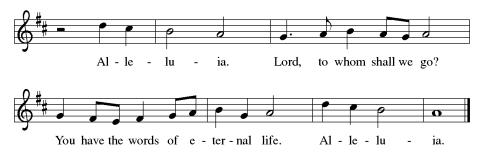
A reading from the sixth chapter of Galatians.

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith." ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹6"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.

SERMON Guest Pastor, The Rev. David Coffman

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant All Stand & Sing





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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

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

A brief silence.

For the church and its ministries; for pastors and musicians; for teachers and leaders, that their joyful noise clearly announce your reign of peace come near, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For your works revealed in creation: for rivers and streams; for thunderstorms and sunshine; and for those preparing for harvesttime, that you inspire our care for the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For peace and justice in the world; for all levels of government; for areas affected by strife, that those in authority always work for the good of all, bringing your justice to all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who console them; for prisoners and those who show them mercy; for the downtrodden and those who help them flourish; for those suffering from malaria and zika; and for all in need of care *(especially)*, that you comfort them as a mother comforts her child, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those spending time with friends and family this summer; for those making employment decisions; for those uncertain what the future holds, that they set their minds on Christ who has called us to himself, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have inspired us by their witness to the gospel, that with them we will know the confidence of being held in your embrace, let us pray.

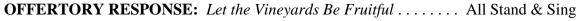
Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Tallis Canon Church Choir



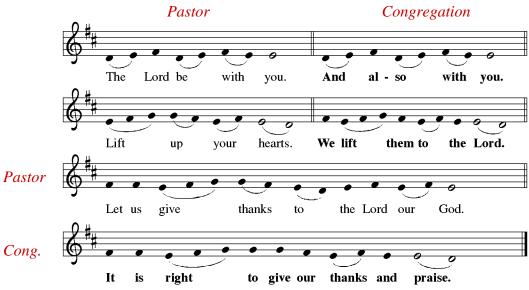


OFFERING PRAYER

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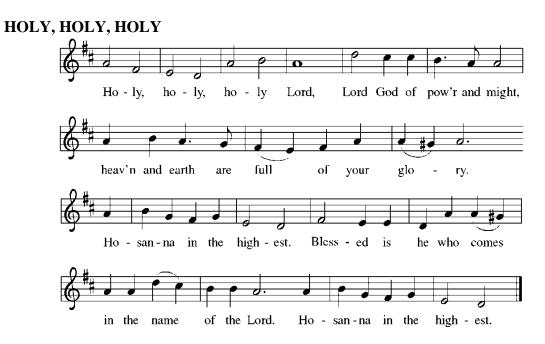
C Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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



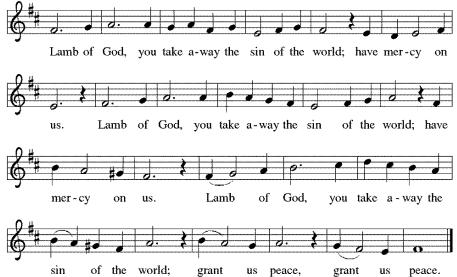
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.
- C Thanks be to God.

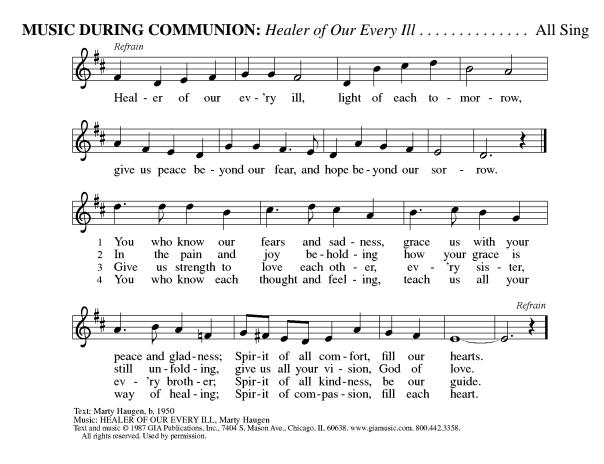
COMMUNION SONG





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.



- 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 O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of 1 the Lord; 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat; the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born 3 In a - cross the sea, the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he tram - pling out is sift - ing out he is the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat. with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans-fig - ures you and me. has loosed the fate - ful light-ning of ter - ri - ble swift sword: he his Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi-lant, my feet! he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free, As • his truth is march ing on. Our God is march ing on. while God is march ing on. Refrain Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march-ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

SENDING

- A Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all our visitors on this **The Fourth 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 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, June 30, 2019:

Attendance: 100

<u>Budget Report</u> Offering	<u>This Week</u> \$ 5,649.00	<u>Year-to-Date</u> \$132,642.46	<u>(Unfavorable)</u> (17,215.57)
Expenses	<u>\$ 5,774.35</u>	<u>\$151,871.25</u>	(2,013.22)
Offering less Expenses	(\$ 125.35)	(<u>\$ 19,228.79)</u>	(19,228.79)

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 6/30/19

Goal:\$225,000Received to Date:152,535Additional Amounts Promised:35,000Remaining Needed:\$37,465

ASSISTING MINISTERS: LECTOR: Billy Joye

ACOLYTE: Kaylin Leitner

CRUCIFER: Volunteer

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3) Fran Holland, Co-Captain Tracey Nault, Co-Captain Rebecca Yount

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Volunteers

GREETER: Katie Howard

TELLERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jill Cassel

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

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Brad & Brandy Milton in honor of their 7th wedding anniversary; and by Carmen & Arden De Nicholas in honor of Merritt's 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.

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music Committee

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: July 7-13

July 8 Merritt De Nicholas July 9 Chase Lineberger July 10 Marcus Fleming



July 10 Hailey Ratchford Laura Tench July 13 Don Robinson

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, July 7

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

- 10:10 am Church Choir prep
- 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion Blood pressure screening after worship

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 pm Christian Ed meeting Nar-Anon



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen Cynthia Buchanan Brenda Dabrowski Becke Featherstone Sarah Tench Helms Kay Holden

Zac Hullander Ben Moose Sherry Perry Andy Robinson & Family Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Sue Barbee Amy Beale Blythe Doug Brewer Ron de la Vega Nancy Dickson Qemal Fazlin (Halide's husband) Carol Fox Earl Gardner Larry "Poss" Garrett Bill Hinkle Meredith Hovis Adam Kincaid Steve Leonard Jennifer Lineberger Ronnie Lunsford Ruth Lyerly Cookie Lynn Jane Marino Clarence McLain Zak Merzouki Anne Murdy Linda Nichols Sara Nichols Tommy Smith Brody Thornburg Dennis Yates Doris Wade

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker

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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.



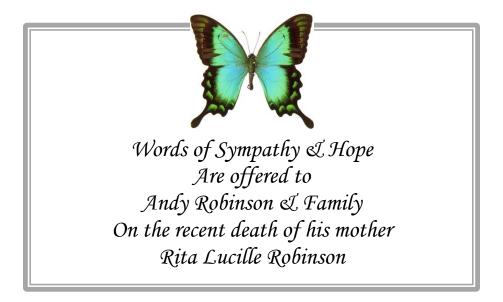
High Blood Pressure a Problem? According to the American Heart Association's latest values, you have high blood pressure (hypertension) if your pressure is 130-139/80-89. Being physically active is one of the most important things you can do to prevent, or control high blood pressure, and it doesn't take a lot of effort to be physically active. All you need is 30 minutes of moderately-paced physical activity on most days of the week. You can even divide the 30 minutes into shorter periods of at least 10 minutes each. Before you start an exercise regime

you should check first with your doctor if you have heart trouble or have had a heart attack, if you're over age 50 and not used to moderate-level physical activity, if you have a family history of heart disease at an early age, or any other serious health problem. Examples of moderate-level physical activities include: Washing windows or floors, gardening, wheeling yourself in a wheelchair, pushing a stroller, raking leaves, walking up/down stairs, playing volleyball, playing kickball, walking 2 miles in 30 minutes, bicycling, swimming laps, etc. Easy peasy, right? And for those of you in the Walk With God program (or those of you who wish to join us), they ALL count if you do each for 20 minutes! So, let's see some more activity – this is the perfect time to get started!

Speaking of high blood pressure

come get your pressure checked after service today! It's important to know your numbers!

And **Walk With God** participants, remember to get those miles into me by Tuesday to get your extra five miles! We are doing great! As of last week we had traveled 820 miles and Robert Koehler was our **first random prize winner!** Congrats to Robert!



July 15-19 9:00am - 3:00pm For rising 1st graders through Middle School Registration forms in the church office.

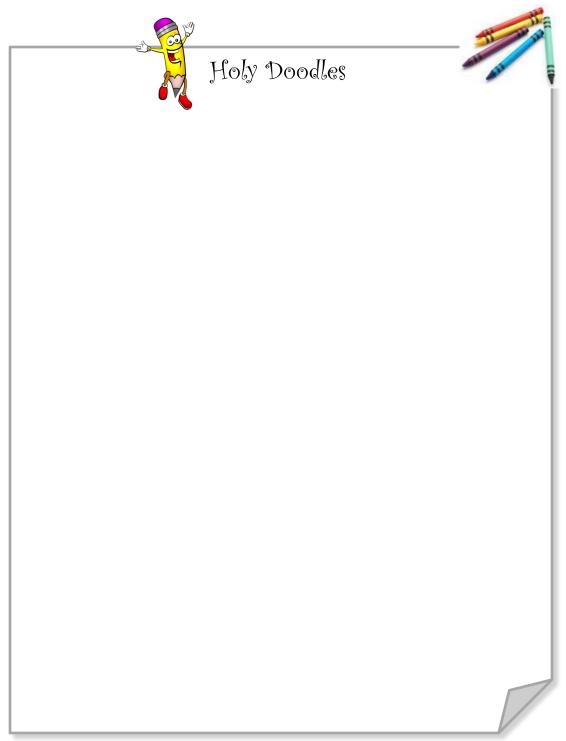
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Vacation July 28-31 Bible School Grades Pre-K-Grade 5 5:45 pm Dinner 6:15-8:00 pm VBS session

Life is wild "God is good

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To register your child or volunteer contact Beka at rforst@holyc.org



Today we welcome to the pulpit The Rev. David Coffman as Guest Pastor



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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 Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse