Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 2, 2014

All Saints' Sunday

Remembering Bob Williams, Jane Deaton, Virginia Poston-Crump, & Scott Caldwell, members of Holy Comforter

And others who have died in the Lord since last All Saints Sunday



Greg Cline

Organist/Choirmaster

Micah Kearney Pastor

WELCOME/GATHERING

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, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.
- C Amen.
- P Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Generous and faithful God.
- C we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

C Amen.



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GREETING

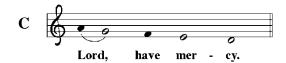
P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



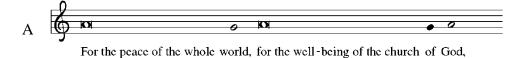
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





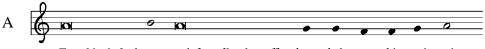
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, $\ \mbox{let} \ \mbox{us} \ \mbox{pray} \ \mbox{to} \ \mbox{the} \ \mbox{Lord}.$



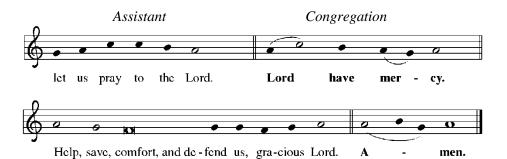








For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



CANTICLE OF PRAISE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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 nursery.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

A reading from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the third chapter of 1 John.

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

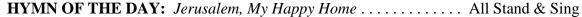
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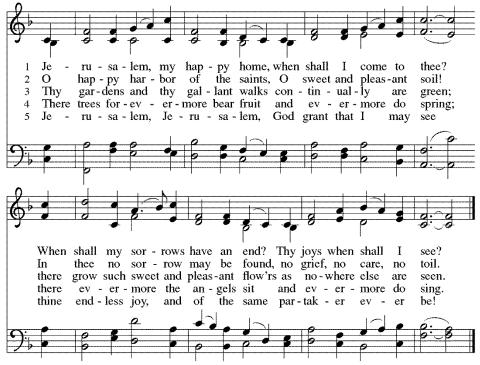
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 - ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 - 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 - ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.





Text: F. B. P., 16th cent. Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortness.

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

Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the whole church, gathered in word and sacrament, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, to continue to bring care and blessing to all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom, courage, and commitment to help restore your good creation, that clean water, air, and the fruits of the earth are available for future generations. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for nations suffering from oppression, war, and economic uncertainty. Raise up leaders who will work for peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our sisters and brothers who are hungry and thirsty, who need peace, who are persecuted, and all who need your healing touch through our hands. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation's ministries, that we continue reaching out to our neighborhood and community to share the goodness you offer through Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all our faithful departed (those who have died during the past year may be named) and the witness we see in their faithful lives. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

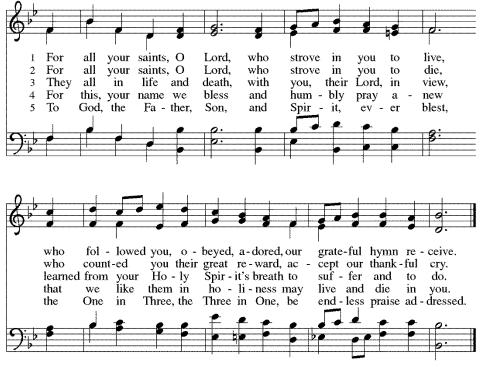
^{*} catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Rise Up, O Saints of God Men's Chorus

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: For All Your Saints, O Lord All Stand & Sing



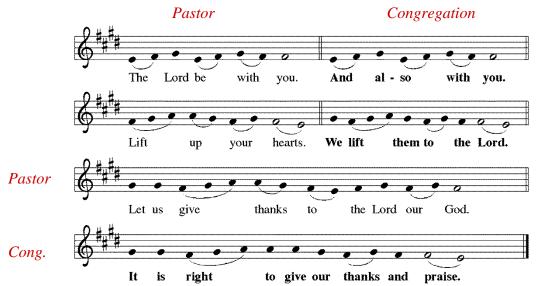
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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

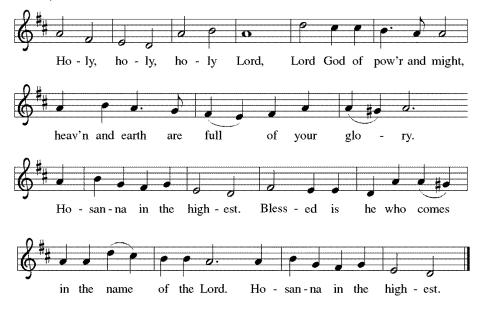
DIALOGUE



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.

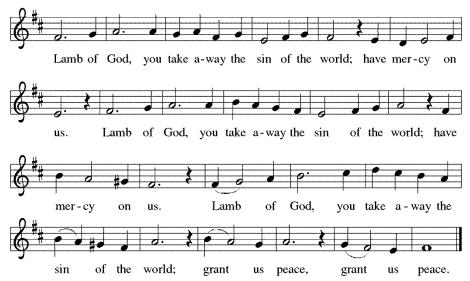
For thine is the kingdom,

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.
- 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.





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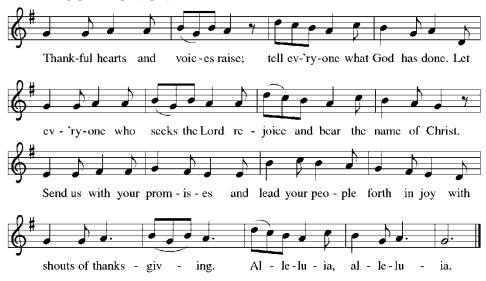
Music: BLEST ARE THEY, David Haas

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

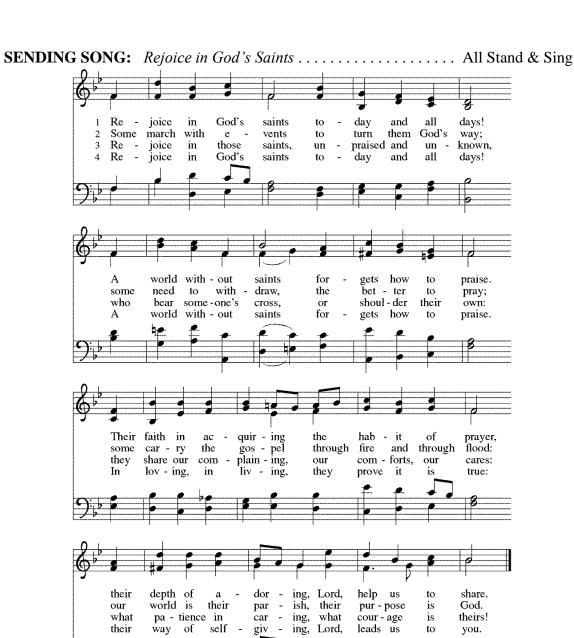
A O God, the host at every meal,

C at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C Amen.



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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **All Saints' 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. 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.



<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.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Paul, Tracey, Caroline & Ashton Nault in honor of Aaron's upcoming birthday; and by Warren & Faye Heller in appreciation of Greg Cline.

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

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, October 26, 2014:

Attendance: 141

Budget ReportOctober 26, 2014Current Offering Received 10/26/14\$ 4,557.43Weekly Budget Expenses\$ 4,504.60Offering, Year- to-Date (YTD)\$174,551.42Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD(\$ 17, 850.37)

The Current Offering Received for the year through October 26, 2014 is \$5,778.73 less than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr., Donna Bean **GREETER:** Monique Estelle

ACOLYTES: Garrett Carpenter EUCHARIST PRESENTERS

Garrett Fox Tracey & Caroline Nault

CRUCIFERS: Cody Koehler TELLERS: Sherry Alexander &

Gage Gatlin Tom Causby

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B) Fran Holland, Co-Captain Fran Holland Sherry Alexander

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain Charles Mauney Volunteer

Courtney Gatlin Tracey Nault

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon **NURSERY:** (9:30 – 11:45 am) Diann Halvorson

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM ACCOMPANIST:

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Brandy Milton Raini Kimball

USHERS: Need Volunteers

Stephanie Hinson

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, November 2

Today, Sunday, November 2Tuesday, November 49:30 am Sunday School7:00 pm Chamber Choir10:10 am Church ChoirNar-Anon

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

5:00 pm Handbell Choir

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 2-8

November 3 Brad Milton November 6 Debbie Bray November 6 Jenn Kearney November 8 Jim Buell



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 23.

Council nomination forms due November 9 are now available in the narthex or from an usher. NC Synod nominations forms (3 delegates needed) are also available & due at the same time.



Sunday School Attendance October 26, 2013



	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	4	4
Pre-K	3	1
God's Eden	2	1
Youth		1
Seekers		3
Adult Bible Class		11
Totals:	9	21



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin	Zac Hullander	Mabel Ratchford
Daniel Dowd	Bill & Pauline Joye	George Roberson
Cher Grant	Chase Lineberger	Mark Reese
Ferrie Hedrick	Virginia Neagle	Marguerite Shive
Kav Holden	Carol Posev	•

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Shirley Achor	Ronnie Garrison	Anna Rudder
Harriett Ange	Brian Hedrick	Megan Sigler
Paige Beaver	Dennis Jordan	Jimmy Surratt
Jenny Beer	Marshall Kinley	E. Taylor & Family
Father Frank Cancro	Mark Outlaw	Pastor Gary Weant
Tina Capwell	Joe Reynolds	Olivia Wilcox
Poss Garrett		

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner Dillon Kasmer Jeremy Shave

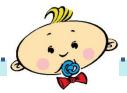
OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Trudy Whitener or Dianne in the church office.

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



Please join us for a Drop-In Baby Shower Honoring Jennifer Kearney

Sunday, November 9 2:00 – 4:00 pm Holy Comforter Fellowship Hall

Jennifer is registered at Target Contact Misty Koehler or Melissa Bocchino if you have questions.



Please consider nominating someone for Church Council AND delegates (need 3) for the NC Synod meeting to be held in May, 2015. Use the forms here or ask an usher for a form.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION – 2014

The Nominating Committee will submit a list of candidates to the congregation at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 23rd for Church Council.

Any active, confirmed member may nominate any qualified member to run for Church Council. In order to submit their name for nomination, you must fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

(Your Name) would like to nominate:

Name of Member Nominated

to run for Church Council. I have already asked this person and <u>have</u> their consent to put their name in nomination.

Signature of person nominated

This form must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday, November 9th so that their names may be placed on the ballot.

SYNOD DELEGATE NOMINATION – 2015

In order to accomplish the bishop's election, this year's NC Synod Assembly will be extended to three days – Thursday, May 28 through Saturday, May 30, 2015. To accommodate the anticipated numbers of attendees, the 2015 NC Synod Assembly will be held at the Koury Convention Center/Sheraton in Greensboro.

We need 3 synod delegates from our congregation to attend: 1 male, 1 female & 1 Youth. The Nominating Committee will submit a list of candidates to the congregation at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 23rd for Synod Assembly.

Any active, confirmed member may nominate any qualified member to run for Synod Delegate. In order to submit their name for nomination, you must fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

(Your Name) would like to nominate:

Name of Male Delegate Nominated

Name of Female Delegate Nominated

Name of Youth Delegate Nominated

to run for Synod delegate. I have already asked these persons and $\underline{\text{have their consent}}$ to put their name in nomination.

Signatures of persons nominated
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This form must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday, November 16th so that their names may be placed on the ballot.

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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 Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager