

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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## The First Sunday of Advent



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### GATHERING/WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ..... Chamber Choir

### 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 shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Faithful God,

**C** **we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.**

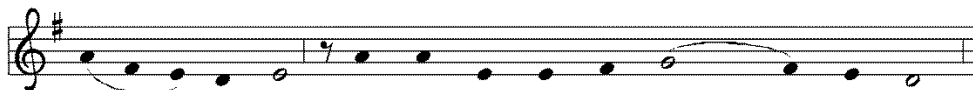
**P** God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

**C** **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



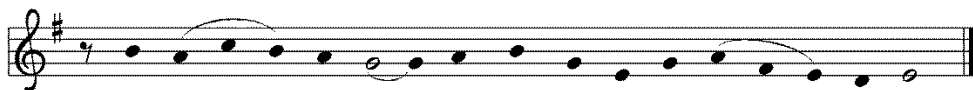
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

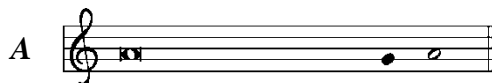
Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## GREETING


**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.


C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

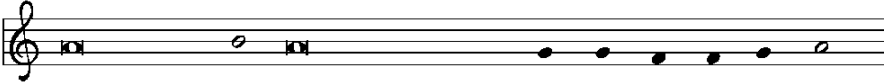
A   
 For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

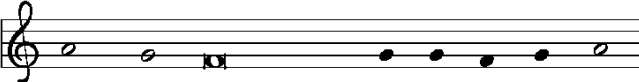

A   
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C   
 Lord, have mer - cy.

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

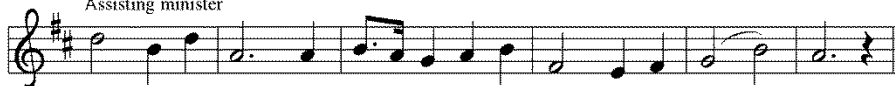
*Assistant*  *Congregation*   
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

   
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

Assisting minister

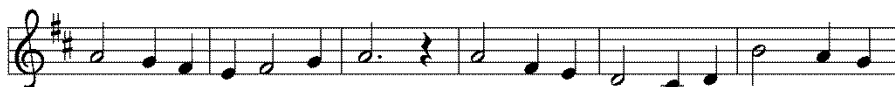


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

A11



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

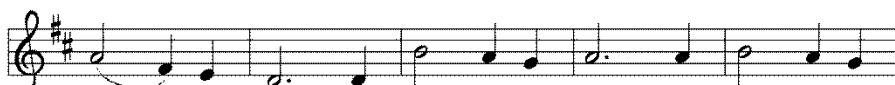


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

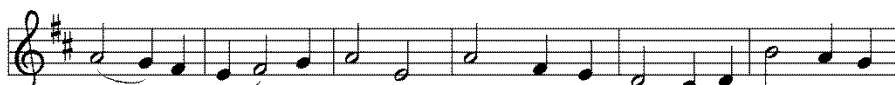
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the 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 nursery**.

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 64:1–9**

A reading from the sixth-fourth chapter of Isaiah.

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil —  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

- <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
- <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.
- <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH: *Light One Candle . . . All Sing 1<sup>st</sup> Verse Only*

The first candle represents HOPE. Long ago, peoples' hearts were sustained by hope as they waited for a Savior. We hope, too, for the Savior and his love to fill and cover the world.



- |   |                         |                        |                       |              |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Light one can-dle to    | watch for Mes-si - ah: | let the light ban-ish | dark - ness. |
| 2 | Light two can-dles to   | watch for Mes-si - ah: | let the light ban-ish | dark - ness. |
| 3 | Light three can-dles to | watch for Mes-si - ah: | let the light ban-ish | dark - ness. |
| 4 | Light four can-dles to  | watch for Mes-si - ah: | let the light ban-ish | dark - ness. |



He	shall bring	sal - va - tion	to Is - ra - el,	God	ful - fills	the	prom - ise.
He	shall feed	the flock	like a shep - herd,	gent - ly	lead	them	home - ward.
Lift	your heads	and lift	high the gate - way	for the	King	of	glo - ry.
He	is com - ing,	tell the glad	tid - ings.	Let	your lights	be	shin - ing!

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Corinthians.

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**Mark 13:24–37**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

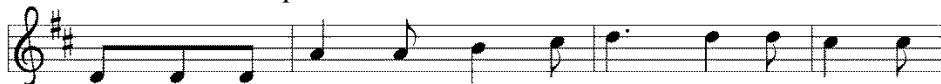


**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** ..... Guest Pastor, Jay Harbinson

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *People, Look East* ..... All Stand & Sing



1	Peo - ple,	look	east.	The	time	is	near	of	the	crown - ing
2	Fur - rows,	be	glad.	Though	earth	is	bare,	one	more	seed is
3	Stars,	keep	the	watch.	When	night	is	dim,	one	more light the
4	An - gels	an - nounce	with	shouts	of	mirth	him	who	brings	new



of	the	year.	Make	your	house	fair	as	you	are	a - ble,
plant - ed	there.	Give	up	your	strength	the	seed	to	nour - ish,	
bowl shall	brim.	shin - ing	be - yond	the	frost - y	weath - er,				
life to	earth.	Set	ev - 'ry	peak	and	val - ley	hum - ming			



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965  
Music: BESANÇON, French carol  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Savior of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, stars, mountains, oceans, and all creatures great and small. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty, unemployment, illness, or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, giver of grace. Turn this community toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Come, creative Spirit. Inspire us by the faith of those who have gone before us as we trust in your promise to bring all things to fulfillment in Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

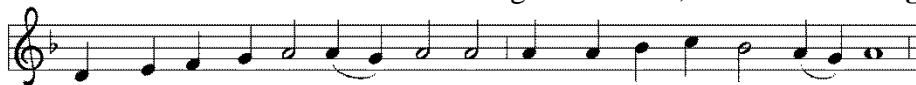
**C** And also with you.



## OFFERING

**OFFERING ANTHEM & RESPONSE:** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence . . . . .*

Church Choir sings verses 1-3; **All stand & Sing Verse 4**



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser-aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food,  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

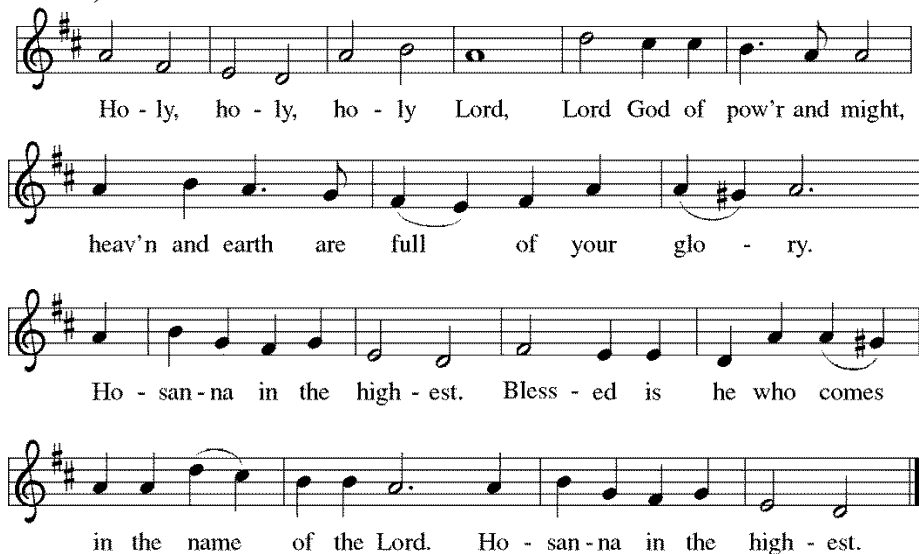
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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:

*Blest Be the God of Israel* . . . . . All Sing



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79  
Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune  
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*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* . . . . . All Sing



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low-ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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**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** Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

**P** God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING SONG: *Fling Wide the Door* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song, for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weisse1, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Frey1inghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version  
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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **First Sunday in Advent**. 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. 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](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Linda Grimsley & Cher Grant in honor of Betty Grimsley, Linda's mother.

**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, November 23, 2014:**

Attendance: 175



## **Budget Report**

Current Offering Received 11/23/14  
Weekly Budgeted Expenses  
Offering, YTD  
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD  
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD

**November 23, 2014**

\$ 3,940.30  
\$ 4,504.60  
\$192,666.81  
(\$ 2,596.92)  
(\$ 17,329.65)

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### **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr., Donna Bean

**ACOLYTES:** Garrett Carpenter  
Garrett Fox

**CRUCIFERS:** Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)  
Fran Holland, Co-Captain  
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain  
Courtney Gatlin Tracey Nault  
Stephanie Hinson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team B)  
Fran Holland Charles Mauney  
Sherry Alexander Volunteer

**CANTOR:** Anne Reese

**NURSERY:** (9:30 – 11:45 am)  
Maria Carr

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**  
Beth Brittain

**GREETERS:** Myra & Bill Hollar

**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:**  
Need Volunteers

**TELLERS:** Sherry Alexander &  
Tom Causby

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

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### **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 30-December 6**

Today, November 30 Nathan Baakko

December 1 Madison Kelly

December 3 Travis Fleming

December 3 Brenda Jenkins

December 5 Aaron Nault

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### **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

#### **Today, Sunday, November 30**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:10 am Church Choir  
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**  
4:00 pm Children's Ensemble  
5:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Church Choir  
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

#### **Monday, December 1**

5:30 pm **Chamber Choir**  
*sings downtown*

#### **Tuesday, December 2**

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

### **Wednesday, December 3**

5:45 pm Meal, **6:30 pm Worship**  
Chamber Choir after  
6:00 pm Combined ***Children's Choirs***  
rehearsal at the Convent Chapel

### **Saturday, December 6**

8:30 pm ***Confirmands*** host here at  
Holy Comforter  
1:30 pm Final ***dress rehearsal*** of  
Choirs at *Cardinal*  
*Gibbons Chapel*  
7:00 pm ***Staying Connected***  
Fellowship hall, crafts &  
Gift Exchange

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**We welcome to the pulpit this morning guest pastor, Jay Harbinson.**

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**Need a gift for someone on your Christmas list?**

**The *Holy Comforter Cookbooks* will be available for sale at a reduced cost of \$10.**

Look for Deb Bingham & Kathy Graves as you enter the education building from the sanctuary.

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**THE CRECHE** is set up this morning with a manger and a blue vigil candle. The crèche suggests the lowliness and poverty surrounding our infant Savior who for humanity's sake became poor that through His poverty, people might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9)

**THE FIGURES ADDED TO OUR CRECHE** are a DONKEY and a COW. They remind us that in God's creation, everyone and everything rejoices in the coming of God into the world. This includes the animals in the stable, for it was indeed their home.



### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER**

Brian Achor & Family  
Louise Austin  
Daniel Dowd  
Monique Estelle  
Ferrie Hedrick  
Kay Holden

Dot Holland  
Zac Hullander  
Bill & Pauline Joye  
Eva Kline  
Chase Lineberger  
Virginia Neagle

Carol Posey  
Mabel Ratchford  
George Roberson  
Mark Reese  
Beverly Reynolds  
Marguerite Shive

### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Harriett Ange  
Paige Beaver  
Jenny Beer  
Father Frank Cancro  
Tina Capwell  
Poss Garrett  
Ronnie Garrison  
Lewis Gilbert Family  
Brian Hedrick  
Dennis Jordan

Betty Kannapel  
Steven Keating  
Marshall Kinley  
Lance Kirkland  
Terry Mahaffey  
Steve Mathis  
Kenadee Nelson  
Mark Outlaw  
Alicia Overton  
Jean Peters

Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty  
Joe Reynolds  
Anna Rudder  
Megan Sigler  
E. Taylor & Family  
Gloria Ward  
Pastor Gary Weant  
Olivia Wilcox

### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer



Jeremy Shaver

### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

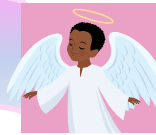
Please remember these people in your prayers.

**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](http://www.holyc.org).



## S.O.C.K.S. Angel Tree



Again this year we are participating in the **Angel Tree** for S.O.C.K.S. (Serving Our Community With Kindness in Springwood). S.O.C.K.S. is located in North Belmont and serves needy families in our area.

**50 name tags** with the age, gender, and sizes for the child were claimed the past two Sundays.

After purchasing and wrapping the gifts, **please attach the name tag to the gifts** so SOCKS volunteers will know who the gifts are for. Bring your wrapped & tagged items to the church as soon as they are ready. **The deadline date for returning your gifts to Holy Comforter is December 3.** S.O.C.K.S. does not have room to store the gifts so they will be distributed to the families as soon as they are received at the SOCKS facility.

**Last year this congregation provided gifts to over 35 children. This year you will be providing 50 local children with gifts for Christmas.** Thank you in advance for helping the children of our community!



### Sunday School Attendance November 23, 2014

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	3	2
Pre-K	1	2
God's Eden	7	1
Youth	1	1
Seekers		8
Adult Bible Class		10
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>



# *A Christmas Cantata*

*presented by the music ministries of:*

## **Queen of the Apostles & Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

**Sunday - December 7, 2014 - 4:00pm**

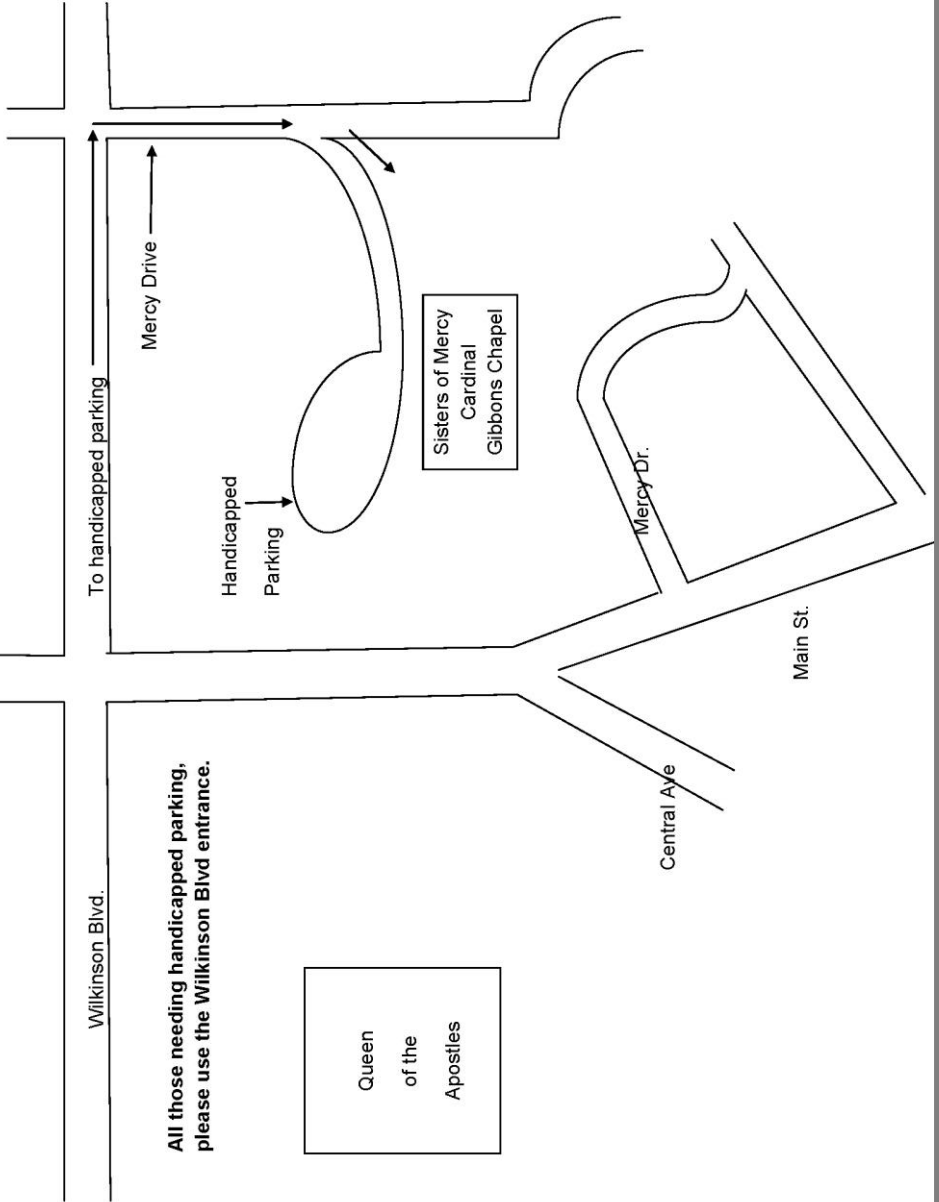
### **LOCATION:**

Sisters of Mercy Cardinal Gibbons Chapel  
101 Mercy Drive, Belmont, NC 28012  
(Map available on reverse side)

### **RECEPTION:**

A reception will follow in the MAK Family Life Center at  
Queen of the Apostles  
503 North Main Street, Belmont, NC 28012

# Map of Sisters of Mercy Campus



**All those needing handicapped parking,  
please use the Wilkinson Blvd entrance.**

Queen  
of the  
Apostles



## Poinsettia Order Form

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE GLORY OF GOD: \_\_\_\_\_

PAID CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ PAID CASH \_\_\_\_\_

**(Remember to add \$15.00 for each poinsettia ordered.)**

Payment must be attached to order form.

**All orders due to Dianne in the office by, December 7<sup>th</sup>.**  
You may give your form and payment to an usher or take to the church office.

**Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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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**

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager