

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, August 6, 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Brian Wachendorf
Seminarian

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

GATHERING /WELCOME

PRELUDE: *We Come to the Hungry Feast* Melody on Page 9

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

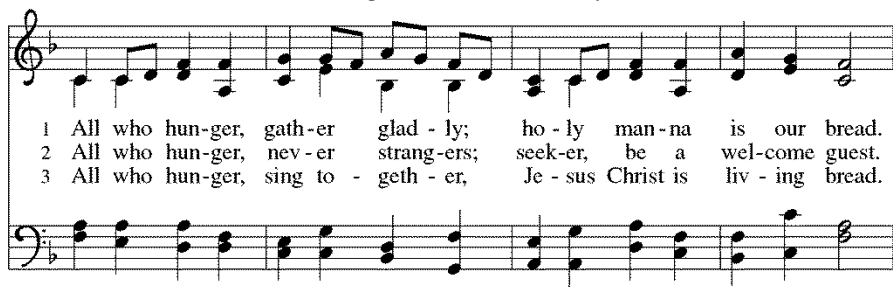
P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

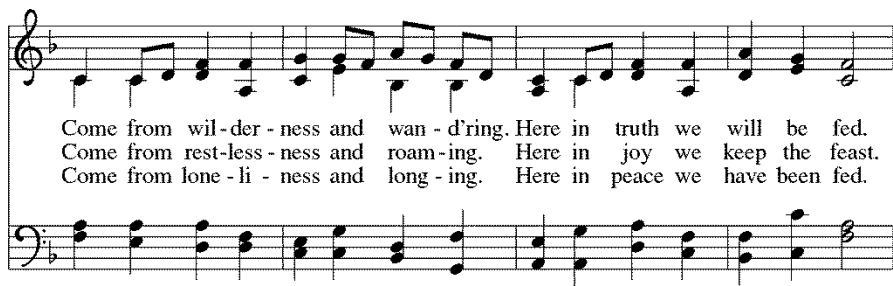
P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

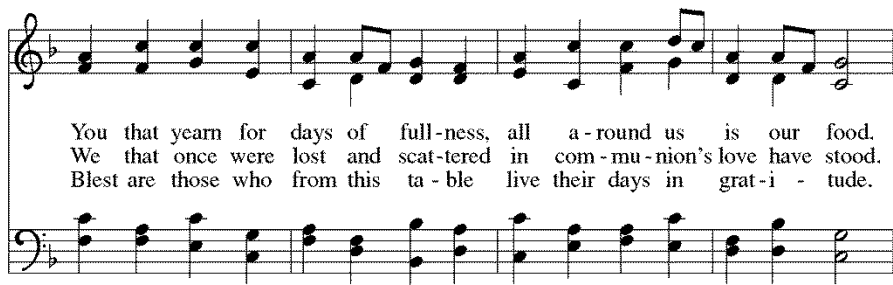
GATHERING SONG: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly All Stand & Sing*



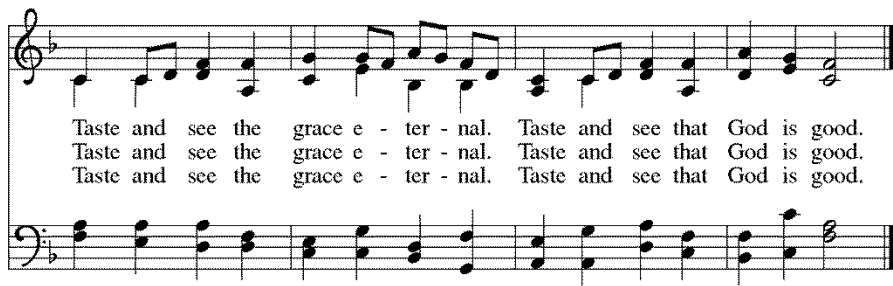
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth- er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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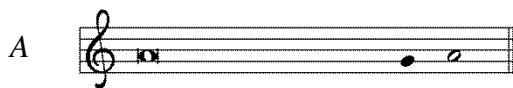
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 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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GREETING

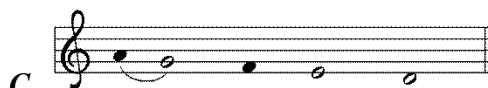
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

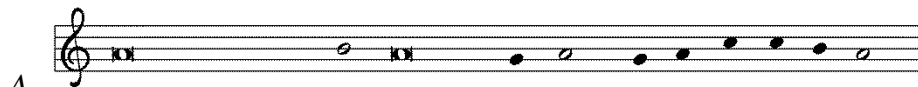
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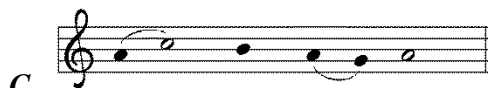
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



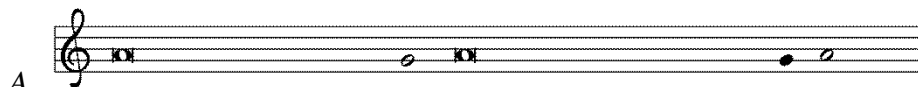
Lord, have mer - cy.



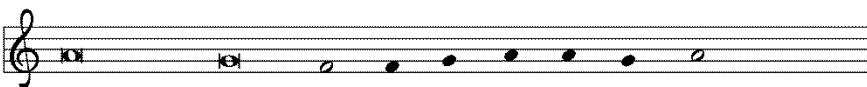
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



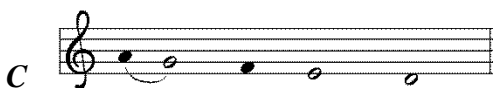
Lord, have mer - cy.



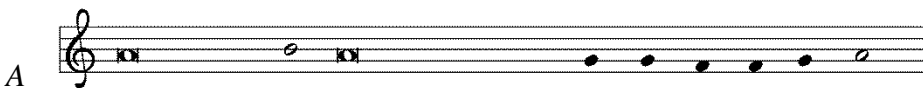
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




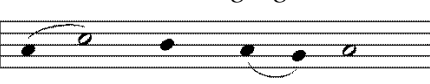
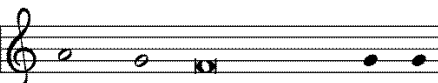
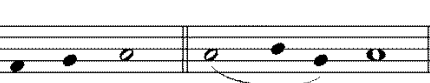
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




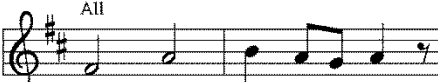
Lord, have mer - cy.

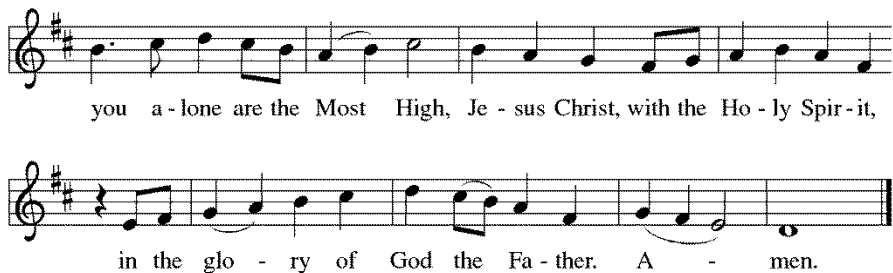


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

<i>Assistant</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
 <p>let us pray to the Lord.</p>	 <p>Lord have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.</p>	 <p>A - men.</p>

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

<i>Assisting minister</i>	
 <p>Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.</p>	
 <p>Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we</p>	
 <p>wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.</p>	
 <p>Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,</p>	
 <p>you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;</p>	
 <p>you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.</p>	
 <p>For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,</p>	



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving 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 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 All Sing

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in stead- | fast love.
⁹**LORD, you are good | to all,**
and your compassion is over | all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
 and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food | in due season.
¹⁶You open | wide your hand
 and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways**
and loving in | all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;**
you hear their | cry and save them.
²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans, the ninth chapter.

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Congregation is seated.

SERMON Brian Wachendorf

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Come to the Hungry Feast* All Stand & Sing



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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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.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Surely the Presence* Solo, Don Robinson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create In Me* All Stand & Sing

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,
and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship.

Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless us as we remember the saints at your everlasting feast until we join them at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *On What Has Now Been Sown* All Stand & Sing

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of 12 measures. The first measure contains a whole note G4. The second measure contains a half note A4 and a half note B4. The third measure contains a half note C5 and a half note D5. The fourth measure contains a half note E5 and a half note F5. The fifth measure contains a half note G5 and a half note A5. The sixth measure contains a half note B5 and a half note C6. The seventh measure contains a half note D6 and a half note E6. The eighth measure contains a half note F6 and a half note G6. The ninth measure contains a half note A6 and a half note B6. The tenth measure contains a half note C7 and a half note D7. The eleventh measure contains a half note E7 and a half note F7. The twelfth measure contains a half note G7 and a half note A7. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **The Ninth 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. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are located in the Education building. We encourage you to use the nurseries if your children become restless and/or vocal. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

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.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in honor of Mark Yount'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.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music Committee

Offering and Attendance Report for July 30, 2017:

Attendance: 112

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 3,670.00	\$ 156,247.93
Expenses	\$ 5,656.42	\$ 167,830.01
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 1,986.42)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,582.08)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>\$ 171,304.39</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		<u>(\$ 15,056.46)</u>

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: August 6-12

Today, August 6 Eric Carpenter
Justin Koehler



August 11 Cynthia Buchanan
Jill Leitner
Ginger MacDonald

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Diann & Dean Halvorson, Co-Captains

Carmen Buell Barbara Kasmer

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Infants: Staff; *Toddlers:* Volunteers

GREETER: Kathy Graves

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Need Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, August 6

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir

10:30 am The Service

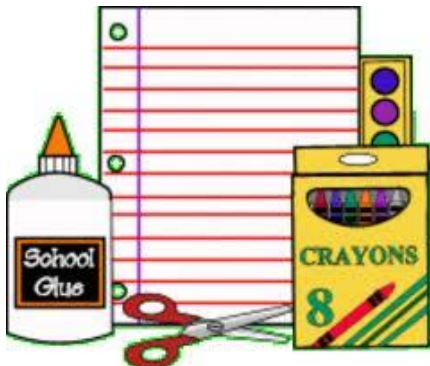
Tuesday, August 8

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, August 9

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

BCO August Items of the Month



School Supplies



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
Ardean Ewing
Becke Featherstone
Ned Featherstone

Kay Holden
Dot Holland
Zac Hullander
Chase Lineberger
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Jack Tench
Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Marsha Barr
Jeanne Bernhardt
Barbara Bingham
Midge Cunningham
Karen de la Vega

Carol Fox
Scott Frisk
Brandi Hager
Bill Hinkle
Glenda Hinkle

John McDermid
Jennifer Lineberger
Anne Murdy
Karen Wayt

OUR SERVICEMEN

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer



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 located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org



Holy Doodles



Do life situations sometimes leave you feeling “sandwiched”?
Do you ever feel like the middle slice of meat – maybe fried to a crisp –
expected to hold together a whole club sandwich?
Would a little Christian community pick-me-up help pull you through?

Join us for scripture, dinner, laughter and togetherness on
Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 pm
at Susan & Gary Clark’s home,
8426 Catawba Cove Drive in Belmont.

Whether you’re single, married, or somewhere in between,
You are welcomed!

The hope is to foster a community of support that can
continue meeting regularly.
Please email geeclark59@gmail.com
to let us know you’re coming.

Now for the fine print: This is a co-production of
Susan & Gary Clark and Pat & Ron Speck.
We will provide Snacks, Drinks, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,
rolls, plates and utensils.

1. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share
2. Please coordinate amongst your friends who are attending to carpool as we have limited parking on our road, lawn, driveway, etc.
3. Arrive any time after 4:00 pm for snacks, fellowship and jumping in the lake if you desire.
4. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. A short devotion will be held before dessert.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Peace,
Gary & Susan Clark
Ron & Pat Speck



Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and
the reception following the funeral service for
my husband, Stan Lahr.

Your love and support is very much appreciated.
Sincerely, Sue Lahr



We welcome to the pulpit this morning
Brian Wachendorf, Seminarian

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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

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager