

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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## The Third Sunday in Lent



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**PRELUDE:** *When In the Hour* . . . . . Bach

## WELCOME/GATHERING

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *This is the Spirit's Entry Now* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version  
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## PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### *Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present **Riley Elizabeth Fleming** for baptism.

### *The presiding minister addresses parents:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Riley baptized into Christ?

### *Response:*

I do.

### *The presiding minister continues:*

As you bring Riley to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that Riley may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Riley grow in the Christian faith and life?

### *Response:*

I do.

### *The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Riley by praying for her in her new life in Christ?

**C    We do.**

*The assembly stands*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

*\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

**P** Riley Elizabeth Fleming, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**C** **You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Riley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Riley Elizabeth Fleming, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized child as a representative of the congregation says:*

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

I present *Carmen & Jim Buell, Dawn Fleming, Travis Fleming, Nancy & Len Johansson, Viv Lane, Paul Outlaw, Mary Page, Jerri & Mike Wesson and Deb & Bob Williams* who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

*The minister addresses those who have been presented.*

P Brother and sister in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people who have learned

from his Word, God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Having just professed your faith in Christ Jesus do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,  
To hear his Word and share in his supper,  
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person individually answers in turn:*

**R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P** Let us pray.

*Those making affirmation kneel.*

**P** Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this man and woman your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

**P** Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ.

**C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **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**

**Exodus 17:1–7**

A reading from the seventeenth chapter of Exodus.

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. The Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 5:1–11**

A reading from the fifth chapter of Romans.

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

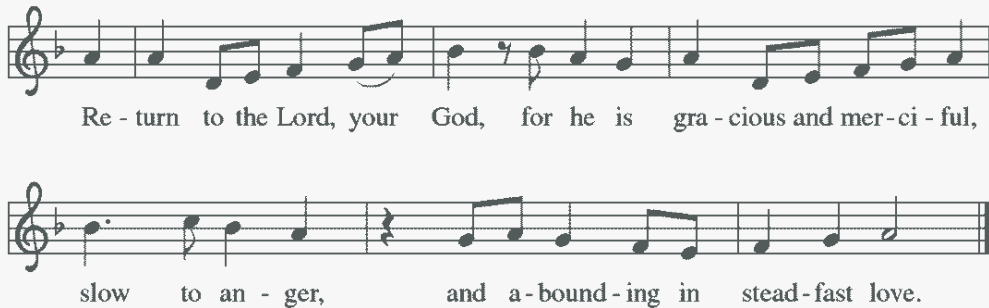
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good

person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL VERSE



### GOSPEL

**John 4:5–42**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than



our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"  
<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"  
<sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what

you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** *"Being Seen"*..... Pastor John

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God Loved the World* ..... All Stand and Sing

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Lead your church, that justified by faith, it may bear testimony to your grace, your power, and your way of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring the healing power of rain where there is drought and dry weather where there is flooding. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Drench the earth with your peace, so that nations and their leaders ensure that all people have access to clean water for all their needs. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Satisfy the thirst of all who long for you; the hungry, the poor, the fearful, and the ill, that they draw deeply from your well of hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless this congregation, that, showered with the promises of baptism, we welcome those who thirst for you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all the saints who endured in this world and have now entered your eternal rest. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, 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.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *My Wordless Prayer* ..... Church Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *As The Grains* ..... All Stand and Sing

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

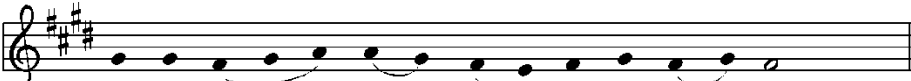
## DIALOGUE

*Pastor*

*Congregation*


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Cong.*




It is right to give our thanks and praise.

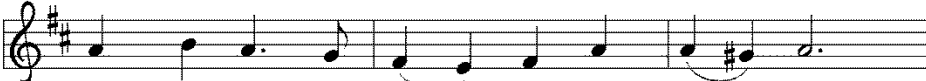
## PREFACE

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


## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



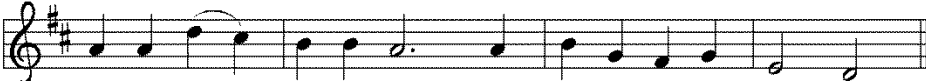
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 the table prepared for you. Taste the overflowing grace of God.

**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.



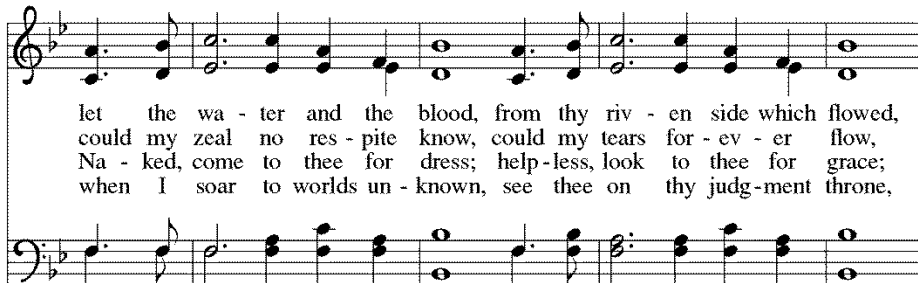
## COMMUNION

*A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

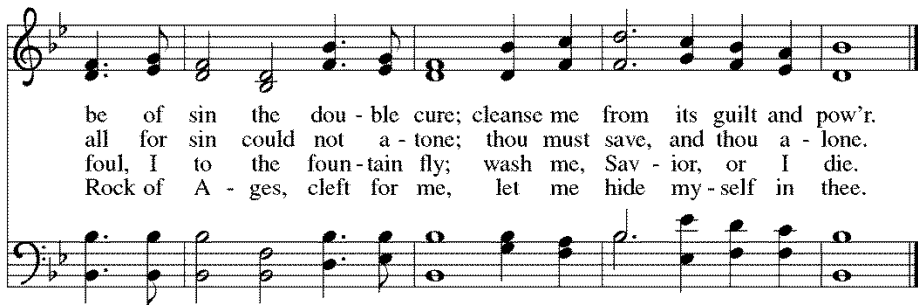
## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Rock of Ages* . . . . . All Stand and Sing



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** God of mercy,

**C** we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



## 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 **The Third Sunday of Lent**. 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 Beth & Reid Passer in memory of Bill Hansen.

**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, March 16, 2014:**

Attendance: 140

## **Budget Report**

Current Offering Received 3/16/14  
Weekly Expenses  
Offering, Year-To-Date

**March 16, 2014**

\$ 3,802.00  
\$ 4,504.60  
\$ 47,206.43

The Current Offering Received for the year through March 16, 2014 is \$ 4,973.47 more than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

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## **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. +  
Steve Bingham

**CANTOR:** Leslie Crist

**ACOLYTES:** Claire Mitchell  
Nathan Baakko

**GREETER:** Marsha Kinley

**CRUCIFERS:** Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am)  
March 23: Courtney & Becca Gatlin  
March 30: Misty Koehler & Katie Kessen

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

**TELLERS:** Janet Achor  
Dennis Tucker

**USHERS:** Volunteers Needed

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team C)  
Sherry Alexander          Courtney Gatlin  
Greg Garrison          Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**  
Tracey & Caroline Nault

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

### **Today, Sunday, March 23**

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

### **Tuesday, March 25**

5:45 pm    **Lenten** dinner  
6:30 pm    Mid-Week Worship  
              **Lord's Prayer** by  
Mandi Kline: ***and forgive us our  
trespasses, As we forgive those  
who trespass against us;***  
7:00 pm    Chamber Choir  
              Nar-Anon

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## **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: March 23 - 29**

March 24   Timothy Baakko  
March 25   Tate Jackson Brooks  
              Pat Koehler

March 26   Hailey Ange  
              Cheryl Grant  
March 28   Doris Meekins





## Welcome New Members to Holy Comforter:

*Carmen & Jim Buell, Dawn Fleming, Riley Fleming, Travis Fleming, Nancy & Len Johansson, Viv Lane, Paul Outlaw, Mary Page, Jerri & Mike Wesson and Deb & Bob Williams*

Eligible members for **2013 Thrivent Choice Dollars** reminded to have your designations in **by March 31, 2014. Questions?** Call Myra Hollar 704-825-5885.

## Lent 2014: Midweek Worship on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

*(Following our Lenten meal at 5:45 pm)*

Our theme will be the **Lord's Prayer**. Below are the petitions, dates and those who will be sharing. THANKS friends, for answering God's call to meditate on one of the petitions! You are a blessing to God AND to those who will hear God's Word through you!

**March 25** **Mandi Kline:** and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**April 1** **Mark Kline:** and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**April 8** **Julia Gunter:** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Forms Available.



To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter for at least one year
- Participate in Communion and contribute to the church during the time you are receiving the grant
- **Submit the following by the deadline of April 24th:**
  1. Your completed application
  2. A transcript from your most recently completed semester
  3. A typed essay (at least one paragraph) describing yourself, career plans, and life goals(Email the church office at [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com) and request Lineberger Scholarship Form.)

Our best wishes to you in your educational journey. *Your Scholarship Ministry, Carmen De Nicholas*

### Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 666 Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-2483 [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

John Propst, Interim Pastor; email: [JohnCPropst@gmail.com](mailto:JohnCPropst@gmail.com).



## **Camp Agape** Rising 1st Graders — Rising 8th Graders!

This year we are expanding the day camp to include 6th-8th graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off site. We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. **The spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

*Misty Koehler, Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator*

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

Louise Austin  
Virginia Crump  
Daniel Dowd  
Ferrie Hedrick

Richard Holden  
Zac Hullander  
Chase Lineberger  
Liz Propst

Mabel Ratchford  
Mark Reese

### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Kathy Beam  
Dale Burris  
Ronnie Hagy  
Brian Hedrick  
Kathy Helton  
Betty Fox  
Claudia Frazier  
Ronnie Hersey  
Dennis Jordan  
Wesley Jordan & Family  
Betty Kannapel  
Laura Lanuto & Family

Ruth Lail  
Dan Martin  
Peggy McKenney & Family  
Grady Nichols  
Sandra Nix  
Paul Outlaw  
Jean Peters  
Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty  
Mara Rappleyea  
Joel Rivers (NY)  
Steve Sanford

Kelly Shoe  
Shore Family  
Megan Sigler  
Ramona J. Sinclair  
Jimmy Surratt  
Harrison Swindell  
Charmaine Townsend  
Buck Weatherford  
Beverly F. Wall  
Gloria Ward  
Bryan Wayburn



### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer

Jeremy Shaver

### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Yount 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 let Trudy Whitener know or tell 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).