

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 10, 2019

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Micah Kearney
Pastor



Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: “*Old Hundredth*”.....J.C. Bach

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

C Amen.

P Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

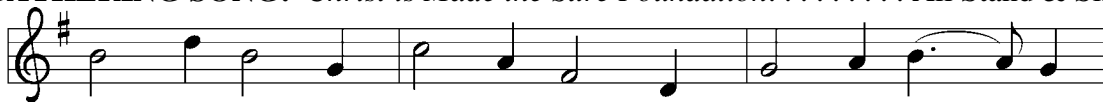
C we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

P At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus’ name: you are ☩ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.* All Stand & Sing



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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 Cantor verses, Congregation Refrain

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

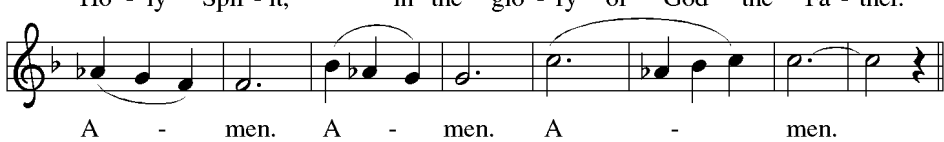
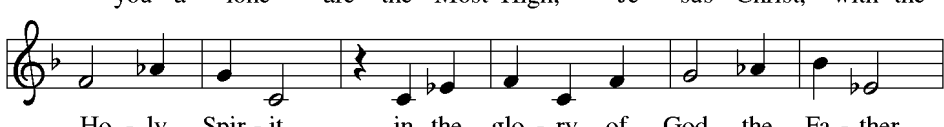
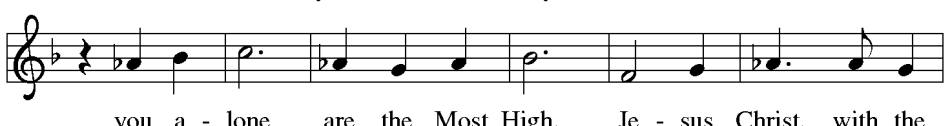
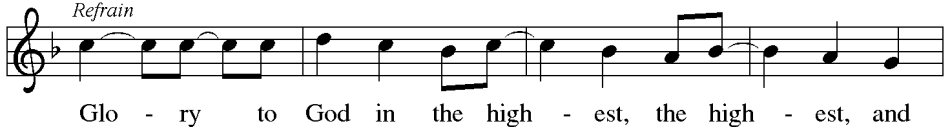
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



Refrain



Final refrain



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through 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 nursery**.

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

A reading from the nineteenth chapter of Job.

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second chapter of 2 Thessalonians.

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Congregation is seated.

SERMON Pastor Micah
Silence is Kept for Reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* All Stand & Sing

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick (*especially*). Guard and keep them in your loving care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

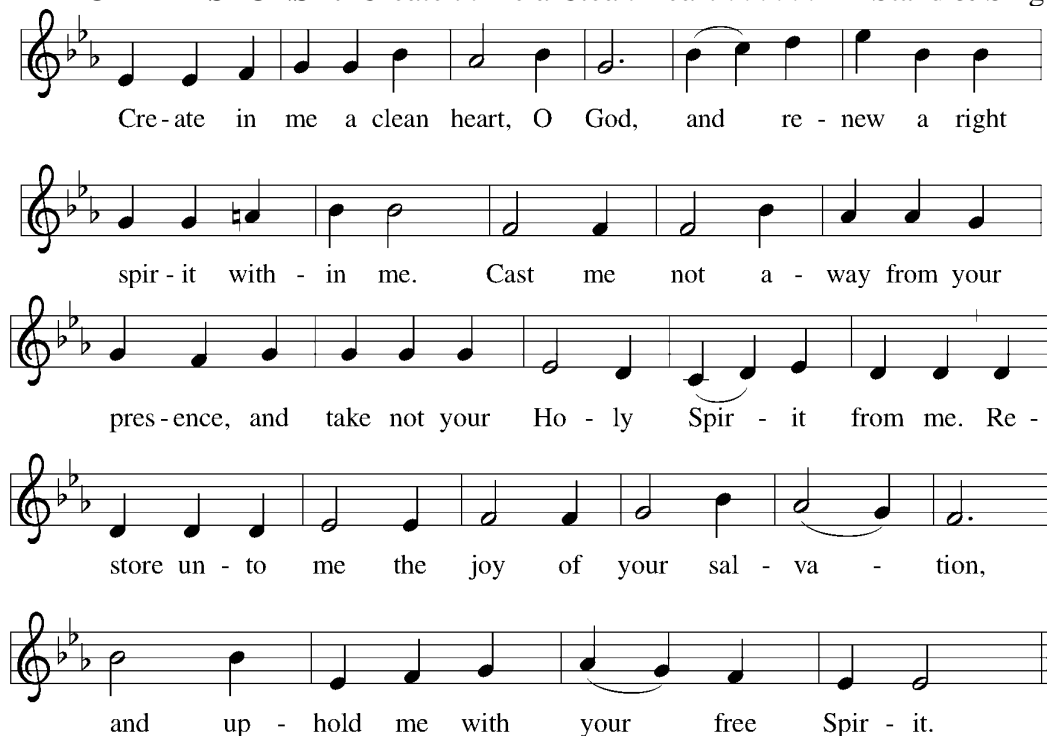
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Choir sings once, Congregation then joins

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* 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.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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



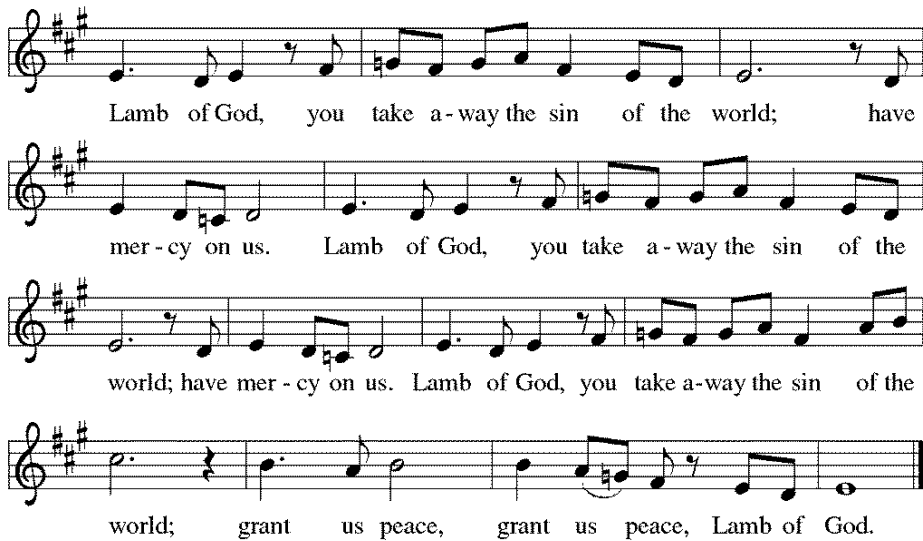
**and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

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, Lamb of God.

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: *Let Us Break Bread Together* All Sing

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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 We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

P Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ✠ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing All Stand & Sing*



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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SENDING

A Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

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.**

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, November 3, 2019:

Attendance: 140

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	(Unfavorable)
Offering	\$ 5,355.00	\$243,750.77	(8,945.62)
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$250,400.46	2,295.93
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 419.35)</u>	<u>(\$ 6,649.69)</u>	<u>(6,649.69)</u>

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as of: 11/3/19

Goal: \$225,000
 Received to Date: 179,952
 Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000
 Remaining Needed: \$ 10,048

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Jo Singleton

CANTOR: Greg Byrum

GREETER: Katie Howard

ACOLYTE: Zenneta Sarrazin

TELLERS: Janet Achor
 Brian Achor

CRUCIFER: Volunteer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Krystyna Sarrazin

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain
 Charles Mauney, Co-Captain
 Carmen De Nicholas
 Deb Williams

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

Melissa McGinnis

USHERS: Volunteers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given by Harold and Jo Singleton, in honor of Angela Singelton-Bunney's birthday.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music Committee

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: November 10-16

November 11 Ashley Ange
Richard Holden
Owen Shoemaker



November 13 Stacy Kirby

November 12 Greg Byrum
Judy Caldwell
Libby Joye
Collins Luge
Mary Yavelak

November 15 Laurel Mauney
Leslie Luge
Emily Nelson

November 16 Dylan Fox

NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to the office by
12 Noon on Wednesdays.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, November 10

8:45 am Children's Ensemble
9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir prep
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
Council meeting following service
4:00 pm HCY meet to go bowling at
Textile Lanes
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir

Monday, November 11

6:00 pm PEP Class in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

Wednesday, November 13

5:00 pm Youth Handbells
6:45 pm HCY Girls' Bible Study
(Upstairs)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study
(Downstairs)

Thursday, November 14

10:30 am Prime Timer Bible Study
Then Carpool to
Jackson's Cafeteria

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17.
Ballots for council election will be handed out to the congregation
at the annual meeting.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Ellen Fleming

Sarah Tench Helms
Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Aaron Mintz
Ben Moose

Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Mike Barbee
Sue and Jim Barbee
Janice Barker
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett
Mark Glaeser

Meredith Hovis
Mary Huggins
Family of
Mark Lineberger
Steve Leonard
Ruth Lyerly
Jane Marino
Al McCoy
Clarence McLain
Family of Dawn Mitchell

Ann Mundy
Linda Nichols
Robert Nichols
Sarah Nichols
Tommy Smith
Brody Thornburg
Jeff Wiles

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker



Please remember these people in your prayers.
**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,
please inform the church office.**

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



Laugh Your Cares Away! Laughter's medicinal powers have been recognized for centuries. The ancient Greeks believed laughter was an essential part of the healing process. And studies now show that laughter can promote better blood circulation, stimulate digestion, lower blood pressure, and prompt the brain to release endorphins and other compounds that reduce pain. So, don't be surprised if some day you hear your doctor say, "Take two aspirins and call me with a joke in the morning." To get your healthful daily ration of giggles and guffaws:

- Pretend you're viewing your surroundings through the lens of "Candid Camera." Focus on silly and offbeat things people do. This helps you lighten up and brightens your outlook.
- Take some time each day to read or listen to something funny--the comics or a taped comedian, for example.
- Don't just smile--laugh out loud.
- When confronted by a rude salesperson or an overbearing co-worker, imagine them wearing nothing but a diaper--they'll seem less intimidating.
- Always keep humor upbeat and positive. Laughter generated at someone else's expense is counterproductive.
- Don't be afraid to laugh at yourself.

And remember - he (or she) who laughs, **lasts**.

PEP exercise continues – we have a class of 10 at the moment and room for more! Come join us Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall for gentle stretching, toning exercise and relaxation. You won't regret it and you won't even know you are exercising!



Holy Doodles





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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MKearney@holyc.org
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse