

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, May 12, 2019

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Hymn to Joy* ..... Setting by Benjamin Culli

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## 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 . . . . . Pastor verses, Congregation Refrain



- 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,



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



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



peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



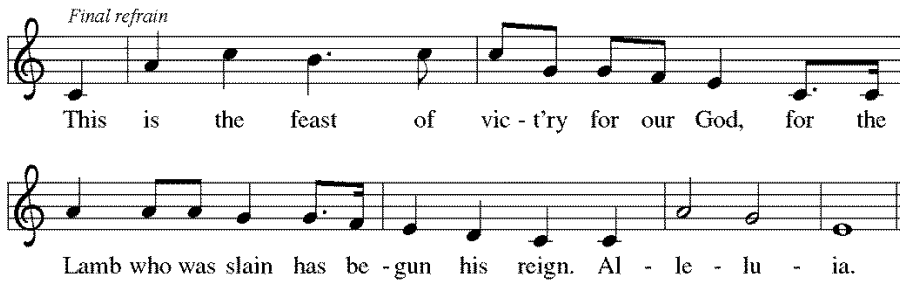
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



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



## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

**Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from the ninth chapter of Acts.

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.*

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

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

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

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed

their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

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

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 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

**John 10:22–30**

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

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

SERMON ..... Pastor Micah

*Silence is Kept for Reflection.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ..... All Stand & Sing



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last four lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

## 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

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give strength and perseverance to those facing struggles of hunger or thirst, unemployment or homelessness, chronic illness or anxiety (*especially*). Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence. Restore dignity to those marginalized because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will rest forever beside the river of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Oh, Sing to God Above . . . . .* Church Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *Now the Green Blade Rises . . . . .* All Stand & Sing



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

**C Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. 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 Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.  
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

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: *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need . . . . All Sing*



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

**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** Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P** The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**C** Amen.



# SENDING SONG: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



## SENDING

**A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke Via in celebration of Alec's birthday; and by Jerri & Mike Wesson in honor of Breanna & Mikayla Robinson's 11th birthday and Mike & Jerri's 13<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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*

## **Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 5, 2019:**

Attendance: 110

<b><u>Budget Report</u></b>	<b><u>May 5, 2019</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>
Offering	\$ 3,152.00	\$ 92,012.46
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$106,086.74
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 1,622.35)</u>	<u>(\$ 14,074.28)</u>
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses		<u>\$104,213.20</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		<u>(\$ 12,200.74)</u>

### **Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 5/5/19**

Goal: \$225,000  
Received to Date: 149,977  
Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000  
Remaining Needed: \$ 40,023

### **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye

**GREETER:** Sue Lahr

### **ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER:**

Olivia Sarrazin & Noah Rawlins

**TELLERS:** Amanda & Nathen Kelly

### **ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)**

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

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Rebecca Yount

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

Volunteer

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Volunteers

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: May 12-18**

Today, May 12 Jennifer W. Perez

May 13 Rebekah Milton

May 16 Sherry Perry



## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

### Today, Sunday, May 12

- 8:45 am Children's Ensemble
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir
- 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

### Tuesday, May 14:

- 7:00 pm Chamber Choir
- Nar-Anon

### Wednesday, May 15:

- 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study  
(Monthly meeting for May)

### Thursday, May 16:

- 7:00 pm Tai Chi session in  
Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, May 18:

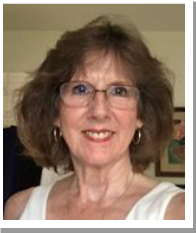
- 10:00 am **Kids' Club** meet at church
- 7:00 pm **Staying Connected** meets  
at the church to make cards

Greg Garrison would like to thank the family of Holy Comforter for all the prayers, calls, texts and cards during the past several years during his father's illness.

As Greg and his family continue the journey after the passing of his father, please keep him and his family, especially his mother, in your prayers.

With Christian love,  
Greg Garrison





**A Mother's Day Gift Basket** Mothers are a beautiful gift from God. Motherhood is complex – a stressful joy. Mothers are in great need of health and hope and we can help give them these gifts today! Whether it's for your own mother, step-mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, godmother or a kindred spirit who has been *like* a mother to you – give this “basket” of blessings to the moms in your life to honor them today!

Fill your basket with...

- **Blossoms** of appreciation and thankfulness for her care, nurturing spirit, guidance, and love. Give thanks to God for your connection to this wonderful woman in your life!
- **Sweet treats** of your time to pay attention to her needs by listening to her concerns, lending a helping hand and generally giving of yourself to offer her rest and relaxation.
- **Hugs** of love for her as God has placed you in each other's lives for His purpose.
- **Messages** of hope and encouragement, support and adoration.
- **Prayers** for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. Prayers for a close relationship with Christ. Prayers for His guidance, comfort and peace.

**“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also and he praises her.”**

**Proverbs 31:28**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

TAI CHI is still in session!



Thursdays @ 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall

If you missed the first one, you can still join us...it's \$30 for the entire program.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen  
Cynthia Buchanan  
Brenda Dabrowski  
Becke Featherstone  
Sarah Tench Helms  
Kay Holden

Zac Hullander  
Sue Lahr  
Ben Moose  
Sherry Perry  
Marguerite Shive  
Denise Taylor

Beverly Reynolds  
Pat Robeson & Family  
Jerri & Mike Wesson  
Trudy Whitener &  
Family

## GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Amy Beale Blythe  
Doug Brewer  
Ron de la Vega  
Nancy Dickson  
Carol Fox  
Earl Gardner  
Larry "Poss" Garrett  
Meredith Hovis

Adam Kincaid  
Steve Leonard  
Jennifer Lineberger  
Ronnie Lunsford  
Ruth Lyerly  
Cookie Lynn  
Jane Marino  
Clarence McLain

Zak Merzouki  
Anne Murdy  
Linda Nichols  
Sara Nichols  
Tommy Smith  
Brody Thornburg  
Dennis Yates

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

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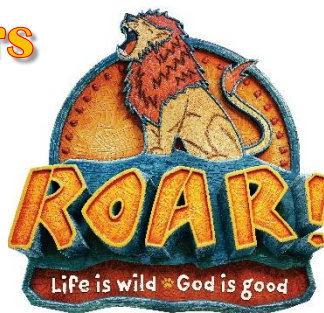


**July 15th - 19th**  
**Rising 1st grade-Middle School**  
Registration forms are in the office.

## **In Search Of Volunteers**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**July 28-31**  
**Dinner offered at 5:45pm**  
**Program 6:15 - 8:00 pm**  
**Pre-K through Grade 5**





# Holy Doodles



*Prayers of Sympathy & Hope*  
*Are offered to*  
*Trudy Whitener & Family*  
*On the recent death of her brother*  
*Jimmie Norris*



*Prayers of Sympathy & Hope*  
*Are offered to*  
*Pat Roberson & Family*  
*On the death of her husband*  
*George Roberson*

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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  
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager  
Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse