Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter 1

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 24, 2018

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

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 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: We Praise You, O God All Stand & Sing We praise you, O God, our re deem - er, cre a - tor; We wor - ship you, God of fa - thers and mo - thers; our 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer grate - ful de vo tion our trib - ute we bring. through tri - al and tem pest our guide you have been. glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise. be - fore you; we We it kneel and a - dore you; lay When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us, With you, Lord, be - side us, your arm will guide us. strong bless sing. we your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we your help, Ó with win. and Lord, our strug - gles we To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

> Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963 Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

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.

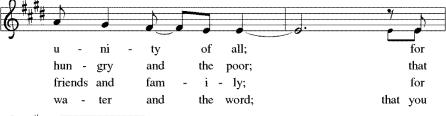








- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





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,



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, 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 nurseries.

FIRST READING Job 38:1–11

A reading from the thirty-eighth chapter of Job.

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors.

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A reading from the sixth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as

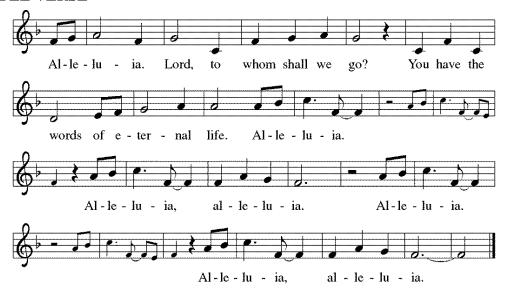
¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Mark 4:35–41

- P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

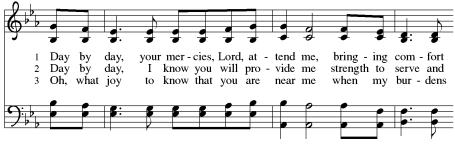
³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the



boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: Day by Day All Stand & Sing







Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Öskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882 Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress.

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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim your day of salvation. Bring unity to the faithful and provide opportunities for collaboration as we bring your good news to the world. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you call forth life from the swirling waters of chaos, and you pour out water that nourishes the earth. Send forth ample rain for crops to flourish. Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses, and lands are damaged by hurricanes, floods, and tropical storms. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Powerful God, come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear storms of conflict, violence, or injustice. Raise up advocates and peacemakers to speak truth and hope into the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all who suffer affliction, hardship, hunger, violence, or sleepless nights of pain or anxiety. Give your promise of healing to all who long for salvation (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Covenant God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. We pray for those who prepare for baptism, those who have recently been baptized, and all who are called by baptism into lives of proclamation and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have commended themselves to you in every way and who have endured in faith. Bring us at last to the acceptable time of salvation for all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

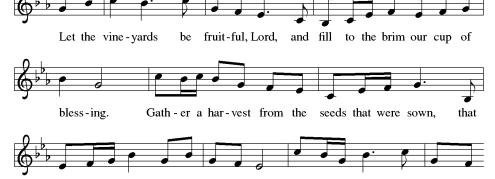
Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

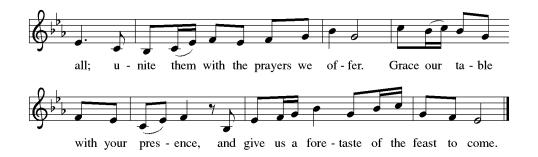
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful All Stand & Sing



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

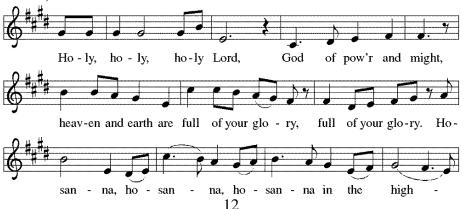
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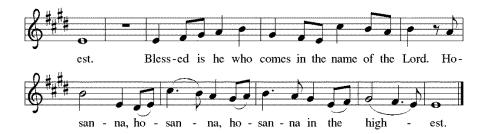
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

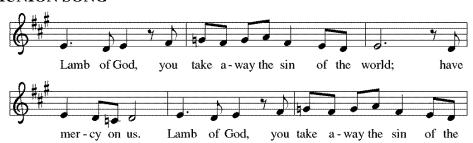
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

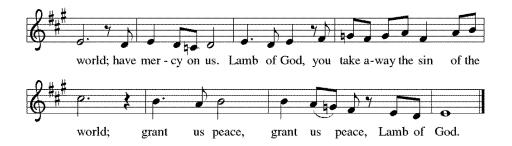
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG

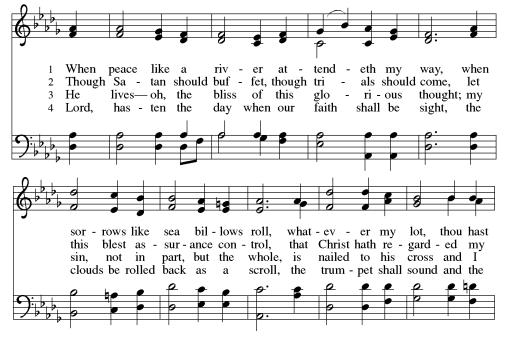


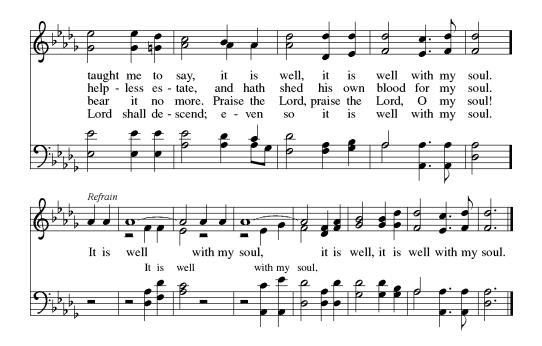


COMMUNION

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: When Peace Like a River All Sing





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

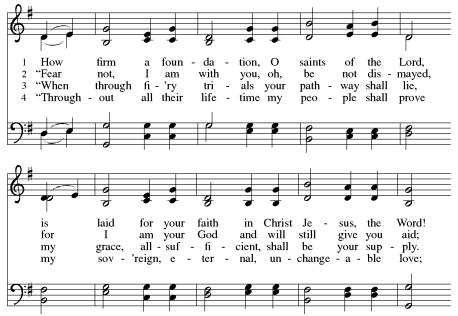
C Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

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: How Firm A Foundation All Stand & Sing





Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

YOUTH GATHERING COMMISSIONING LITANY

SENDING

- P 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 our visitors on this Fifth 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. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are 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.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: 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 Danny, Rochelle, Perri & Carson Potter in memory of Rochelle's father, Perry Kirkland.

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

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 17, 2018:

Attendance: 124

Budget Report	<u>June 17, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 2,743.00	\$125,701.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	<u>\$129,456.96</u>
Offering less Expenses	(\$ 2,808.17)	(\$ 3,755.93)
Expected Expenses		\$133,756.84
Offering less Expected Expenses		(\$ 8,056.81)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye GREETER: Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: TELLERS: John Koehler

Volunteers Fran Holland

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2) CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Brad Milton, Co-Captain Rebecca Yount Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Donna Bean Amanda Kelly NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am)

Melissa McGinnis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Shelia Kelly Barb Kasmer Tim Kelly Amanda Kelly **USHERS:** Volunteers

DUET: Janet Achor & Leslie Crist

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, June 24

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 26-30 **Youth Gathering** in Texas

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 24-30

June 25 Wil Carpenter

June 27 Reid Passer June 29 Gabriel Kearney

June 30 Leah Koehler





Agape Day Camp will be held July 16th-20th For grades entering 1st - 8th



Registration forms are available from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 32 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.



VBS Registration Is Here! Dates of VBS are July 29-August 2 Contact Beka at rforst@holyc.org to register.





PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Dot Holland
Zac Hullander

Jo Irwin
Ben Moose
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Pat Roberson
Marguerite Shive

Denise Taylor Family of Jack Tench Beverly Reynolds Jerri Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Jim Barbee
Bobbie Bingham
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Karen de la Vega
Carol Fox

Larry "Poss" Garrett Brandi Hager Ruth Lail Jennifer Lineberger Clarence McLain Ray McNeely Anne Murdy 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

BCO June Items of the Month





Peanut Butter & Jelly

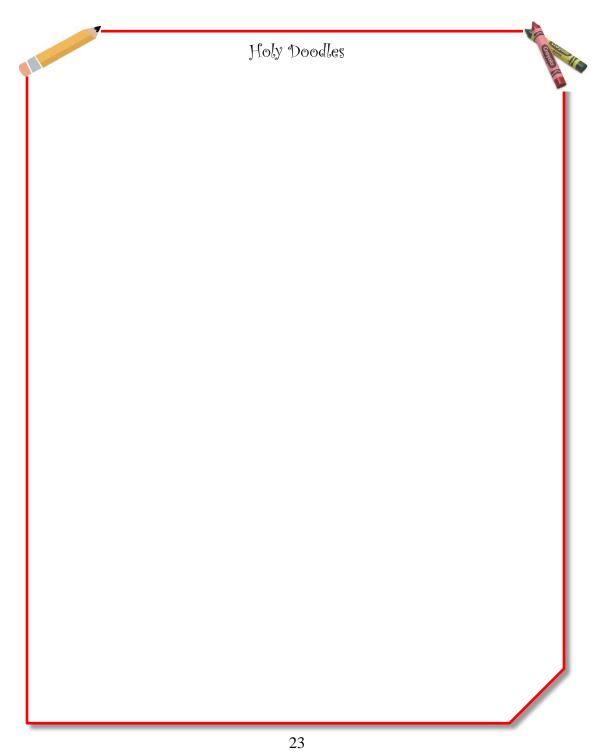


The **National Youth Gathering** is exactly what it sounds like, 30,000 + youth will gather in Houston.

We are excited to serve, worship and gather in large community. **There are 3 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!**For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.



My name is Matthew Carr. I am 16 years old and a 10th grader at South Point High School. I have been a member of Holy Comforter for 14 years and was confirmed last year. I enjoy playing soccer, playing video games, playing guitar, and volunteering at food banks. I am looking forward to meeting other Lutheran youth and serving the community. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow closer to God.



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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 Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager