

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, October 21, 2018

## The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### GATHERING/WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* ..... Manz

### 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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

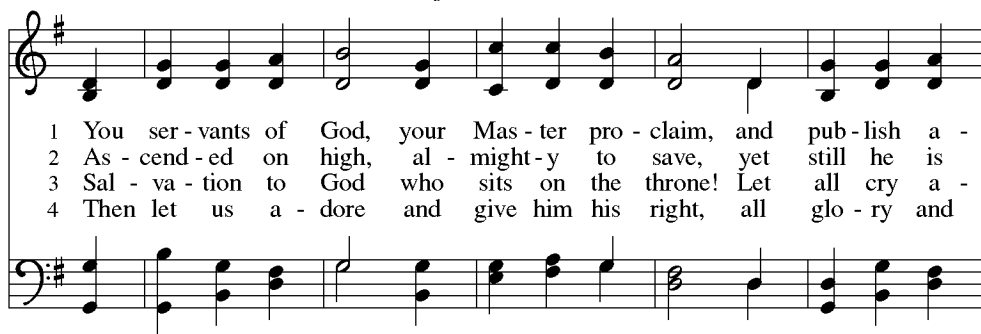
P Source of all life,

**C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

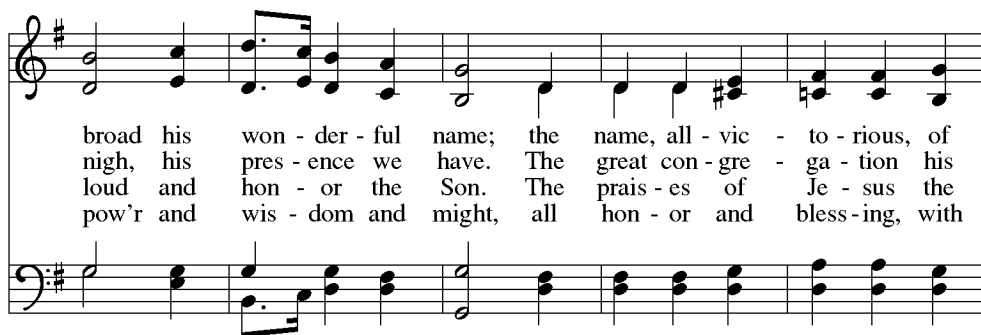
P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

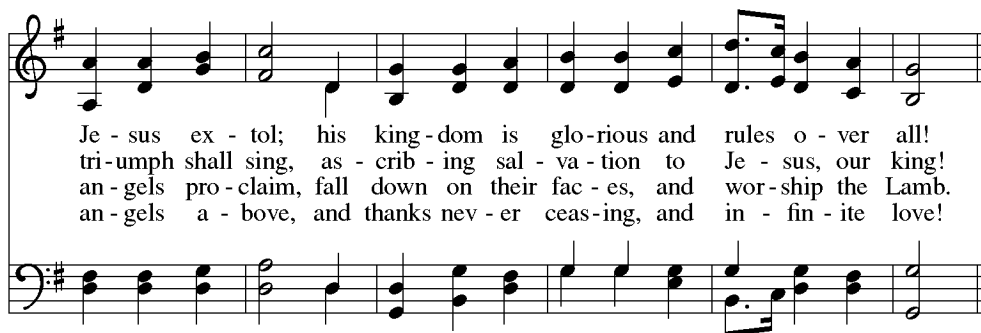
# GATHERING SONG: *You Servants of God* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

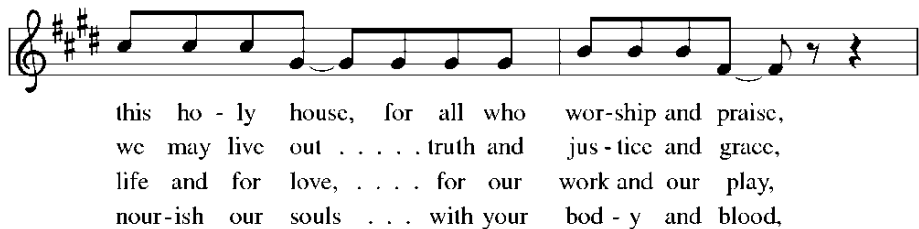
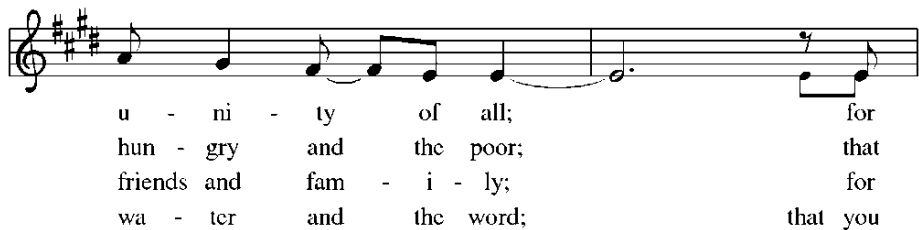
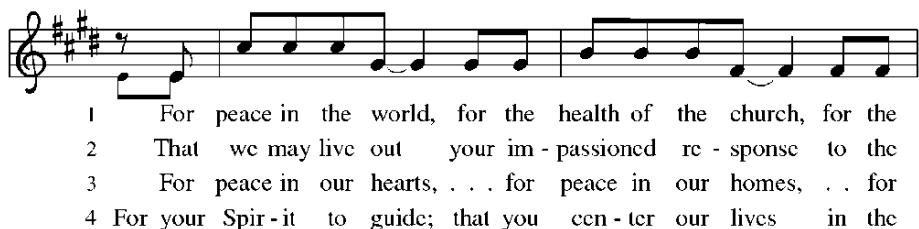
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

## 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 ..... All Sing Refrain; Cantor sings verses



# GLORY TO GOD ..... All Sing Refrain and Verses

*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

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Congregation is seated and invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**  
as the children come forward.*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

**Children ages 4 to 8 years-old** are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon.** *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries.**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

A reading from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM 91:9-16** ..... All Sing

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you,**  
**nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,**  
**lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
 you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**  
**I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
 I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I | satisfy them,**  
**and show them | my salvation.**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

A reading from the fifth chapter of Hebrews.

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

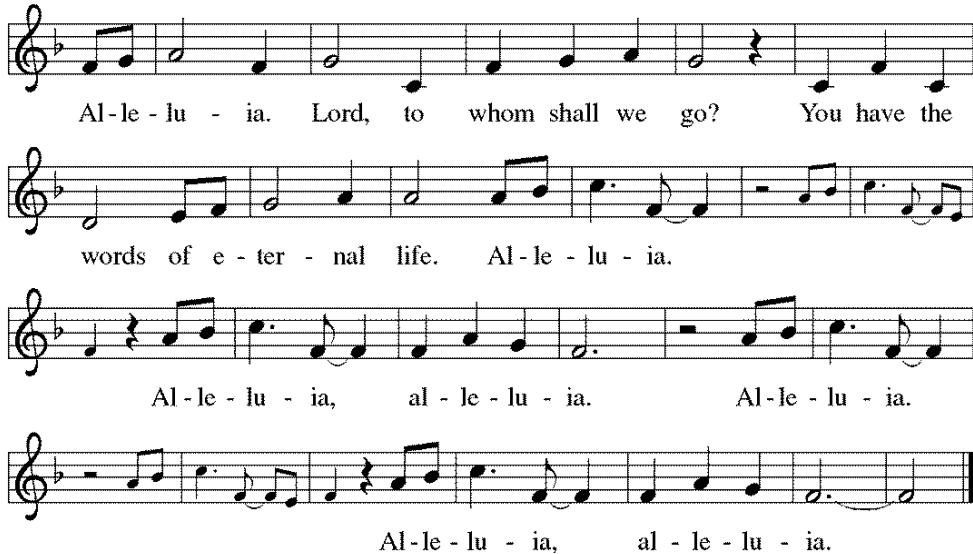
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL VERSE



## GOSPEL

**Mark 10:35-45**

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

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

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.



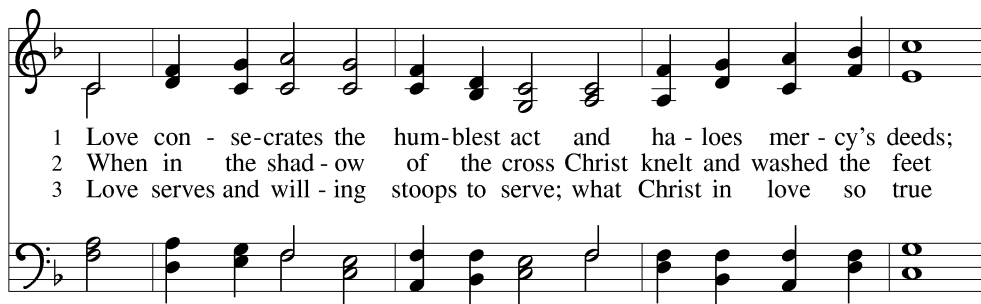
<sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

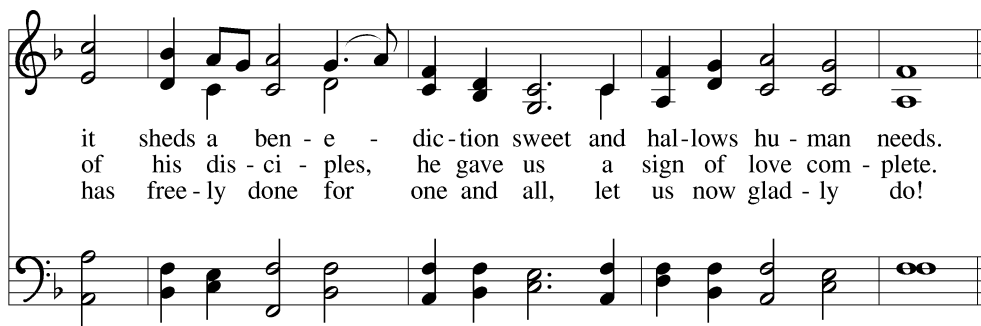
SERMON . . . . . Pastor Micah

*Silence is Kept for Reflection.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

## APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PEACE

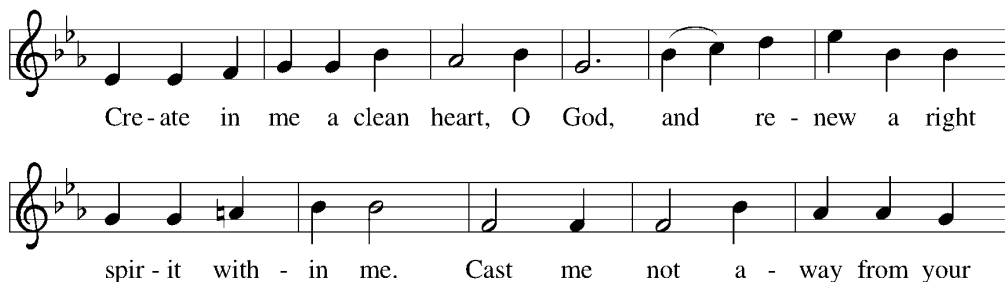
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Our Father, God in Heaven Above . . . . .* Chamber Choir

**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



## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, open lines of communication within your church, enabling us to listen to each person's voice and to lift up each person's unique gifts for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Fill creation from mountain peaks to the deepest valleys with your invigorating Spirit. Give strength and provision to animals that prepare for colder weather. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant your Spirit of humility to those who hold authority. Direct political leaders to live in service to their citizens, and turn our eyes and our hearts toward our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guard and protect the ones who call to you out of despair, illness, or injury (*especially*). Deliver them from their struggles into havens where they can find healing and faithful companionship. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bear the pain of people who are denied justice, especially when it results in violence or death. Bring your peaceful rule into the world for the sake of those who are oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Prepare a seat for all the saints in your holy realm. Bring us all into a righteous reality where honor is given to the lowly and where we all share in the life that you give. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **BLESSING**

**P** God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

# SENDING SONG: *O God Beyond All Praising* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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## SENDING

**A** Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**COMMUNION** for those who desire it will be offered at the altar after worship.

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

**CHILDREN** are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are in the Education building. We encourage you to use the nurseries if your children become restless and/or vocal. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

**Offering and Attendance Report for October 14, 2018:**

Attendance: 73

<b><u>Budget Report</u></b>	<b><u>October 14, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>
Offering	\$ 3,774.00	\$ 213,738.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$ 221,286.08
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 1,777.17)</u>	<u>(\$ 7,548.05)</u>
Expected (Budgeted Expenses)		<u>\$ 227,598.10</u>
Offering less Expected Expenses		(\$ 13,860.07)

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Danny & Rochelle Potter and Perri Gross in honor of Carson Potter's and Taylor Gross's birthdays.

**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***

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**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 21-27**

October 22 Carmen Buell

October 23 Eva Kline

Carson Potter

Noah Rogers

October 24 Renee Carpenter

October 27 Kay Holden



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**ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Jim Buell

**GREETER:** Teresa Keller

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

**TELLERS:** Fran Holland

Trudy Whitener

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

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

Mallory Morton

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Beverly Robinson

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**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, October 21**

8:45 am Children's Ensemble

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service

5:00 pm Handbells

**HCY** goes to the movies

6:00 pm Church Choir

**Wednesday, October 24**

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

**Saturday, October 27**

3:00-5:00 pm ***Trunk or Treat***

Holy C's Parking Lot



**Tuesday, October 23**

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon





## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen  
Tim Baker  
Cynthia Buchanan  
Carmen Buell  
Brenda Dabrowski  
Becke Featherstone  
Sarah Tench Helms

Zac Hullander  
Jo Irwin  
Sue Lahr  
Ben Moose  
Holly Peche  
Sherry Perry  
Pat Roberson

Kathie Schaumburg  
Scott Schaumburg  
Marguerite Shive  
Denise Taylor  
Beverly Reynolds  
Jerri Wesson

## GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Bobbie Bingham  
Amy Beale Blythe  
Doug Brewer  
Ron de la Vega  
Carol Fox  
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Brandi Hager  
Ruth Lail  
Beverly Lineberger  
Jennifer Lineberger  
Ronnie Lunsford  
Clarence McLain

Susan Misner  
Anne Murdy  
George Rogers  
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).



# Holy Doodles





So, the holidays are soon upon us and so are all the temptations that help us pile the weight on. First Halloween where we try to get rid of our kids candy so THEY don't get too heavy. Then Thanksgiving with all its goodies and finally Christmas. Constant bombardment of food! Here are some suggestions for "healthy" snacking that may help: **Thirsty?** Low-fat milk, mineral water with lime, chilled veggie or fruit juice. **Smooth?**

Fruit smoothies – one cup of skim milk, three ice cubes, your fav fruit and a dash of vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg in a blender. **Crunchy?** Raw veggies, unbuttered popcorn, wheat crackers, puffed-rice cakes. **Juicy?** Fresh fruit! **Really hungry?** Hard-boiled eggs, granola, sandwich, cereal with skim milk, bran muffin, peanut butter on crackers, nuts, cheese. Enjoy the holidays but...weigh-in is in January so be careful! Wink, wink!

Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or [parishnurse0407@gmail.com](mailto:parishnurse0407@gmail.com). Save a life NOW!



**Children's Church Volunteers  
Desperately Needed!**

**Contact Beka at [rforst@holyc.org](mailto:rforst@holyc.org)**



*HCY* has been interested in ways to serve our community. One of the organizations that have caught and kept our attention is S.O.C.K.S. S.O.C.K.S. is a local food bank in Belmont. They provide food for families who need it. One thing that is not often donated, if at all, is paper products, such as toilet paper and paper towels. This bit of information really stuck with us and so *HCY* would like to start a paper product drive for them! The **entire month of October** we will be collecting ***toilet paper and paper towels***. You can leave your donations in the hallway by the coffee table. There will be a sign to indicate where to leave your items. *Thank you!*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please mark your calendars for a change in date for Health Ministry committee meeting in November. The meeting will be held **November 13 at 7:00 pm**. (Change due to Thanksgiving the next week.)

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

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

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: [MicahKearney@gmail.com](mailto:MicahKearney@gmail.com)

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager