

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 29, 2014

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.



John Propst
Interim Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

PRELUDE: *O Day Full of Grace* Ashdown

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P God our strength,

C we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* All Stand & Sing

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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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



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.

GLORY TO GOD All Sing Refrain and Verses



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



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.

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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

Ezekiel 34:11–16

A reading from the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

This reading comes from a section (ch. 33-37) that announces God's continuing care for Israel in the midst of defeat and despair. Here God is spoken of as a shepherd who offers continual guidance, nourishment, and healing for a fragile and endangered flock.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:11–13

A reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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 21:15–17

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

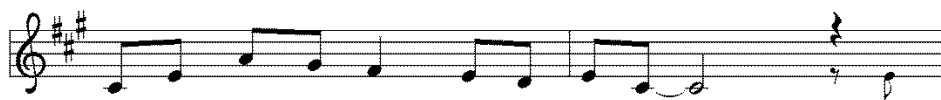
Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Perfect Pastor!? *Not!*" (Notes: Page 17) Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Are Mine* All Stand & Sing



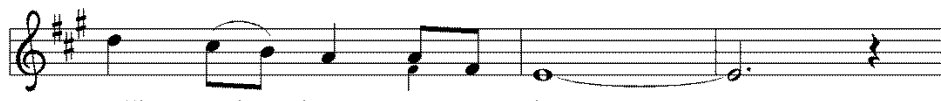
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



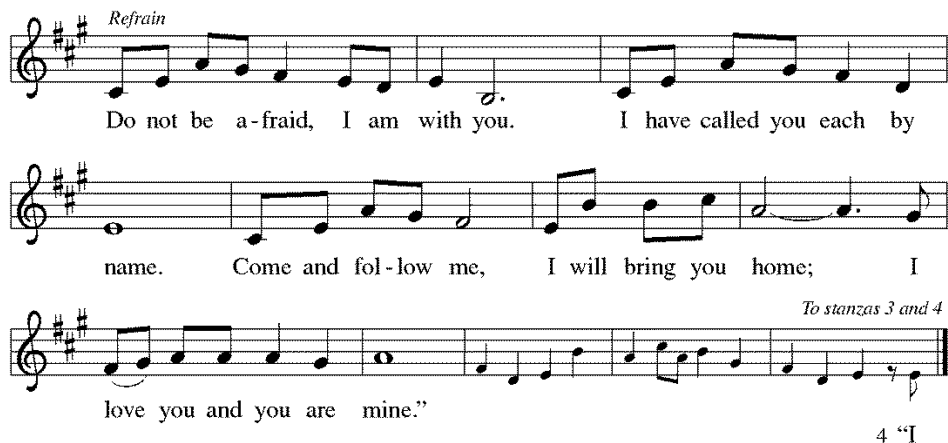
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
 To refrain
 To refrain
 To refrain

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine.”

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 “I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM PRESENTATION

I present **Nick & Amy Alvarez and their son Brody** who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these men and women, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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

C: I renounce them.

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

C: I renounce them.

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

C: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

* catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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

Each person responds:

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

P People of God, do you promise to support these men and women and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Long, Long Ago in Jerusalem* Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create In Me* 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

A brief silence.

For those who endure suffering and hardship for the sake of the gospel, that they be strengthened for their courageous witness. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the marvel of all living things that inhabit our planet, that we will preserve and protect the common life we share with all creation. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world, that despite differences of color, creed, and custom, we live in peace; and for wisdom for all world leaders. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who struggle with doubt, despair, and the search for meaning, that they bring their questions and find their answers in you. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who long for Christian community, and for the people in this congregation who with their hospitality and caring provide it. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

With thanksgiving for the saints who have kept the faith and now rest in you (*especially the apostles Peter and Paul*), and for courage to run the race set before us. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

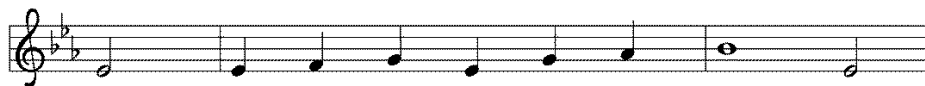
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

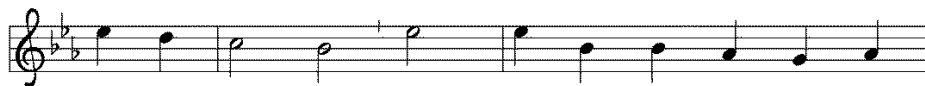
SENDING SONG: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* All Stand & Sing



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



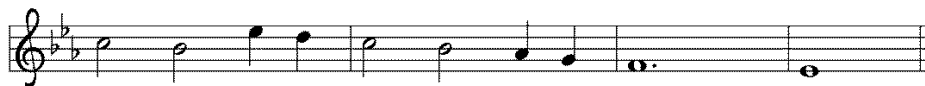
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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

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



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

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

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Bob & Denise Wiegand in honor of their granddaughter Jennifer Leigh-Ann Perez's 1st birthday.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 22, 2014:

Attendance: 184

Budget Report

	<u>June 22</u>
Current Offering Received 6/22/14	\$ 2,805.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,504.60
Offering, YTD	\$101,501.23
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 2,053.09
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	(\$ 10,253.89)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye + Brenda Daly

ACOLYTES: Claire Mitchell
Nathan Baakko

CRUCIFERS: Cooper Burwell
Madison Carr

GREETERS: Brenda Daly, Louise Day

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: (9:30-11:45 am)
Today: Melissa Bocchino & Mandi Kline
July 6: Nathan Kelly & Amanda Hutton

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

CANTOR: Greg Byrum

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon
Diann Halvorson

TELLERS: Raini Kimball,
Dennis Tucker

USHERS: Need Volunteers

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, June 29

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir
10:30 am The Service
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Friday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 29-July 5

June 30 Leah Koehler
July 4 Ann Miller
Jeff Thompson



Welcome to our New Members...

Nick & Amy Alvarez and their son Brody

“Perfect Pastor!? Not!” – Sermon Notes

“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

(Ephesians 4:11-12 from Today's NIV)

“...until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.”

(verse 13 from The Message)

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I can be a special Spiritual friend to my new pastor by ...

- 1) Remembering that he is human (*and* that he is blessed with a family)
- 2) Remembering that he works at the convenience of others; therefore, a pastor may feel that his work is never finished
- 3) Remembering that he must have strong gears to deal with the jerking of emotions
- 4) Remembering that my pastor is a sinner (as well as a saint!)
- 5) Remembering that my pastor is called by God (point #1 again ... he is a human with a divine calling, not divine with a human calling) – check out the shepherd analogy in the 1st Reading & Gospel)
- 6) Loving him as he is
- 7) Treating my pastor as the professional he is
- 8) Praying for (and with) my pastor

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A pastor's young grand-daughter noticed that her grand-dad always bowed his head and closed his eyes for a few seconds before he went to the pulpit to preach. When she asked him why he did that, he explained, "I'm asking God to help me preach a good sermon." His grand-daughter thought about it for a minute and said, "Well granpops, why doesn't He do it?"

(Surely, this is not Pastor John's grand-daughter, Nola!!)



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Scott Caldwell
Virginia Crump
Brenda Dabrowski
Daniel Dowd

Cher Grant
Ferrie Hedrick
Richard Holden
Hughes Family
Zac Hullander

John Kreitzer
Chase Lineberger
Mabel Ratchford
Mark Reese
Bob Williams

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Harriett Ange
Kathy Beam
Dale Burris
Ronnie Hagy
Brian Hedrick
Kathy Helton
Betty Fox
Claudia Frazier
Donald Freeman
Ronnie Hersey
Dennis Jordan
Wesley Jordan & Family
Betty Kannapel

Marshall Kinley
Becky Knick
Laura Lanuto & Family
Pierce Lee
Peggy McKenney & Family
Carolyn Moss
Grady Nichols
Sandra Nix
Jean Peters
Leland "Lee" Peterson
Scott Phillips
Steve Pletsas
Taylor Propst & Family

David Prouty
Mara Rappleveya
Earl Riedley
Steve Sanford
Megan Sigler
Ramona J. Sinclair
Jimmy Surratt
Buck Weatherford
Beverly F. Wall
Gloria Ward
Bryan Wayburn

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer



Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.

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



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

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

Misty Koehler, Holy Comforter Camp Coordinator



THE CONGREGATION OF
HOLY COMFORTER LUTHERAN CHURCH
IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE WEDDING OF
MAKAYLA FELIZ & MITCH BROOKS
TODAY
2 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Grizzlies Game sign-up ticket order sheet will be passed through the congregation.

Grizzlies Game for Zac' Fund
Gates open at 6:30 pm



July 31, 2014
Tickets \$6.00 each



THE CONGREGATION OF
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
DOUGLAS MICAH KEARNEY
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014
4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BISHOP BOLICK OF THE ELCA NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD
WILL PRESIDE

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

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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

John Propst, Interim Pastor; email: JohnCPropst@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager