

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 5, 2016

The Third Sunday after the Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Pachelbel Canon* Justin Koehler

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, abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Just and gracious God,

C we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we
confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show
us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P The apostle Paul assures us: “When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us
alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to
you, ☩ “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done
for you.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Oh, Worship the King* All Stand & Sing

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
 Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

GREETING

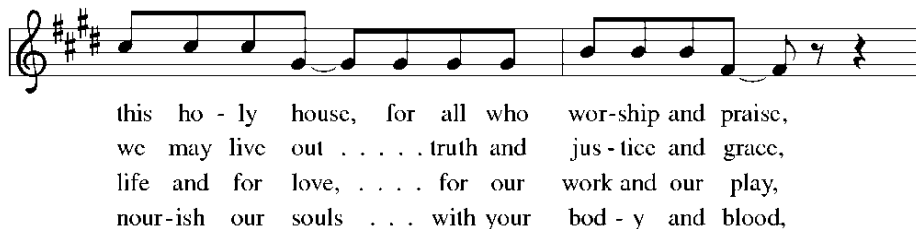
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

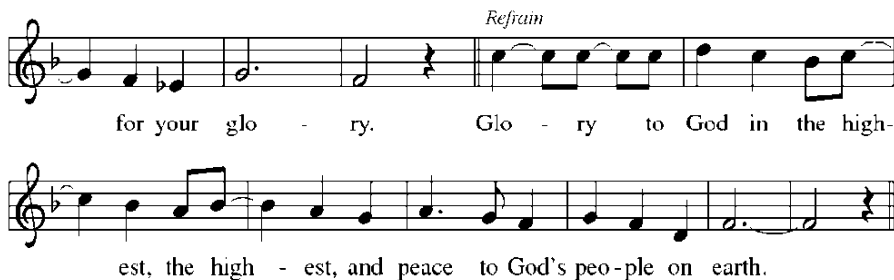
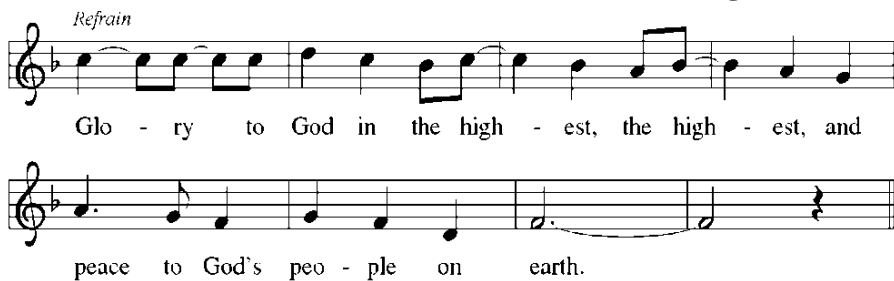
KYRIE **All Sing Refrain; Cantor sings verses**



- 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

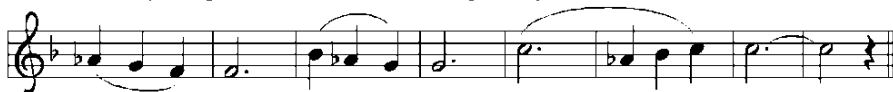
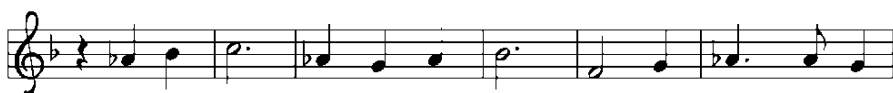


GLORY TO GOD All Sing Refrain and Verses





Refrain



Final refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, 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

1 Kings 17:17-24

A reading from the seventeenth chapter of 1 Kings.

Having offered hospitality to Elijah, a widow in Zarephath loses her son to an illness. Through prayer, Elijah restores the boy to life, and the joyful mother acknowledges that Elijah is indeed a man of God.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.” ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



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

GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17

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

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

Jesus’ ministry bears witness to God’s coming reign, where the lowly are shown mercy and the dead are raised. Here, Jesus ministers to a widow by raising her only son to life.

¹¹Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on his people!” ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* All Stand & Sing
Pastor Micah sings 1st verse, All join on verses 2-4



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de-fense and my ev - er - last-ing Sav - ior!
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru. ger, 1598–1662

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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: *Do Not Be Afraid* Chamber 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 to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, we praise you for revealing your gospel to prophets, preachers, and leaders in your church. Inspire their continuing faithful proclamation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the living and the dead, work in your creation, and work through us, in such ways that lead to life for your creation and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the city, we pray for cities, urban areas, suburbs, small towns, and all communities. Look favorably on all lands; bring peace where there is conflict and cooperation where there is disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy One, you see the needs of those who suffer. When we are sick, tend to us and to our neighbors, and give us gratitude when we are well. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Giver of joy, make your presence known in this assembly. Give us such a clear and bold share of your Spirit that your life and vitality shine through us into our neighborhood. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our 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 The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *In Thee Is Gladness* All Stand & Sing

1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can

true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his

break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voice; all heav'n re-joice-es

and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for

pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

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 **Third 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 located 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 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 Jill Leitner in honor of Kaylin Leitner's 8th birthday.

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

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 29, 2016:

Attendance: 135

Budget Report

May 29, 2016

Current Offering Received	\$ 4,380.01
Weekly Budget Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$113,041.26
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 3,321.17
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	\$ 5,244.31

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Julia Gunter

GREETER: Carmen Buell

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

TELLERS:

John Koehler, Sherry Alexander

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Courtney Gatlin Stephanie HInson

USHERS: Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Volunteer

CANTOR: Greg Byrum

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) *Infants:* Staff; *Toddlers:* Volunteer

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: June 5-11

June 9 Kaylin Leitner

June 11 Tonya Zander

June 10 Greg Garrison



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, June 5

- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
- 10:30 am The Service

Thursday, June 9

- 8:30 pm *Movie Night on the Lawn*
Showing "Little Rascals"



Come early for popcorn!

Tuesday, June 7

- 12 Noon ***Agape Lunch Bunch*** (changed date)
 - 7:00 pm Property Committee, Nar-Anon
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS DESPARATELY NEEDED! If you would like to spend a Sunday morning with some wonderfully awesome children, please contact Veronica Bryant to volunteer to lead the *Children's Church* on the Sunday of your choice. An email was sent to members of the congregation with an "easy to sign up" link. Your help is needed.

TAKE ME OUT *to the* BALL GAME

Saturday, June 18 at the
Grizzlies Stadium
Grizzlies vs. Savannah



Advance tickets: \$6.00

Food voucher: \$4.00 = hotdog, chips & drink

Contact Misty Koehler at mistykoehler@gmail.com
to reserve your tickets.



This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our Vacation Bible School program will allow children to submerge themselves in God's Word. They will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth!

A quick meal will be provided, then the children rotate through activities of play, studying scripture, singing, and art. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves.

Registration forms are available via email to holycomforter@gmail.com or ask Melissa. If you are interested in helping with the program, you would be welcomed, whether it's providing a meal or assisting with one of the activity stations. **More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.** Contact Melissa Bocchino at Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com.



Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape** the week of **July 18-22**. Agape is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6th-rising 8th graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

Registration forms are available in the narthex or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$130 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. Contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator



BCO items for the month:
Canned tomatoes & Jellies





PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
Ardean Ewing
Dot Holland

Zack Hullander
Tom Irwin
Chase Lineberger
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Mark Reese
Beverley Reynolds
Jack Tench & Family
Kevin Washle

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy
Harriett Ange
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Barbara Bingham
Emma Davis Bremer
Graham Brezler
Libby Byrum
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine
Zachary Evans
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison

Tammy Gordon
Brian Hedrick
Sam Holloway
Stacy Hunsucker
Dennis Jordan
Steven Keating
Marshall Kinley
Laura Lanuto
Jennifer Lineberger
Terry Mahaffey
Gene McRorie
Don Moore
Jean Peters
Jim Poag
Taylor Propst & Family

David Prouty
Julio Quiros
Dan Robinson and
Daughters Breanna & Mikayla
Anna Rudder
Tangie Shingler
Megan Sigler
E. Taylor & Family
Carson Thomas
Sally Vanhoy
Pat Via
Gloria Ward
Olivia Wilcox
Jeff Wiles
Bruce Zander

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll
Matt Cisek
Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer
Tom Kasmer

Mike Kelso
Jeremy Shaver

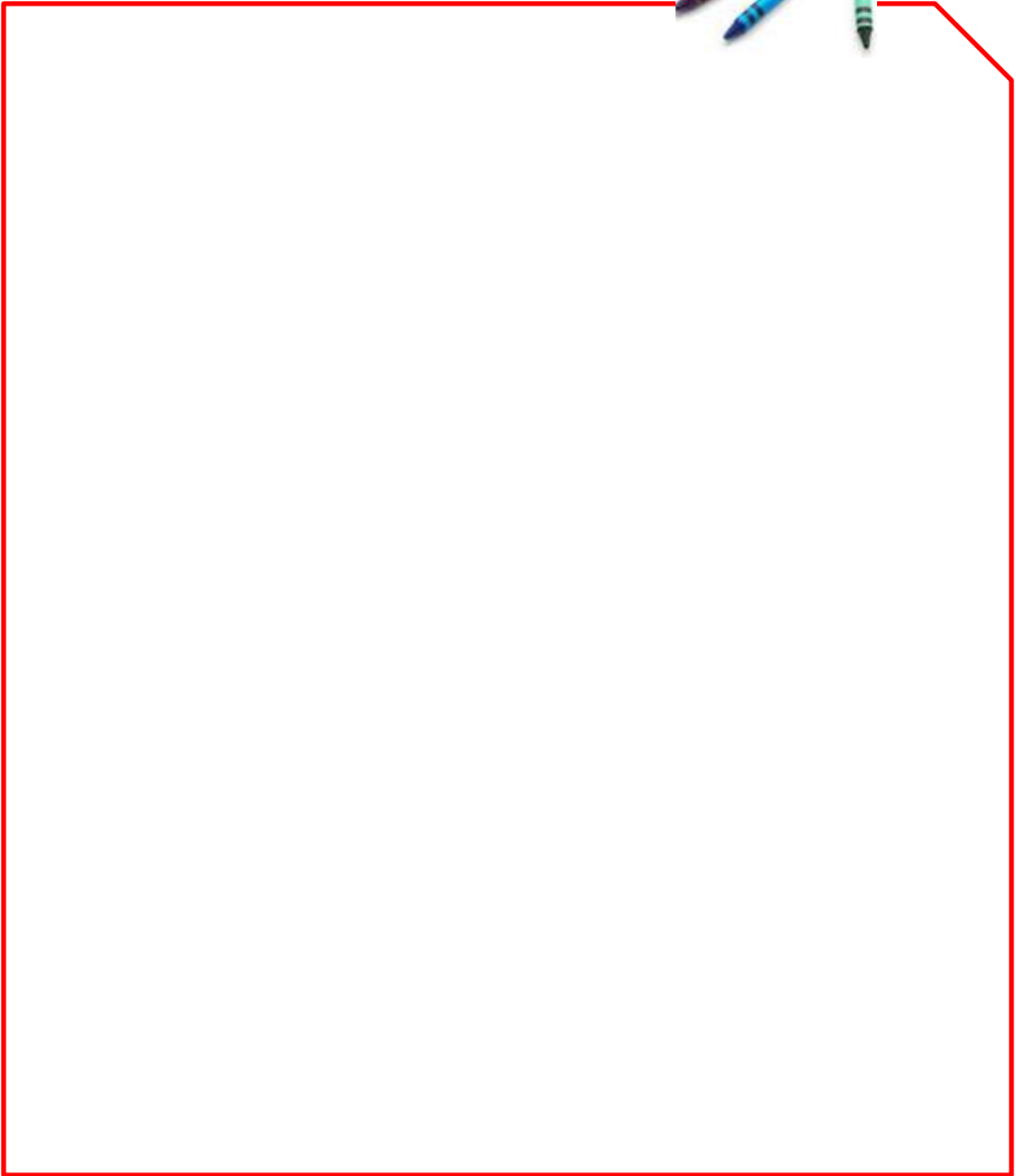


Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.

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

Holy Doodles



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**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Adult 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

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager