# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • May 15, 2016

# The Day of Pentecost



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

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

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and  $\oplus$  frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt. Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### **GREETING**

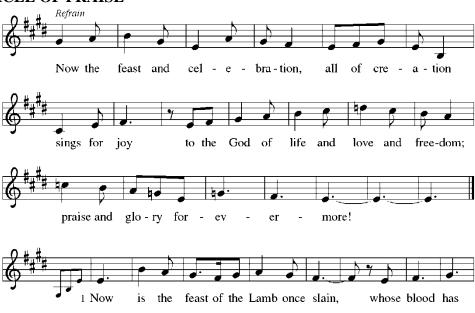
- P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

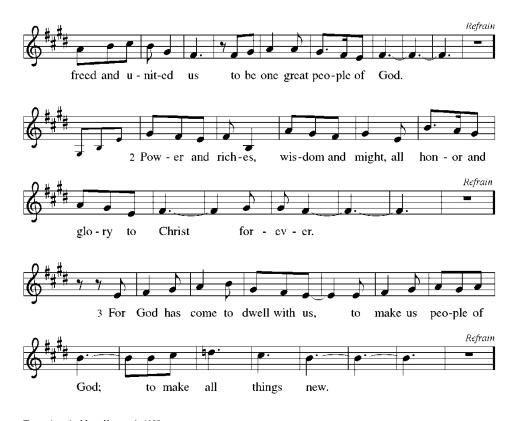
### **KYRIE**





### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





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#### **SALUTATION**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

# P Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

# Congregation is seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

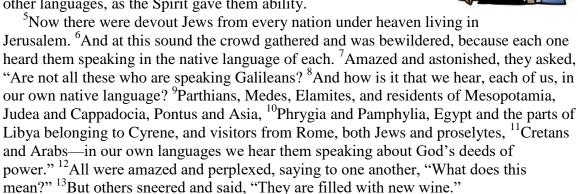
Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together immediately after the Children's sermon. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nurseries.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

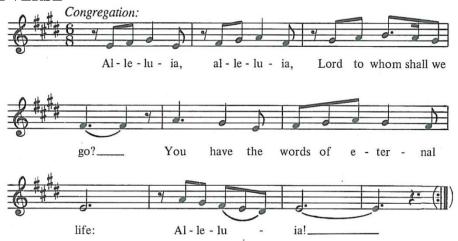
A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



GOSPEL John 14:8-17 [25-27]

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

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

- The gospel of the Lord. P
- Praise to you, O Christ.  $\mathbf{C}$

SERMON ... . . . . . . . . . . . Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove . . . . All Stand & Sing



Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt. Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

# **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

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

# A brief silence.

O God, move among your people and send forth your Spirit to make your church a holy place where people find welcome, Christ's compassion, and new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send forth your Spirit to renew the earth in the wake of storms, earthquakes, or human misuse. Breathe life into every mountain and valley, stream and ocean. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send forth your Spirit to unite all nations in caring for those who are vulnerable or in need. Help us to put aside our differences and to seek your will. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send forth your Spirit to aid people in distress (*especially*). Sweep them up in the movement of your Spirit, and fulfill your everlasting promises for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Send forth your Spirit to knock down barriers that prevent people from receiving your good news. Guide interpreters and cultural ambassadors who open lines of communication. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Send forth your Spirit to unite us with the saints of every time and place. By the gifts of your Spirit, rouse us to deeds of mercy and words of kindness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

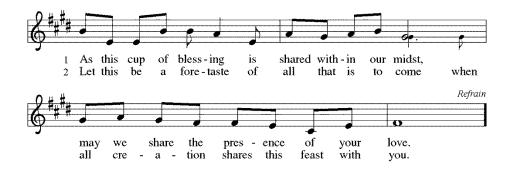
We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** As the Grains of Wheat . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



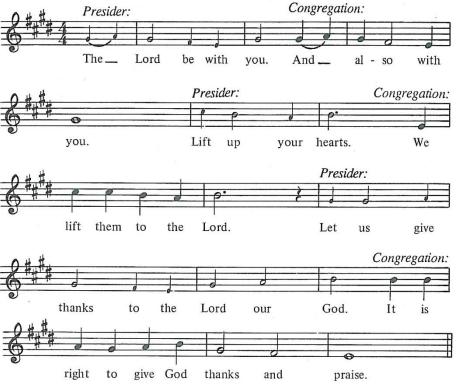


# **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

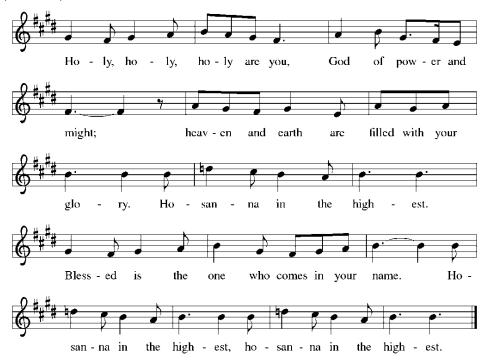
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



### **PREFACE**

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

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

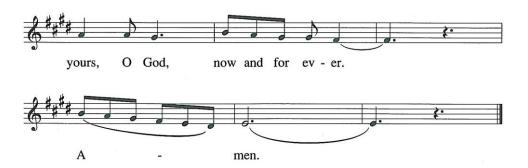


### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P ... and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

### THROUGH CHRIST





#### 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.

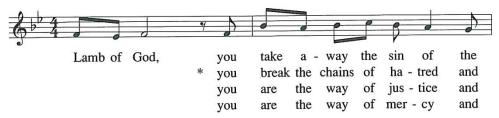
For thine is the kingdom,

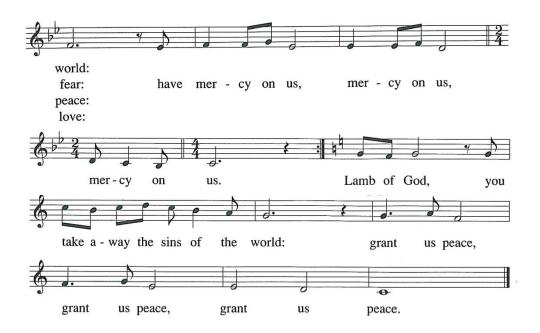
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.
- 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.



- 1 Lov ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir it, you have cho sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en fold me, hold my life with in your own,
- 3 Like a fa ther you pro tect me, teach me the dis cern ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov er, in your close ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir it, you have cho sen me to be-



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me. feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone. hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high. in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest. you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, O God,

C that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of  $\oplus$  Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.



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#### DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this Sunday of 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. 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.

<u>KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:</u> 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.



**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Will Howard, Evan Howard and Claire & Beau Carroll in honor of Jane & Jeff Howard's wedding anniversary.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> 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 8, 2016:

Attendance: 159

Budget Report
Current Offering Received \$ 4,142.00
Weekly Budget Expenses \$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date \$100,163.25
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD \$ 5,501.55
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD \$ 7,424.69

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. **GREETER:** Dawn Fleming

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers TELLERS:

Courtney Gatlin, Bill Hollar

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bey Mauney, Co-Captain

USHERS: Volunteers

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain

Charles Mauney, Co-Captain

USHERS:

Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams CHILDREN'S CHURCH:
Ginger MacDonald

FLUTE: Julia Gunter

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Shelia Kelly Jo Singleton Jack Tench Volunteers Needed

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK:** May 15-21

May 16 Sherry Perry May 21 Natalie Hullander

# Magy Chillips

# THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, May 15 9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service

With Holy Communion

5:00 pm Worship & Music Committee

6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon

# Wednesday, May 18

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study "Spiritual Gifts"

# Thursday, May 19

7:00 pm Evangelism meeting 8:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Movie Night:

"Little Rascals"

Friday, May 20

Isle of Palms Retreat begins







# Vacation Bible School 2016

June 26-29th • 6:00-7:45 pm

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 1<sup>st</sup> to rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6<sup>th</sup>-rising 8<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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 Anna Spikes Jack Tench & Family Kevin Washle

#### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Richard Abernethy Harriett Ange Paige Beaver Jenny Beer Barbara Bingham Graham Brezler Libby Byrum Father Frank Cancro

Tina Capwell Clell Davis J. Don Devine Zachary Evans Jamey Gardner Poss Garrett Ronnie Garrison

Tammy Gordon

Brian Hedrick Sam Holloway Stacy Hunsucker Dennis Jordan Steven Keating Marshall Kinley Jennifer Lineberger Terry Mahaffey Al McCoy Clay McCoy Gene McRorie Don Moore Jean Peters

**Taylor Propst & Family David Prouty** 

Jim Poag

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

Pastor Gary Weant Olivia Wilcox Jeff Wiles Bruce Zander

## **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Beau Carroll Matt Cisek Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer Leo Kasmer Tom Kasmer

Mike Kelso Jeremy Shave



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.holvc.org.

Thank you to the congregation for all your cards, concerns and support given to our family during the recent death of my mother,

Bonnie Tench.

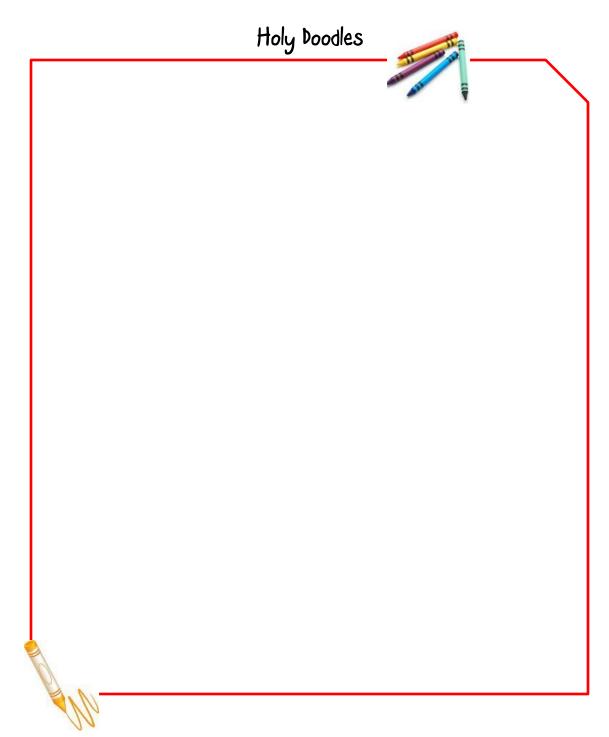
Jack Tench & Family



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

May 8, 2016

	Children	Adults
Nursery	1	1
Preschool	5	2
Lower Elementary	8	1
Upper Elementary	4	1
Middle School	3	2
High School	1	2
Seekers		6
Adults		8
Totals:	22	23





# 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 <a href="mistykoehler@gmail.com">mistykoehler@gmail.com</a> to reserve your tickets.

# **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

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager