

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • October 16, 2016

## The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Fanfare* ..... Wagner

### 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, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;  
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of overflowing grace,

**C we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.  
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on  
fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from  
the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in  
☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made  
free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now  
and forever.

**C Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: *O Christ The Same* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,  
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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## 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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

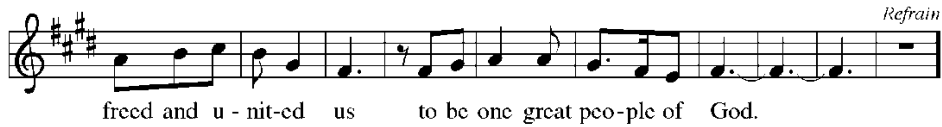
peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have Help, save, and de-fend us, O God. mer - cy. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

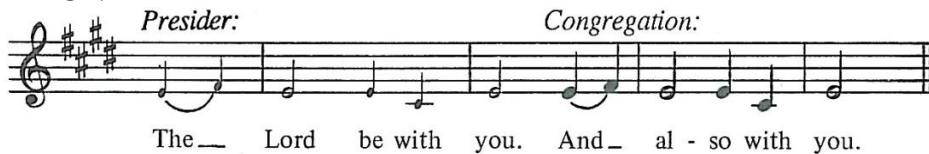
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



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## SALUTATION



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, creator and sustainer of all you have made, you provide in abundance all that we need for fullness of life. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us, responding in thanksgiving, that through us you might care for the needy in the world and build your kingdom in this broken world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

## CHILDREN’S TIME

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

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 1:26-31**

A reading from the first chapter of Genesis.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 6:17-19**

A reading from the sixth chapter of 1 Timothy.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with

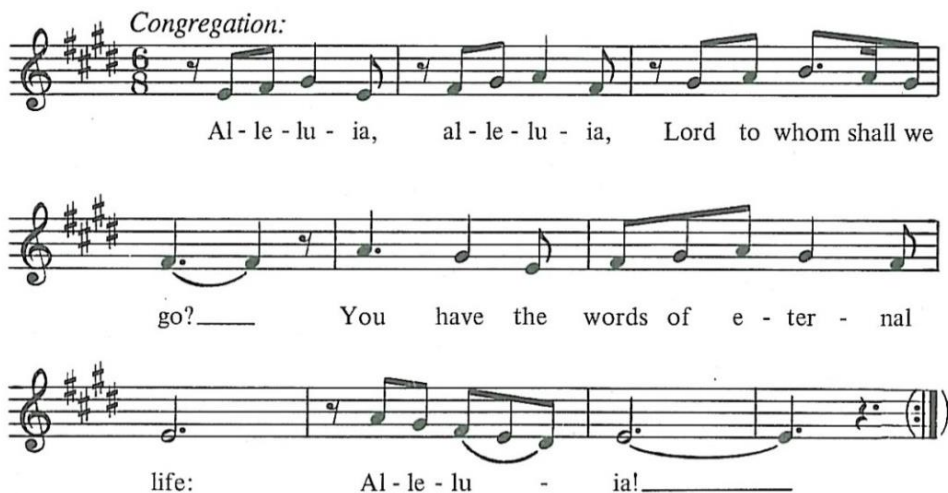
everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*



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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21, 24**

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

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

<sup>1</sup> ‘Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.’ <sup>2</sup> ‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.’ <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>24</sup> ‘No one can serve two



masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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

SERMON ..... Pastor Micah

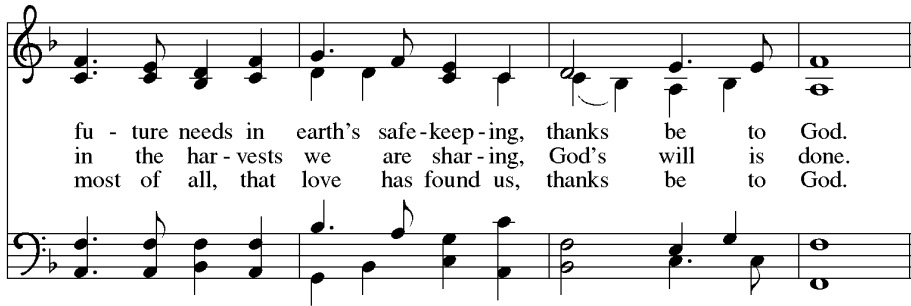
HYMN OF THE DAY: *For the Fruit of All Creation* ..... All Stand & Sing

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,





Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy Provider, you have blessed your creation and provided us with more than enough. Inspire your church to respond in thanksgiving by joyfully living into our call as stewards of your creation. Hear us, God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules, that all might find life and joy in community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## OFFERING

During the offering you are invited to come forward and place your “estimate of giving” card in the basket by the font.



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Show Me, Teach Me, Lead Me . . . . .* Church Choir

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

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

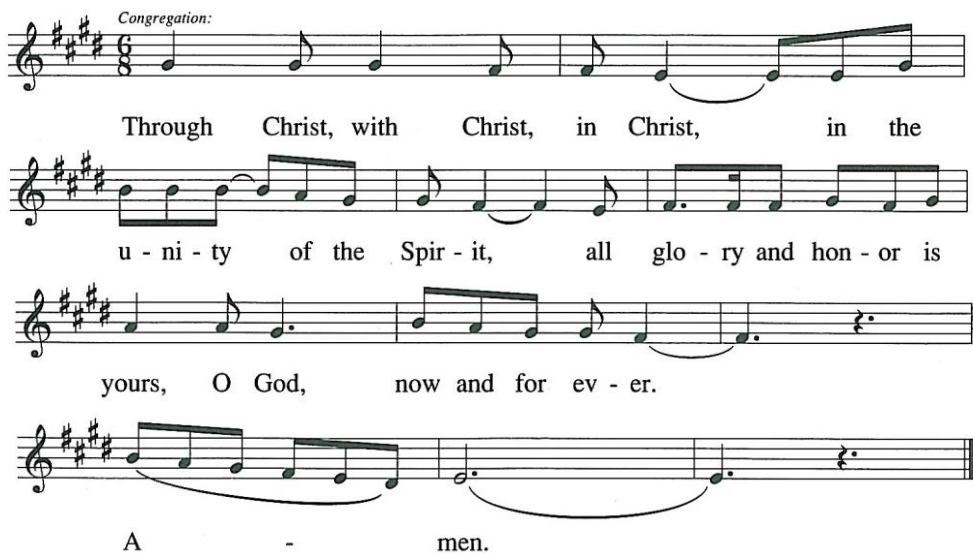
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## 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** Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
                                 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
                                 you are the way of jus - tice and  
                                 you are the way of mer - cy and



world:  
fear:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:



mer - cy on us.                    Lamb of God,                    you



take a - way the sins of the world:                    grant us peace,



grant us peace,                    grant us peace.

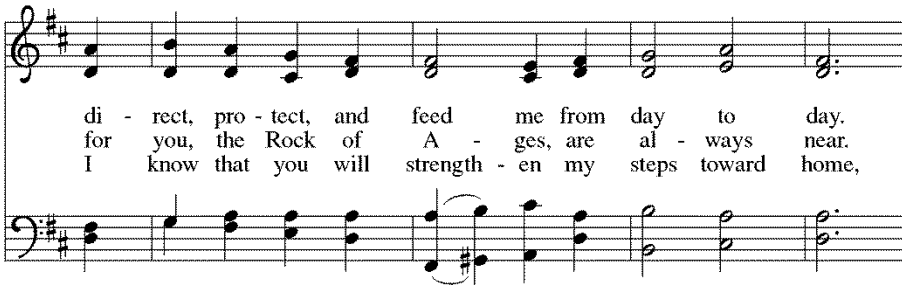
## COMMUNION

*A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me . . . . . All Sing*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near,  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860  
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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 come again to you, O God,  
C giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.  
C Amen.

### SENDING SONG: *What A Fellowship* . . . . . All Stand & Sing

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the song. The score is presented in two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line.



*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **The 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 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](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Kathy Graves in honor of the homebound; and by Judy, Carly & Mollie Caldwell in memory of Scott Caldwell.

**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*

**Offering and Attendance Report for October 9, 2016:**

Attendance: 116

**Budget Report**

	<b><u>October 9, 2016</u></b>
Current Offering Received	\$ 9,146.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 206,403.81
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 16,845.44
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	\$ 4,195.15

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Brian Achor

**GREETER:** Debbie Neagle

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:** Volunteers

**TELLERS:**

Rochelle & Danny Potter

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Stephanie Hinson Tracey Nault

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Volunteers

**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Shelia Kelly

**FLUTE:** Julia Gunter

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



**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: October 16-22**

October 18 David Koehler

October 21 Elizabeth Atkinson

October 19 Kelsey Thompson

October 22 Carmen Buell

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

**Today, Sunday, October 16**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion

***Consecration Brunch***

Children's Ensemble immediately  
after the meal

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

**Wednesday, October 19**

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, October 20**

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

**Saturday, October 22**

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

Come, decorate yourself,  
your trunk and have fun with  
the little goblins!



**Tuesday, October 18**

7:00 pm Chamber Choir  
Nar-Anon



Following the worship service **today** the ***Consecration Sunday Brunch***  
will **be held in the Fellowship Hall** and  
catered by *Peace and Hominy* of Belmont.  
You are invited to join us.



### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER**

Cathleen Allen	Ardean Ewing	Holly Peche
Elizabeth Bruchon	Dot Holland	Sherry Perry
Shirley Causby	Zac Hullander	Marguerite Shive
Tommy Causby	Tom Irwin	Denise Taylor
Brenda Dabrowski	Chase Lineberger	Mark Reese
Shawn De Nicholas	Ann Outlaw & Family	Beverly Reynolds

### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Father Frank Cancro	Jennifer Lineberger	Bill Walker
Parker Holland	Capt. Basil Jeff Marett	Bruce Zander

### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Matt Cisek	Jason Gardner	Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer	Tom Kasmer	Mike Kelso



### **OUR MISSIONARY**

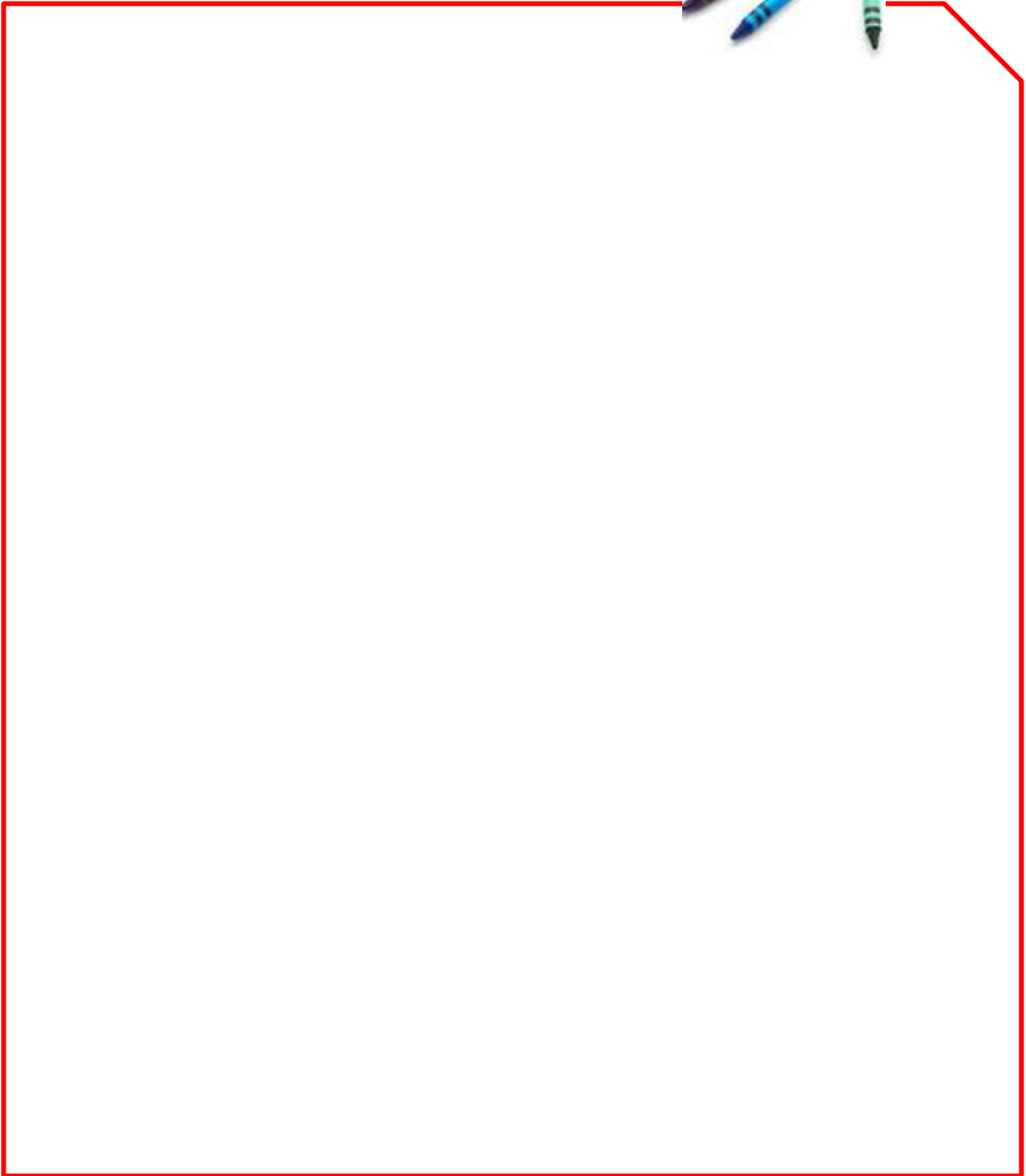
Alyssa Buchanan in Manzini, Swaziland Africa

**In order to ensure an up-to-date prayer list, a new list for the  
*Greater Family of God* was started on October 1.**

**Please email or call the church office to add any name you wish to appear on  
the *Greater Family of God*.**

**Also give us an “end date” for that name, or the name will remain for just one month.**

# Holy Doodles





## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Is Saturday, October 22 from 3:00-5:00 pm.**

Volunteers will be needed for setup, cleanup, games, face painting and cake walk donations.

Please keep your donations for the cakewalk to cupcakes, brownies, cookies and/or donut holes (pre bagged preferably).

Please do not bring/send cake slices.

The Belmont Fall Festival will be going on at the same time.

You are encouraged to contact Tom Bocchino at [tbocchino@hotmail.com](mailto:tbocchino@hotmail.com) or at 704-616-3049 if you want to volunteer to help with this year's *Trunk or Treat*.

Contact Misty Koehler if you would like to host a game at your trunk. If you have your own game or any ideas please let us know ahead of time.

## BCO OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH:



Jelly



Rice



Mac & Cheese

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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

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

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager