Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • February 3, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: Trump Voluntary John Bennett

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, \pm one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.
- C Amen.
- P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

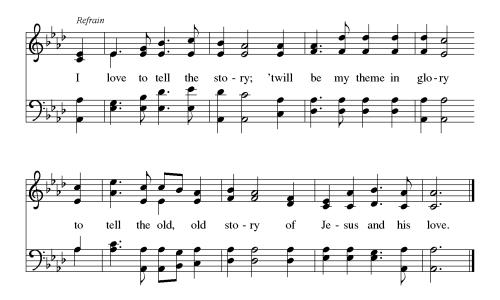
Silence for reflection.

- P Mighty and loving God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.
- P Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *I Love to Tell the Story* All Stand & Sing





Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

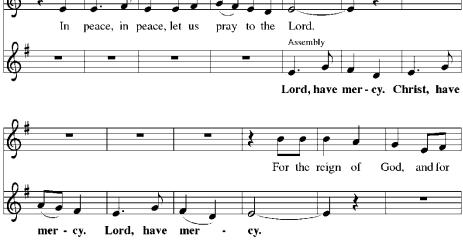
GREETING

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

C And also with you.

Leader

KYRIE





CANTICLE OF PRAISE



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, 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 nursery.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from the first chapter of Jeremiah.

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Bo not be afraid of them.

for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

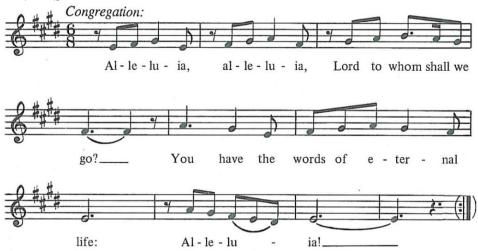
¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30

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

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to

the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON Pastor Micah

Silence is Kept for Reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: He Comes to Us as One Unknown All Stand & Sing



- 1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un seen, un 2 He comes when souls in si lence lie and thoughts of day de
- 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o cean's fume and
- 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
- 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be lieved, o beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in heart of stone, or shriv-eled seed in in - ward eye, part; half - seen the fall - ing star a up - on small and still wind that stirs the foam; yet up - on the breeze, a birth: to bear with - in mor - tal frame a a death, a our life. scrip - tures shown, as dored: the Christ in all the yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a cross the sky of night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart. tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home. sav-ing name, for ev-'ry child of earth, for ev-'ry child of earth. not un-known, our Sav-ior and our Lord, our Sav-ior and our Lord.

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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Inspire us by your Spirit as we respond to your call. When we are reluctant, strengthen us; when we are doubtful, encourage us. Above all, let your love shine through us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For mountains and prairies, cities and farms, rain forests and deserts. Awaken us to the mystery and diversity of your creation. Nurture all living things and protect your creation from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Kindle within us a spirit of respect for one another. Protect those fleeing their homes to escape danger or oppression. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. Protect those who suffer abuse and encourage those who lack hope. Guide all who provide medical care. Comfort those who grieve and bring healing to the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Bless our children and our elders. Gather us into a community guided by your love. Inspire in us a spirit of hospitality and kindness. Teach us to bear one another's burdens with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, and who now see you face-to-face. Inspire us by their example and bring us into your everlasting presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

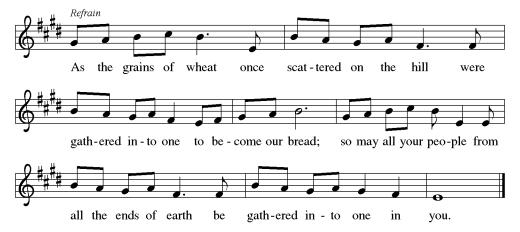
PEACE

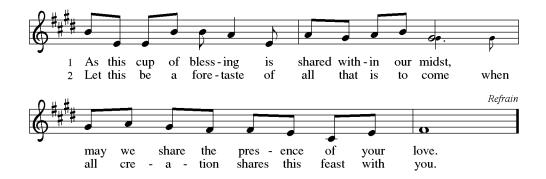
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me Chamber Choir

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



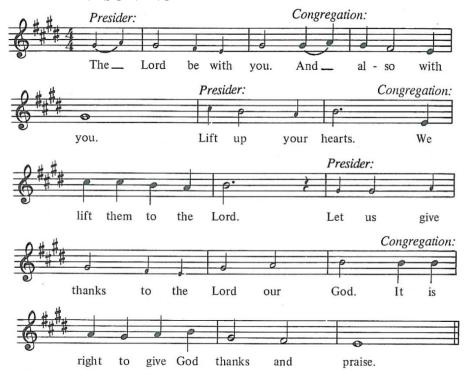


OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

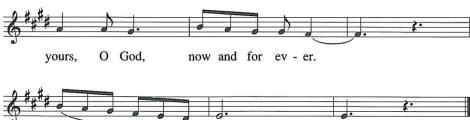


THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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,

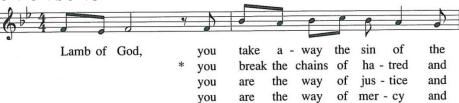
forever and ever. Amen.

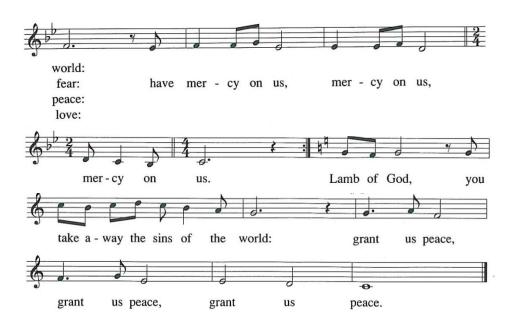
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG



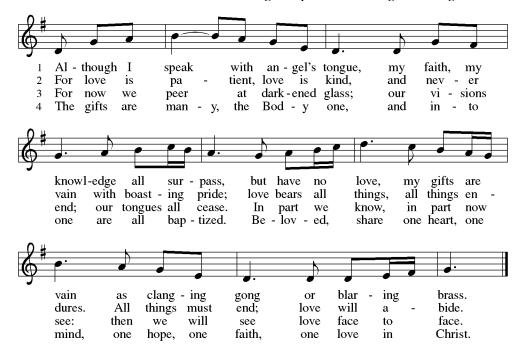




COMMUNION

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue . . All Sing



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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 Let us pray.
- C We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

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





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Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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SENDING

- A Go in peace. Christ is your light.
- C Thanks be to God.

and

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. 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 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 board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at www.holyc.org.

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, January 27, 2019:

Attendance: 137

Budget Report	<u>January 27, 2019</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 7,115.00	\$ 19,324.01
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$ 22,272.48
Offering less Expenses	\$ 1,340.65	(\$ 2,948.47)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye GREETER: Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: TELLERS: Fran Holland, John Koehler

Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Beverly Robinson Donna Bean

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Jenn Kearney

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

Rianna Nance

FLUTE: Julia Gunter

USHERS: Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: February 3-9

February 4 Scott Carr

February 6 Julia Ratchford

Scott Zande Shelia Kelly

February 8 Jennifer Boone

Chris Hullander Scott Zander

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, February 3

8:45 am Children's Ensemble

9:15 am Handbell Choir

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

2:00 pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd

5:00 pm Church Choir

HCY meets at the church for Super Bowl dinner

Tuesday, February 5

7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon

Wednesday, February 6

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study





PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen Cynthia Buchanan Brenda Dabrowski Becke Featherstone Sarah Tench Helms Zac Hullander	Teresa Keller Sue Lahr Ben Moose Holly Peche Sherry Perry Kathie Schaumburg	Scott Schaumburg Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jo & Harold Singleton Jerri & Mike Wesson
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GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Amy Beale Blythe	Earl Gardner	Clarence McLain
Wayne Bradshaw	Larry "Poss" Garrett	Anne Murdy
Doug Brewer	Steve Leonard	Paul Outlaw
Ron de la Vega	Jennifer Lineberger	Tommy Smith
Dallas Foscue	Ronnie Lunsford	Brody Thornburg
Carol Fox	Jane Marino	Dennis Yates

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll Tom Kasmer Leo Kasmer Colton Parker

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform the church office.

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



Holy Doodles





Cold and flu season is among us! I sit in worship service and listen to many folks sneezing and coughing. We know that no cure exists for the common cold but it can never hurt to eat properly when you have a stuffed up nose. Here are some suggestions of what to eat when you're under the weather with the sniffles:

Garlic - Garlic is a popular home remedy for a cold. Thanks to its allicin—an immune-boosting compound that gives garlic its flavor—garlic helps prevent colds when consumed regularly.

Tea - Hot drinks like tea are a good beverage of choice when you have the sniffles. The hot steam they produce can relieve congestion. And try peppermint tea - studies have found that it loosens mucus and breaks up coughs, acting like an expectorant (secretion thinner).

Chicken noodle soup – Comfort food? This soup made from stock or broth and a variety of veggies is soothing when you're stuffed up. Recent studies have suggested that chicken soup might have anti-inflammatory effects, which could possibly ease symptoms of upper respiratory tract infections.

Citrus fruits - Oranges, grapefruits and other fruits that are high in vitamin C may help reduce the length of colds.

Milk - We know vitamin D helps build strong bones but it also helps bolster the immune system. It's found in milk as well as orange juice and fortified breakfast cereals. Other <u>vitamin D-rich foods</u> include yogurt, cheese, dark leafy greens, salmon, almond butter and eggs.

Honey - Honey is often called upon to help heal burns, cuts and scrapes. When you have a cold, it coats your throat and offers antioxidants that help fight infections from bacteria, fungi and viruses.

Sweet potatoes - These potatoes are packed with vitamin A. That's an immune-boosting nutrient that helps the body produce white blood cells which fight viruses. And they help keep mucous membranes healthy.

So that old wives' tale "feed a cold, starve a fever" is actually only partially good advice...feeding a cold properly can help kick it faster, but starving a fever might make it more difficult for your body to fight off the flu virus. Always think "good nutrition" no matter WHAT ails you.

Heathy Eating: www.healthywomen.org/category/tags/healthy-eating



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Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or <u>parishnurse0407@gmail.com</u>.



A signup sheet for the *Isle of Palms Retreat* is floating around the church. The dates for the retreat are Thursday, May 23 — Monday, May 27. Checks for reservations are due and deposited on Easter Sunday.

Cost and Details to follow in the March newsletter.



We will be utilizing the Liturgy from *Holden Evening Prayer* during the upcoming Lenten season. The handbell ensemble is open to all youth (grades 4-12); with limited ringing positions as we accompany this service of worship. So, let me know ASAP if your child is willing to participate. I will be glad to sign them up.

Accompany Lenten Services of Worship

Wednesdays at 6:45 pm March 13 — April 10

Meal is served at 6:00 pm prior to worship.

Rehearsal Times:

Wednesday, February 13 at 5:00 pm February 27 at 5:00 pm March 13 at 5:00 pm



Greg Cline gclinea440@aol.com 704-860-4460



Mandi Kline is offering her *Spiritual Gifts* class to any adult who would like to be a part of it. This engaging class will be offered starting *February 3*rd. The 8-week course will be offered during the Sunday school hour. Are you looking to deepen and grow in your relationship with God? Have you ever thought about what God is calling you to do in life and in ministry? We want to celebrate the spiritual gifts God has given you? Join us to discover how we as God's people will grow closer to God and in ministry as we uncover our Godgiven talents and gifts. We invite you to join us starting February 3rd in the fellowship hall. If you are concerned

about missing sessions, Mandi assures us that she is happy to send lecture notes and missed class info to those who were unable to be with us in that class.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please fill in the form below, tear off and place in the offering plate, take to the church office, give to Beka, or email Beka at rforst@holyc.org.

! ! !	I am interested in participating in the <i>Spiritual Gifts</i> class that begins February 3.
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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: MKearney@holyc.org Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse