# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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# Transfiguration of Our Lord



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,  $\pm$  one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

#### C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C You have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

### C Amen.



### **GREETING**

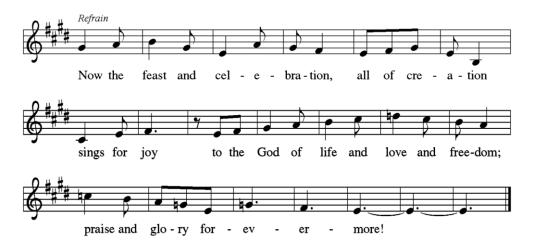
- P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

### **KYRIE**





### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the first chapter of First Peter.

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

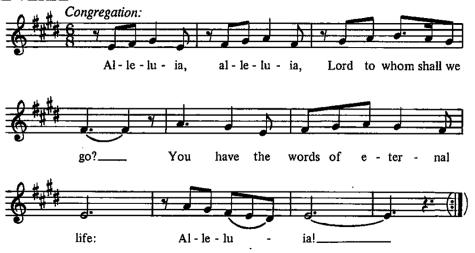
<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like

the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

SERMON ..... **HYMN OF THE DAY:** How Good Lord To Be Here ......All Stand & Sing How good, Lord, to be here! Your fills night: How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be hold Ful - fill - er the past and hope of things to be. 4 Be - fore we taste of death. we see your king-dom come: 5 How good, Lord, to Yet be here! may not re main; your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light. where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old. hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see. long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill we home.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

since you bid us

leave the mount, come with us

plain.

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders (*especially*) in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith. Hear us, O God.

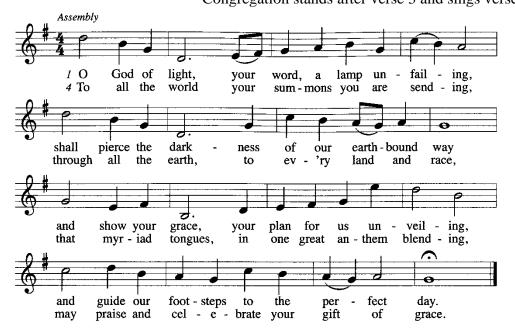
### Your mercy is great.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

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

### 



Choir

- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages, though we rebelled, you gently sought again, and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing to sinful hearts your justice and your grace; and questing spirits, longing for your healing, see your compassion in the Savior's face.

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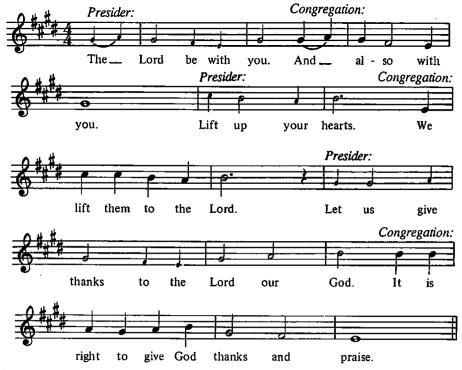
#### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our

lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

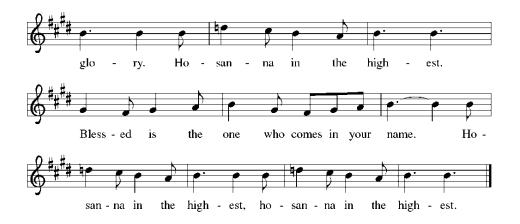


#### **PREFACE**

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

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



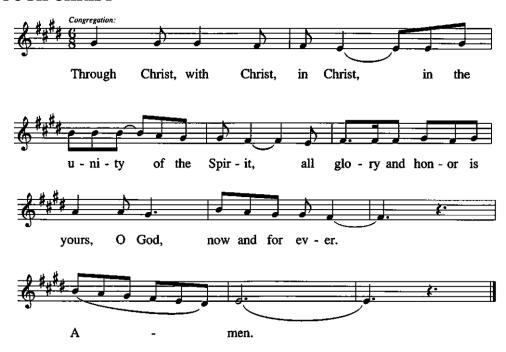


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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

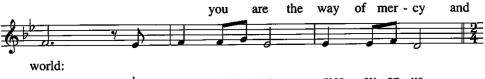
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**





have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



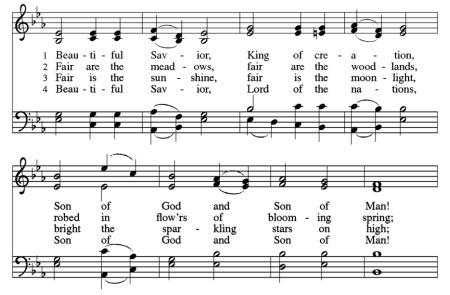


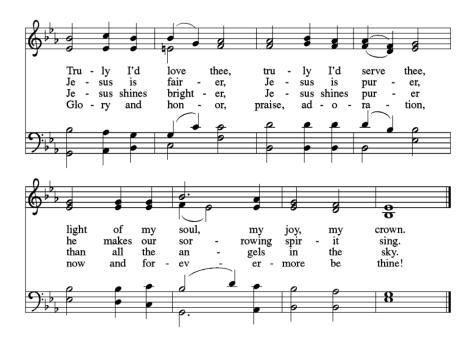


### **COMMUNION**

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:TransfigurationSuzanne FairbairnThe Lords My ShepherdChamber ChoirBeautiful SaviorAll Sing





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

- 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 Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### **BLESSING**

- P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.
- C Amen.

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 By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the heart. death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can re - deem - er true art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou change them with breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell break - est. Who trusts thee sure 1y has built se - cure ly glo - ry with heart and voic es: all heav'n re - joic es Our hearts are and stands for - ev er: Al - le - lu - ia! for -Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for him ev er: thy shin - ing, dy - ing pin - ing to see liv ing, glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and him praise sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! thee are cleav - ing; naught can us

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

and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

#### **SENDING**

- A Go in peace. Let your light shine.
- C Thanks be to God.

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

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (infants through 3 years old) is 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 online form at www.holyc.org.

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given by Shirley Causby and Greg Cline in celebration of the life of Tommy Causby.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. *Julia Gunter, Worship & Music* 

### Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, February 16, 2020:

Attendance: 116

Budget Report	This Week	Year-to-Date	(Unfavorable)
Offering	\$ 3,207.00	\$ 28,564.00	(\$10,052.16)
Expenses	\$ 5,834.10	\$ 35,482.60	3,133.56
Offering less Expenses	\$ (2,627.10)	(\$ 6,918.60)	(\$6,918.60)

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Julia Gunter **GREETER:** Volunteer

ACOLYTE: Justin Koehler TELLERS: Rochelle and Danny Potter

CRUCIFER: Volunteer CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jennifer Kearney

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3) **NURSERY:**(10:30-11:45a) Volunteer

Tracy Nault (Captain),

Deb Williams (Co Captain) **EUCHARIST PRESENTERS**: Volunteers Jill Leitner

FLUTE: Julia Gunter

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B) Donna Bean (lead), Sherry Alexander, Jill Cassel

### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, February 23

8:45 am Children's Ensemble
9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church choir prep
10:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion
5:00 pm Handbells,
HCY

6:00 pm Church choir practice

### Monday, February 24

6:00 pm PEP Exercise Class

### Tuesday, February 25

**USHERS:** Madison Kelly and Volunteer

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner
7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

### Wednesday, February 26

6:00 pm Youth Handbells 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

### Saturday, February 29

8:00 am Garrett Carpenter Eagle Project

On **Saturday**, **February 29**, from 8 am to noon, Garrett Carpenter will be implementing his **Eagle Scout Project** at the church. He will be installing plants in the playground area of the church as well as providing some seating. We would love to have **volunteers** to come and help with this work! If you believe you will volunteer, let the office know by **Wednesday**, **February 26**, so we can have lunch ordered.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: February 23-February 29

No birthdays this week.





Your Child and Calcium Is your child getting enough calcium? Chances are that's a "no." With the tendency towards sodas and fruit beverages these days, milk takes a back seat and experts say our children are often now way off the mark in their calcium intake. Calcium is best known for optimizing bone growth and in order to have strong bones the child's intake has to grow from 500 milligrams daily for 1-3 year-olds, through 800 milligrams daily for 4-8 year-olds, to 1,300 milligrams for 9-19 year-olds. In order to increase calcium in your child's diet, try offering low-fat or flavored milks instead of other beverages. Or try 8 ounces of yogurt, 1.5

ounces of hard cheese, or orange juice with added calcium and vitamin D. Make sure your kids are getting their calcium – the more moo the better!

BEGINNING <u>THURSDAYS</u>, March 12 FROM 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall

JOIN US FOR Beginners Yoga

This is a six-week beginners program held once a week COST: \$30/person for all six weeks!

NO MAT WORK – all exercise is done sitting or standing

Join the Health Ministry in adding exercise to your life in a wholesome, healthy way!

Questions? Call Teresa Keller, RN, PN @ 717-329-8507, email me at parishnurse0407@gmail.com

AND sign up NOW at the Health Ministry table in the education wing.



### PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Becke Featherstone
Ellen Fleming
Sarah Tench Helms

Kay Holden Zac Hullander Ben Moose Sherry Perry Caitlin Reese

Marguerite Shive **Denise Taylor** Beverly Reynolds Jerri & Mike Wesson

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

Charlene Barbee
Jim Barbee
Janice Barker
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Libby Byrum
Craig Cluttz
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

t Mark Glaeser

Meredith Hovis Mary Huggins Family of Mark Lineberger Steve Leonard Ruth Lyerly Jane Marino Ana Matthews Al McCoy Clarence McLain

Family of Dawn Mitchell Ann Mundy Linda Nichols Robert Nichols Sarah Nichols Tommy Smith **Emily Stinson Brody Thornburg** Jack and Doris Wade Joanne Weeks Jeff Wiles

#### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Beau Carroll Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

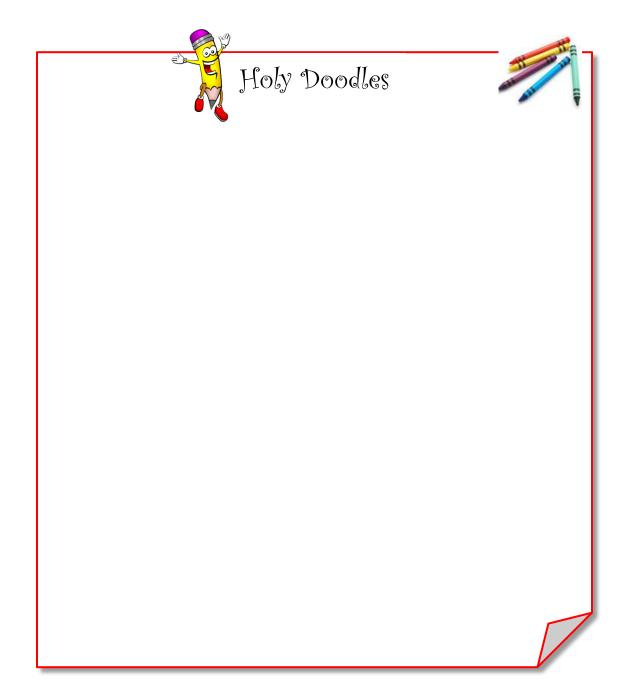
Colton Parker



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.

NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesdays.



### Lyrics for Children's Ensemble:

Jesus called the twelve disciples, Peter, Andrew, James, and John. He called Philip and Bartholomew; six so far, we're halfway done.

Thomas, Matthew, James and Thaddeus, Simon, Judas: Finally, We have twelve. But our King Jesus also is calling you and me.

### **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

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