

As We Gather

Do you ever change how you act based on who you are around? You probably act differently in church than you do in a football stadium. Why is that? You know that what is appropriate in a football stadium would rarely, if ever, be appropriate in church. Yet, you know how to act in different situations to “fit in” as well as simply to have fun. In today’s Readings, Paul urges us to be “all things to all people.” He urges us to modify our behavior, but not to fit in. Rather, he wants us to be all things to all people for one goal: to share Jesus. He certainly does not encourage us to sin, but he does want us to use every method possible in our own behavior to proclaim Jesus! So today, consider how you can be “all things to all men.”

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN***“God Himself Is Present”***Hymn #907****THE INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus has called us not only to live perfectly, but also to *be* perfect. However, we were born in sin. We inherited sinfulness from our parents, and we show that by how we act. Even our most righteous acts are nothing more than dirty rags. God commands us to be perfect, and we give up in our struggles far, far too easily. So, let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him to forgive and help us.

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are, by nature, sinful. We have sinned against You in our actions, in our words, and in our thoughts. Yet, You have promised forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We throw ourselves on Your mercy and ask You to forgive us. Amen.

In the mercy and compassion of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us. Jesus has lived for us, Jesus has died for us, and Jesus lives again. For His sake God forgives all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, You did all that was necessary so that we might know You, and by knowing You, have eternal life. Keep us in Your Holy Church and use us to declare Your praises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:21–31 *(You shall run and not grow faint.)*

²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16–27 (*We are called to proclaim the Gospel to all people!*)

¹⁶ Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it.

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

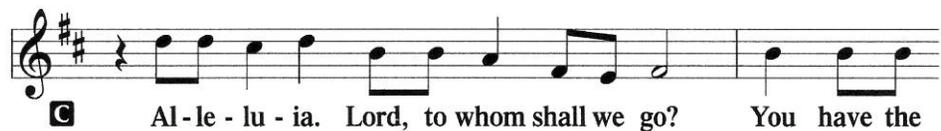
²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷ No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

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THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the first chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:29–39 (*Jesus heals many.*)

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" & "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord of all Nations, Grant Me Grace" Hymn #844

THE MESSAGE "All People Matter to God" based on 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

An "epiphany" is a revelation. The Epiphany season is about a most important revelation-
The revealing of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the nations, and our Savior, too!

Ponder Simeon's words: "My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have Prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles And for glory to Your people Israel." (Luke 2:30-32)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "*Hear our prayer.*"

THE 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.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Hymn #394

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family of the Week: Erv and Kathy Robinson moved here from Papillion, Nebraska in 1988 with the Air Force. They were pleased to find Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and have enjoyed worshiping here and making new friends. Erv was commander of the 912th Air Refueling Squadron and flew KC-135Rs. Kathy taught first grade and special education at Robins Elementary School on base until it closed. Their daughter, Kristin, met Aaron Gittner at Mt. Calvary and was married here in 1998. They have three children – Hayden, 15, Blaine, 13, and Aynsley, 11. Erv and Kathy's son, Michael, lives in Athens where he does commercial real estate appraisals. Erv was the chairman of the Building Committee and presently works for DasNet Corporation. Kathy serves on the Board of Education, the Altar Guild, and teaches third grade at Kings Chapel Elementary School in Perry.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Ellen Rowlette from Ken & Pat Aldredge, John & Liz Hunter, Erv & Kathy Robinson, Dave & Lois Harter, Allen & Pat Hickman and Richard & Pat Stetzler.

This week's Altar Flowers were provided by Joan Steese, in loving memory of her husband John's death and of their anniversary.

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Kevin Tuttle from John & Liz Hunter, Bruce & Barbara Bauman, Erv & Kathy Robinson, Jim & Barbara Morey and Richard & Pat Stetzler.

Daytime Callers share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this Monday, February 9th, in the **church conference room at 11:00 am.**

ATTENTION: The 2015 edition of the Mt Calvary Crusaders Men's Softball Team is now accepting applications. There are a few requirements to be considered eligible: You must be a male, at least 15 years of age, physically able to play softball, and be available for team practices and a 16-game schedule. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Desk. Listen for announcements before services and watch for notices in the bulletins and newsletters regarding times for our organizational meeting, practices and the game schedule when it becomes available. For further information please contact Bill Bohm, bfbhm@gfb.org, 397-6917.

Warner Robins Food Bank Project - After the holidays, the Food Bank supplies are low and they are in need of our support. Please start bringing in your non-perishable food items, and also household essentials. **Household essential items can include:** toilet paper, soap, detergent, bleach, paper items, cups, plastic forks, spoons, and toiletries. Place all items in the box labeled WR Food Bank, under the table by the front door. If you enter via the Fellowship Hall, place items in the blue bin next to the soda machine. This project will run from **February thru June.**

High School T.A.G. Night! The next High School T.A.G. Night will be this Sunday, February 8th, from 6:30-8:30 in the Annex. Join us for an evening of Fellowship with a Bible-centered discussion on "Going The Distance".

Thank You! A huge thanks to all the youth & parents who helped with the Sub-Assembly last weekend! We made over 120 subs in under 20 minutes and left the Fellowship Hall & kitchen neat and clean. We are also grateful for everyone who supported our Youth Ministry by purchasing a sub.

Help us with the Sunday slides! We need several people to help show the PowerPoint slides for the 8:00 and 10:45 am services on a rotating basis (once every three months). Training will be provided. Please speak to Pastor Brighton if you are interested.

30-Hour Famine! The High School Youth of our congregation will be participating in the 30-Hour Famine to help raise money for World Vision. The famine begins on Sunday, February 15th, at Noon and goes through Monday, February 16th, at 6:00 pm. Youth need to either raise \$35 in sponsors or pay \$35 to attend this event. Join us for 30 hours as we focus on God's blessings, participate in service projects, and drink a lot of juice!

Middle School Winter Retreat: Youth in grades 6-8 will be going to the Calvin Center the weekend of February 20th – 22nd for their Winter Retreat. The cost for the weekend is \$100/person which covers housing, transportation, meals, & the program. This will be a great weekend to grow as a group and in fellowship one another.

Mission Trip Registration Is Open: Registration for "Linked," the 2015 High School Mission Trip to Nashville, TN, is open to all youth in grades 8-12. The cost for the week is \$240/person and includes everything but Sunday's lunch. The price will go down based on funds raised, so a \$100 deposit is all you need to register.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Paula Babcock, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer.

Angie Carros, Carol Felderman's aunt, who was just diagnosed with colon cancer.

John Hunter, who is recovering from follow-up surgery for his a-fib condition.

Connie Kinsey, who is receiving further treatment for her ailing back.

Antonio Kong, Evy Keyes' father, who is undergoing dialysis.

Josie Kong, Evy Keyes' mother, who faces heart surgery.

Pastor Gerhard Michael, who is battling the flu.

Joan Michael, wife of Pastor Gerhard Michael, as she recovers from surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Pastor Ed Meyer, Gayle Calhoun (Sonya Popken's mom), Anita McIntyre, Jo Ann Smith & Karen Johnson.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay's boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Kathy Grube, Doris Helmes (Bill Zeuner's sister), Margaret Frazier, Dwight Hulse (friend of Roger & Gina Peterson), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Scott Stanley (friend of Pedro & Kathy Camejo), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt), Fred Diehl, John Hoar and Dana (Stroud) Stewart (Valerie Koehler's daughter).

Those Serving in the Military in Dangerous Areas

Christopher Dierking, Christopher Mittuch, Thomas Kaiser Guilford, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (8 am) & Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jon Peterson, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Barbara Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman ((8 am) and Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Carolyn Harper (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (Sun 8 am) and Gary & Beverly Webb with Dakota Cook (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 34:29-35 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-6

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 49 Early – 118 Late – 143 Total – 310

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Council
Wednesday	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
Thursday	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	12:00 pm	30-Hour Famine (thru Monday 6 pm)