

**As We Gather**

As the season of Easter continues, we discover that the risen Christ now lives in the baptized. It is as if we have been joined to His risen body, drawing life from Him like a living branch connected to a living vine. The result is bearing fruit for the kingdom of God. As we live by the promise of our Baptism and by the life-giving Word of God, so we invite and lead others to discover eternal life through God's Word and Sacraments. As Philip was led to preach the Gospel to an Ethiopian, so God blesses our witness one person at a time. Today we rejoice in the great love of God for us and for the whole world.

**Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brighton.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

**Hymn #904**

**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**

"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar." Let us repent of our lost condition and seek refuge in the mercy of God.

*(please kneel)*

Holy God,

**Be merciful to me, a sinner. For the sake of Christ forgive me for my selfishness and for my refusal to walk in love. Draw me to love You, not only for Your eternal gifts to me, but because You are my God and my eternal King. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom  
Earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and  
Shall be evermore.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 FIRST READING: Acts 8:26–40** *(Philip share the Good News with an Ethiopian eunuch.)*

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.





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**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1–8** (*Jesus is the vine and we are the branches – we must remain in Him if we are to bear fruit.*)

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Vicar Kevin Thomson

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM:**

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Hymn #611

**THE MESSAGE:**

"Jesus says, 'Remain in Me'"

Pastor David Brighton

**THE NICENE CREED:**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

#### **THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

##### **++ The Stewardship Thought ++**

Easter means resurrection joy! The Easter season is one long celebration of the resurrection that actually continues all year long, since every Sunday is meant to be a "mini celebration" of Easter! So, rejoice that you are a new creation through the suffering, death, and RESURRECTION of your Savior!

**The angel's words to the women on that first Easter: "Why do you look for the living Among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6)**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**                    "*Take My Life and Let It Be*"

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

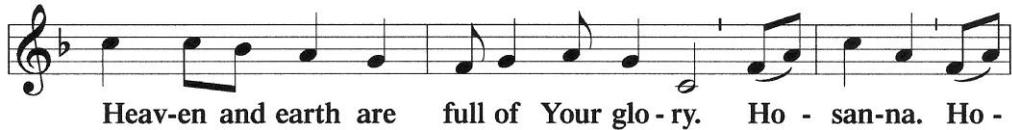
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



### 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *(The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *"Amazing Grace"*

Praises Ring Bell Choir

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

**Hymn #618**

*"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

**Hymn #637**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God our Father, we give You heartfelt thanks for Your gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through this most glorious Sacrament. Grant that we may bear the fruit of Your love in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

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

**Amen.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN:**

**"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

**Hymn #643**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## THE POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our altar flowers were provided this week** by Barbara Mabee, to the glory of God.

**Cinco de Mayo Festival:** Join us for a pot luck meal (bring your favorite Mexican food dish) at the grassy area between the church and the annex this afternoon (Sunday), at 2 pm. Also, bring your sunscreen, lawn chairs, lawn games and party attitude! - Your Fellowship Board.

**To My Mount Calvary Family** - Thank you for the cards, hospital visits, and especially prayers during my recent illness. I am ever grateful and blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation!  
- Dave Radcliff

**Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Doris Helms,** Bill Zeuner's sister, from Leo & Joann Ladzinske and Riley Hood.

**Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Ray Wachter,** Marcia Brighton's uncle, from Riley Hood.

**Come out and support the church softball team!** This week's games: 1) The Assembly at WR - 6:30 on Monday at Peavy 2; and 2) Second Baptist - 7:30 on Thursday at Peavy 3.

**Thank you, Mount Calvary family,** for all your prayers and concern while Doug has been working overseas the past 3 years. Your frequent queries about how he was, did I need anything, your expressed love and concern, was always felt and sincerely appreciated. - Deb Fingles

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Welcome To High School Road Rally:** This Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3-7 pm. Youth meet at the annex at 3:00 and are placed on teams for a scavenger hunt around town, taking pictures of team members doing some pretty crazy stuff. Don't worry, we make sure each team is driven around town by a parent (or vicar). The evening wraps up with us watching each other's pictures and a victor declared over subs and chips in the Annex.

**Golf Tournament:** Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's golf tournament such a great success. Thanks to your generous support, Mount Calvary's Youth Ministry raised over \$900!

**Confirmation Sunday!** Join us next Sunday at the 10:45 Worship service as we confirm 3 amazing young people. Breanna Cook, Colton Durbin, & Chase McVay will be welcomed into membership through confirmation!

**Photo Directory!** We have added an additional day to the May sessions. The photographers will be here May 13-16. These pictures are being taken for our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Directory. Have your picture taken for the directory and receive a free 8x10 portrait. Sign up for an appointment across from the mailboxes after church OR go to the church's website and click the button to make your appointment online. Either way, please help us get everyone's picture in the directory!

**Vacation Bible School** – Mark your calendar today for this year's Vacation Bible School—Rock the House!! Join us the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am till noon as we become living examples of Christ's love and as we share Christ's love with others. Our week will be full of high-energy worship, life application Bible study time, creative crafts, amazing recreation, hilarious puppets, and tasty snacks. **Pre-register today. Pre-k 3- 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at mt-cal-dcm@att.net.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Doris Helms**, Bill Zeuner's sister, who died recently.

**Kurt Rover**, who is hospitalized.

**Helen Moore**, Molly Townsend's mom, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.

**Corky Case**, who is hospitalized following surgery.

**Mary Jahnke**, Joe's sister, who has cancer.

**Everly Soucy**, infant daughter of former members Kevin and Kelsey Soucy, who continues to struggle with serious health issues.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Nancy Hoar, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jerry Frey (James' dad), Anita McIntyre, Carol Quednow, Doris Snow, Angleen Trasmer, Peggy Rodriquez, Molly Keister, Peggy Barkley, Jimmy Martin, Sr. (Jimmy's father), Joyce Boone (our former Wednesday Night cook), Connie Kinsey, Antonio Kong (Evy Keyes' father), Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mother) and 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: Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), John Hoar, Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay's boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Margaret Frazier, Dwight Hulse (friend of Roger & Gina Peterson), Bruce Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father), 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:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager & Richard Uitto. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

### SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Nathan LeBorious (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Dave Miller (Sat 6 pm), Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Jack & Janet Morse (Sun 8 am) and Paul & Dottie Brown (Sun 10:45 am).

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 10:34-38 and 1 John 5:1-8

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 49 Early – 94 Late – 157 Total – 300**

### THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

<b>Today</b>	<b>2 – 5 pm</b>	<b>Cinco de Mayo Party</b>
	3 – 7 pm	High School Road Rally
Monday	9:30 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b>	
	10:45 am	Confirmation