

As We Gather

The end of the Easter season is all about love – the love God has manifested to us in His crucified and risen Son and the love He works in us and through us. Through the proclamation of this Gospel, the world comes to know the love of God for sinners. This common life is reflected in our baptismal life together around the Word and Table of the Lord, something that takes on special meaning today as we confirm three of our young people and they celebrate Holy Communion for the first time. May God bless these young people – and all of us – as we gather once again to celebrate God’s presence with His people.

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:

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Hymn #906

THE INVOCATION

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

Amen.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:45 am service)

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

(please kneel)

I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord’s name as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. Except for the promise of Christ, I could not hope for reconciliation and peace. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 10:34–48 *(All the prophets bear witness to Christ.)*

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"In Christ Alone"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:1–8 (*Everyone who is born of God overcomes the world.*)

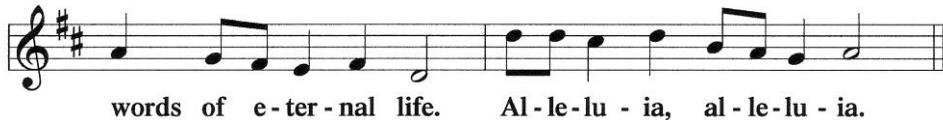
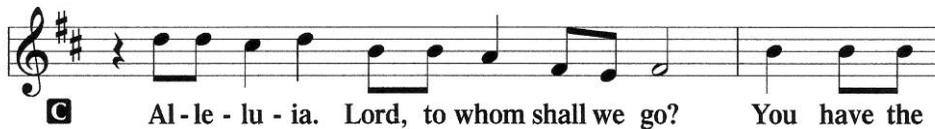
¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

This is the Word of the Lord.

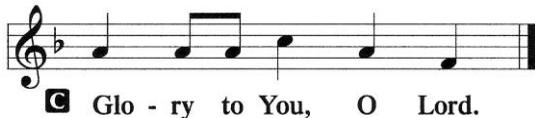
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9–17 (*Abide in Christ and bear the good fruit that endures.*)

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

Hymn #687

THE MESSAGE

"Be an Overcomer"

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 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:

"We Praise You, O God"

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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 8:00 am service concludes with the Benediction and the Closing Hymn.)

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

C 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)*

Men's Breakfast. This Saturday, May 16, all men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the food, fellowship and a brief devotion by Pastor Brighton – a great way to start the day! It's a guy thing!

Thanks to our Church Family and Friends - John and I want to thank each and every one of you for all the love, support, visits, cards and meals that you have provided us lately. With my Mom's passing and me being in the hospital and John fighting his lung cancer every day, we are so blessed to have all of you in our lives. Thank you again and God Bless each and every one of you.
- Your friends in Christ, John and Nancy Hoar and family

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Ray Wachter, Marcia Brighton's uncle, from Vivian Stilley.

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Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Larry Fraley, Marsha Longbine's father, from Vivian Stilley.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Betty Kroeger, Nancy Hoar's mother, from Vivian Stilley.

Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) Bonaire First Baptist - 6:30 on Monday at Peavy 3, and 2) J-Boys – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 3.

Rebuilding Together Thanks – I want to thank all of those from Mt Calvary who volunteered and helped complete our recent Rebuilding Together project. I also want to thank DCE Pete and his family for the great lunch he made for and delivered to our team. The homeowner was very happy for the work we did to make her home safer, more secure and nicer looking.
- Roger Moeller, House Captain.

Wednesday Nights On Summer Vacation: Our midweek program has wrapped up another amazing year. Thanks to all the parents who help with the Elementary, Middle School, and High School classes. This dedicated team of over a dozen volunteers have made it every Wednesday to help your young people connect to Jesus and to one another! Enjoy your summer vacation!

Photo Directory! This weekend is your LAST CHANCE to sign up to have your picture taken for the 35th Anniversary Church Directory. Pictures will be taken this Wednesday – Saturday in the Annex. Plan on the process taking about 30 minutes total.

The Outreach Board is seeking volunteers to restart our Mission Committee. The committee will plan and organize a mission trip for the summer or fall of 2016. Please call (988-9991) or e-mail (jklmtown@comsouth.net) Jeff Townsend.

Mission Trip Meeting: Next Sunday, May 17th, from 6:30-8:30 pm, there will be a meeting in the annex for all Youth and chaperones attending this Summer's Mission Trip.

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, May 11th, in the **church conference room** at **11:00 am**.

Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar today for this year's Vacation Bible School—Rock the House!! Join us the week of June 8th-12th 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 - 7th grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at mt-cal-dcm@att.net.

PRAYER CONCERNS

John White, who has a bad infection in his right arm.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the birth of Turner Alexander Harris, to Becky & Quentin Harris on May 1st. Mom Becky is doing great and Gramma and Grandpa (Dave & Ruth Radcliff couldn't be happier.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Helen Moore (Molly Townsend's mom), Corky Case, Nancy Hoar, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jerry Frey (James' dad), Anita McIntyre, Carol Quednow, Doris Snow, Angleen Trasmer, Peggy Rodriguez, 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: Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), 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:** Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and John Hunter (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Nathan LeBorious (8 am) and Zoe Bowden (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Pat Aldredge (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and James Bozarth (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Chase McVay (Sat 6 pm), Colton Durbin (Sun 8 am) and Breanna Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Steve Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Nancy Branscom (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 1:12-26 and 1 John 5:9-15

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 45 Early – 110 Late – 140 Total – 295

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	
	10:45 am	Confirmation
Monday	11:00 am	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Council
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Senior Night

Host an International High School Exchange Student

SHARE! is seeking HOST FAMILIES, with or without children to host international teens from countries like Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Ecuador, Hong Kong and Brazil. The students are 15 to 18 years old and will attend the high school closest to their host family's home.

The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with these youngsters. The students speak English, are covered by medical and dental insurance, have spending money for their personal expenses, and will arrive in AUGUST for enrollment in their new high schools.

For more information, please contact Yvette at SHARE! at 800-941-3738 or info@sharesouthwest.org.