

**As We Gather**

This Sunday is a bridge between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. This is a time of waiting and yet not without its own purpose. For the disciples, this was a time of regrouping. The empty spot left by Judas was to be filled by another who was with them a witness of Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. Perhaps we would find it daunting to be a successor to Judas, but the Church was not focused backwards rather forward looking. One was chosen, and the Church readied for what God would do on Pentecost. God is still choosing us, by the voice of the Gospel calling and the waters of Baptism setting us apart as His own and for His glory.

**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:**                    *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"*                    **Hymn #493, stanzas 1-4**

**THE INVOCATION**

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

**BAPTISM** (10:45 am service)                    James Austin Wallace IV

**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)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we 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.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”**

**Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood  
Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills  
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ’s holy name,  
Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne,  
For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:12–26** *(The Lord chooses Matthias to fill the empty spot of Judas in preparation for Pentecost.)*

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus--  
<sup>17</sup> he was one of our number and shared in this ministry."

<sup>18</sup> (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms,  
" `May his place be deserted;  
let there be no one to dwell in it,'  
and,  
" `May another take his place of leadership.'

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:9–15** (*Whoever has the Son has life.*)

<sup>9</sup> We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

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**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11b–19 *(Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.)*

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Cynthia Nelson, Director of Children's Ministries

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

Hymn #651

## THE MESSAGE:

**"Into the World, Not of the World"**

Pastor David Brighton

## THE NICENE CREED (8:00 am service)

**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: "We Give You But Your Own"**

**We give You but Your own in any gifts we bring;  
All that we have is Yours alone, a trust from You, our King.**

**May we Your bounties thus as stewards true receive  
And gladly, Lord, as You bless us, to You our first fruits give.**

## **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

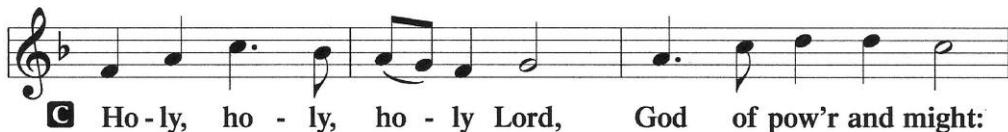
Lift up your hearts.

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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:



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 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.**

**☪** 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.



**Our altar flowers were provided this week** by Richard & Pat Stetzler, in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the June Newsletter in to the office by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Come out and support the church softball team!** This week's games: 1) Southside Baptist - 6:30 on Tuesday at Peavy 2, and 2) The Assembly at WR – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 3.

**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.

**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.

**District Convention Offering** – Our District Convention is fast approaching – June 12-14 in Orlando, FL. Pastor Brighton and Ken Keyes will represent our congregation at the Convention. This year, an ingathering will be taken to support two important ministries: Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, FL, which is a home for unwed mothers. **We are collecting diapers and onesies** to assist the ministry there. And in Atlanta, GA, Stepping Stones Ministry helps homeless people, sharing the love of Jesus and providing food and resources for those living on the streets all over Atlanta. **We are asking for backpacks** to help them have a way to carry their belongings. If you would like to help, please bring your items to church for collection. Pastor and Ken will take the items to the Convention and the ingathering from our 200 congregations in the Florida-Georgia District, along with all monetary donations, will take place at the Sunday worship service. It should be a special offering, indeed!

### **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](mailto:info@sharesouthwest.org).

**Lutheran Village** recently received the final assessment in its Market Feasibility Analysis. Although the committee has not out-briefed with the contracted agency, the study reports 'excellent' potential for a senior living community in this market area. Armed with this successful market analysis, Lutheran Village continues onward toward the next major milestone of completing a financial feasibility study. Lutheran Village thanks you for your support of prayers, donations of volunteer time and monetary gifts. God willing and with your continued support the next study will be as successful as this market analysis.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Paul Whately** Miandra Bohm's grandfather, who died on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Karen Case**, who was hospitalized this past week.

**Helen Moore**, Molly Townsend's mom, who is hospitalized.

**Jeanene Crawford**, who is in rehab following surgery for a broken pelvis.

**John White**, who is recovering from surgery on his infected arm.

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

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Corky Case, Nancy Hoar, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jerry Frey (James' dad), Anita McIntyre, Carol Quednow, Doris Snow, Angleen Trasmer, Peggy Rodriquez, Molly Keister, Peggy Barkley 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 our Country in Dangerous Areas**

J. T. Cole, 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:** Open (8 am) and James Bozarth (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Durbin (8 am) and Breanna Cook (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:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

### **SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**ELDERS:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am).  
**ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Garrett Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Zoe Bowden (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Jeff Townsend (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Sallie Brinkley (Sun 8 am) and Regina Ragan (Sun 10:45 am).

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21

### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 50 Early – 95 Late – 194 Total – 339**

### **THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY**

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Senior Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Elder Visits
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting