

As We Gather

The Scriptures tell us that they testify to Christ. The Spirit of God was sent to reveal this, first to the apostles on whom the Spirit came and to those whom they were sent to with the Good News of Christ. The Spirit's agenda is to make Jesus Christ known just as Jesus' agenda is to fulfill the saving purpose of the Father in whose name He has come. On this Pentecost Day we acknowledge the work of the Spirit among us through the Word and Sacraments. We rejoice in the Spirit who teaches our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and to proclaim His Gospel faithfully to the 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:*****"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*****Hymn #913****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**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(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:

"This Is the Feast"

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Women 1. —	Worthy is	Christ, the Lamb	who was	slain,	whose
Men 2. Pow -	er, rich -	es, wis -	dom, and	strength,	and
Women 3. Sing	with all	the peo -	ple of	God,	and
Women 4. Bless -	ing, hon -	or, glo -	ry, and	might	be to
Men 5. For	the Lamb	_____	who was	slain	has be -



blood set us	free	to be	peo -	ple of	God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon - or,	bless -	ing, and	glo -	ry are	His.	<i>Refrain</i>
join in the	hymn of	all cre -	a -	tion:	<i>Stanza 4</i>	
God and the	Lamb for -	ev - er.	A -	men.	<i>Refrain</i>	
gun His	reign,	Al - le -	lu -	ia!	<i>Final Refrain</i>	

Final Refrain



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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14 *(The valley of the dry bones hears the Word of the Lord.)*

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

"Breathe in Me, O Holy Spirit"

Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND READING: Acts 2:1–21 *(The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)*

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

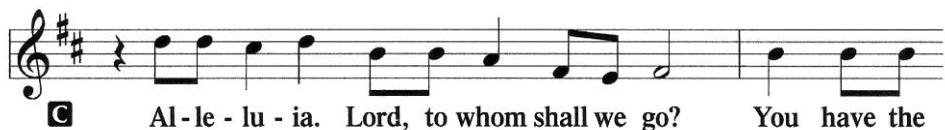
¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

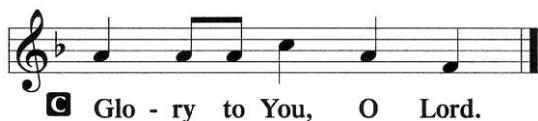
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

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



THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (*"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth."*)

²⁶"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Hymn #496

THE MESSAGE:

"Many Nations, Many Tongues, One God"

Vicar Kevin Thomson

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 ++

Following Christmas (Jesus' birth) and Easter (Jesus' resurrection), Pentecost Day is the third and final "Feast Day" of the Christian Church Year.

On this day we celebrate the "birthday" of the Christian Church as the

Holy Spirit comes with great fanfare to equip God's people to be

His witnesses to the ends of the earth!

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses!" (Acts 1:8)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Lord of All Good"

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

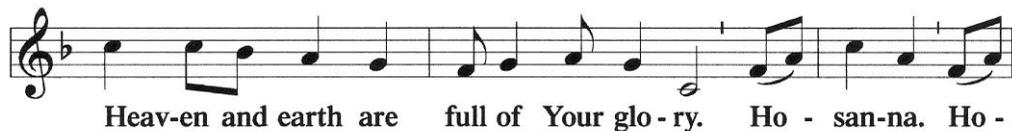
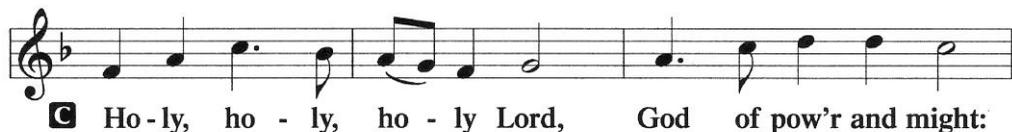
Lift up your hearts.

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy! 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.



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:	<i>"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"</i>	Hymn #625
	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	Hymn #686
	<i>"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"</i>	Hymn #498

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; 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:	<i>"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"</i>	Hymn #650
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MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Carol Quednow, who fell and injured her hip.

Heather Yarbrough, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Corky Case, who is in rehab at Regency in Macon.

Helen Moore, Molly Townsend's mom, who is out of the hospital.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Everly Soucy (infant daughter of former members Kevin & Kelsey Soucy), 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mt Calvary Parsonage – It is official, we are the owner of a new home for our annual Vicar and his family. Thanks to the generous price by the previous owner, Jack Knight, and the support of a majority of our voting members, we purchased the new "parsonage" last week with a combination of upfront money and a 10 year loan from the *Lutheran Church Extension Fund*. The Trustees and other volunteers are currently working on getting the home ready for our new Vicar who is scheduled to arrive in July.

Members of the Week; Nicolas & Holly Hartley; Adalyn & Brielle. Nicolas grew up in Louisville, GA and Holly in Washington, GA. They met in 2001 on a blind date. During their dating relationship, Nick worked several different jobs; public relations in Atlanta and Suntrust Bank in Eatonton, GA. Nick and Holly married in 2008 and they made their home in Athens, GA for the next 2 years while Holly finished getting her degree at UGA. Nick received a job offer from his current company, AgGeorgia Farm Credit, in 2010, so they moved to Warner Robins. He works in the corporate office in Perry. I guess it seemed right for "Nick & Holly" to have a Christmas baby. They welcomed Adalyn into this world in 12/2010. After 6 years of working for DFCS as a case manager in investigations, Family Preservation, Foster Care and Adoptions, Holly took a new job for Hospice Advantage as their Licensed Master Social Worker. After giving birth to Brielle in 09/2013, she worked as the only social worker at the Coliseum Medical Center in Macon. Now she is working as an independent contractor for Salus Behavioral Health, where she assists mentally ill nursing home residents in therapy.

Our altar flowers were provided this week by Tyson Van Lannen, in honor of daughter Sara's birthday, and by Champ & Pat Aldredge, in loving memory of Edna and Nora.

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend, so bring your coins/bills. Thank you.

SLDT Meeting: Youth serving as Bible Study Leaders for the Mission Trip should be at the Annex no later than 6:30 this Sunday, May 24th, to finish going over the Bible Studies. Everyone else on the Leadership Team has this Sunday off.

High School Serving At Middle Georgia Community Food Bank: The High School Youth will be working at the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank on Wednesday, May 27th. They depart from the Annex at 8:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. Youth need to bring money for lunch at McDonalds.

Red Cross Blood Drive! During the summer months, there are about two less people who come to every blood drive. Across the country, that amounts to about 100,000 less donors during the summer months and can lead to critical shortages. We are hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 1, from 3-7 pm in our church Fellowship Hall. Our goal is 23 donors. Let's go for 25 and give them a couple extra! Sign-up sheets are at the Information Desk. P.S. **If you would like to be a greeter for one hour (3-4 pm, 4-5 pm, 5-6 pm or 6-7 pm), that would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Pastor ASAP.**

Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) Bonaire First Baptist - 7:30 on Tuesday at Peavy 3, and 2) Second Baptist – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 1.

Thank-You for Smiling! Thanks to everyone who came and got their pictures taken and those who served as hosts, getting everyone checked in. We were able to get just under 150 pictures taken for our directory. Pete will be working on the layout over the summer and we are planning to take delivery in October to coincide with our 35th Anniversary celebration.

Mission Trip Information: Parents should have received a detailed e-mail regarding this year's Mission Trip with dates, times, deadlines, and packing lists this past week. If you have a teen attending and did not receive such an e-mail, please contact Pete ASAP, so he can get that information to you. Just a reminder of the major information:

Release Forms: should be completed and turned in to Pete this weekend!

Luggage Drop-Off: Youth should be dropping off their luggage next Saturday, May 30th, between 4 & 5 pm at the Annex. (This is also the time to fill out medication cards and turn in meds to Pete.)

Sending Service: The Mission Trip begins next Sunday, May 31st, at the 8:00 Worship Service as all the participants are commissioned by our congregation. Wear the dry-fit shirt and don't be late!

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 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.

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!

Please Update Your Church Directory Information. It's about time do a new directory. If you've moved, or changed phone numbers, or switched to just using cell phones, or have children who've moved out for good, or had any other kind of change that causes our directory to be inaccurate, please get the updated information to Jack in the office.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Kevin Thomson. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (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:** Deb Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Jeff Townsend (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), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Caroline Harper (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** John Trichinotis (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Paul & Mollie Keister (Sun 8 am) and John & Marie White (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8 and Acts 2:14a, 22-36

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 48 Early – 96 Late – 170 Total – 314

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday	8 am – 4 pm	HS Serves at Mid-GA Food Bank
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	4:00 pm	Luggage Drop-Off (Annex) for Mission Trip
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday		Youth Mission Trip to Nashville (thru June 7 th)