

As We Gather

Blood is thicker than water. Sometimes this phrase is used to show that family ties are stronger than the ones you make among friends. While earthly family relationships are important, in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that our relationships to God and His family of faith are of even greater importance. We have been made brothers and sisters in Christ through a different, more precious blood—the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. As citizens of heaven, we fix our eyes on what is unseen, rather than on what is seen. Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of being called Your sons and daughters!

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:***"In Adam We Have all Been One"***Hymn #569***(Hymn Tune: "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made")***THE INVOCATION**

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

Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM: (10:45 am)

Turner Alexander Harris

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

If God were to mark our iniquities and sins, we would be left without hope. Since the time of the first sin of Adam and Eve, we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We sin continually. But our loving Lord does not leave us without hope. He has given us redemption through His Son. With this confidence, we seek our heavenly Father's grace for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(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.

"O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption." Receive this plentiful redemption through faith in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I 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:

"As the Deer"

**As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.**

Chorus:

***You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.***

**You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. (*chorus*)**

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye. (*chorus*)**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 3:8–15 (*The fall and the Lord's promise of a Savior*)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (*"So we do not lose heart."*)

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

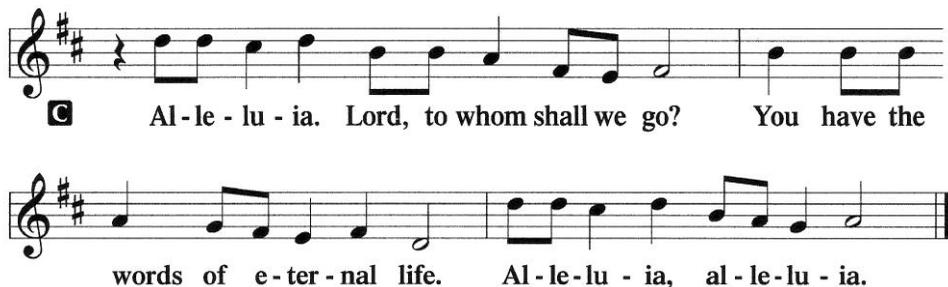
¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

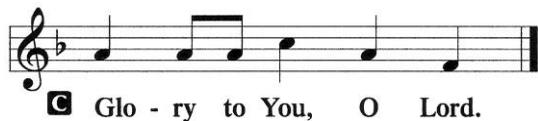
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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. Mark the third chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 3:20–35 (*“For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”*)

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

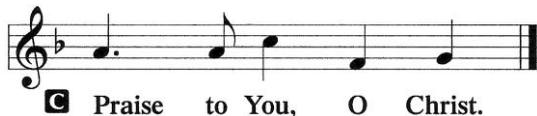
²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: ***"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"***

Hymn #570

THE MESSAGE: **"Fixing Our Eyes on What Is Unseen"**

Pastor David Brighton

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

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 ++

**The Pentecost Season is the "non-festival" time of the Church year.
It is the time for the Church to grow in faith and to go make disciples!
"Go and make disciples of all nations!" (Matthew 28:19)**

OFFERTORY HYMN: ***"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"***

**Renew me, O Eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word,
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

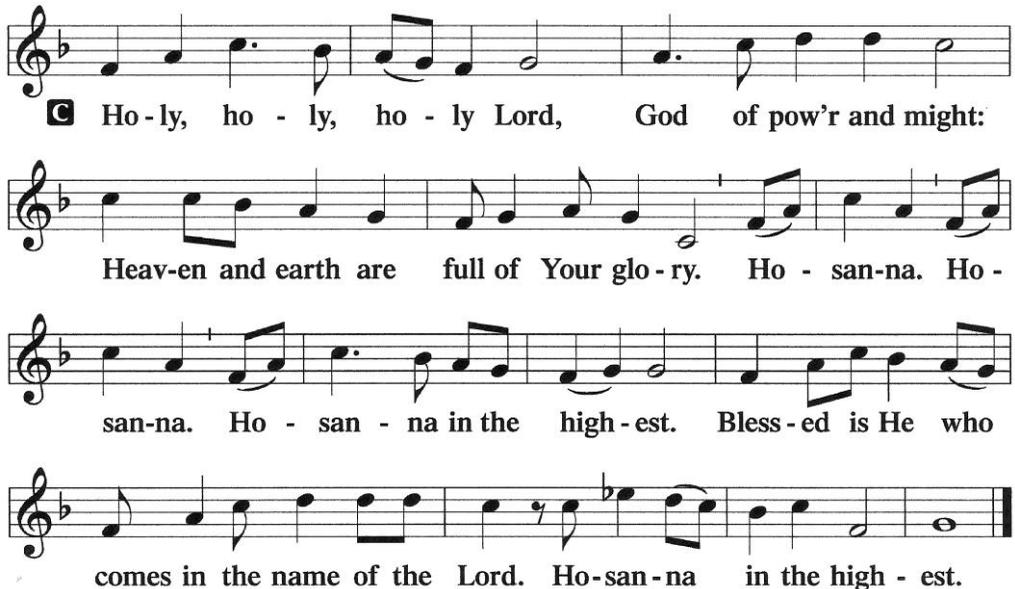
Lift up your hearts.

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, for as we look to things that are unseen, we are assured of the eternal life You promise to all who believe in Your resurrected Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C 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 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.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

<i>"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"</i>	Hymn #621
<i>"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"</i>	Hymn #619
<i>"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"</i>	Hymn #524

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that through Your Son's true body and blood you strengthen us to face the trials of this life so that we do not lose heart as we work in Your kingdom; 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: *"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"* Hymn #685

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission.
Divine Service Two, First Setting from Lutheran Worship © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted with permission.
All scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version, copyright © 1984 by International Bible Society.
Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We celebrate the Baptism of Turner Alexander Harris this morning at our 10:45 am service. Parents are Quentin and Becky Harris, and proud grandparents are Dave and Ruthie Radcliff.

Blood Drive a Success! Thanks to all who donated blood last Monday. We had a total of 19 pints of blood donated, 4 below our goal of 23, but still a great help to Red Cross, since this is a critical time of year for them. Look for another blood drive later this Fall.

Our altar flowers were provided this week by Bill & Jacque Bohm, in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary, and by Don & Monelle Netzing, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Members of the Week - Champ and Pat Aldredge: Pat Lawrence moved to the Warner Robins area after retiring from AT&T as supervisor of the downtown telephone office in Birmingham, AL. She started attending Mt. Calvary in 1997 and became a member in 1999. Kenneth (Champ) Aldredge retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Co., as superintendent of the chassis department at the Hapeville, GA assembly plant. He began attending Mt. Calvary when he and Pat starting dating again in 1999. Pat and Champ were high school sweethearts and reconnected again at their forty-seventh high school reunion in Thomaston, GA. Pastor Brighton married them on May 26,2001 and Champ became a Mt. Calvary member later that year. Pat served on the altar guild for many years and is currently serving as leader/facilitator for the Morning Glories monthly Bible study group. She and Champ started the Retiree's ChristCare group ten years ago. Champ has served on the Board of Elders and is actively serving on the Board of Trustees and was Chairman of Trustees for two years. Their combined families include three grown children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Champ loves fishing, hunting and has a vegetable garden every year. Pat loves to play bridge, read, work in the yard and has started writing a book for her great grandchildren. Both are happy to be a part of Mt. Calvary's church family.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated snacks for Vacation Bible School!! We look forward to a great week with our theme of "Rock the House!" We will enjoy all of the themed snacks that go along with our daily lessons. If you happen to be in the neighborhood between 9:00 am-12 noon this week, stop by and see the great fun!! Again, thank you for your generosity!!

Baby Shower for the Thomsons! On Sunday, June 28th at 2:00 pm, the ladies of Mt. Calvary will host a baby shower for the Thomsons. If you would like to help as one of the hostesses, please call Amanda Huffman at 765-437-9279. More details will be coming soon!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED: As most of you know the Hinkle family will be moving to Oklahoma in the near future and we will be losing our custodian. If there is any one in our congregation that would be interested in this position please call either Roger Moeller @ 478 320-2696 or Paul Keister @ 478 923-3834 for more information.

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, June 8th, in the **church conference room at 11:00 am.**

Can you help? Back in 2008, when our economy took a real hit, we had a larger number of folks coming to the office looking for financial help than ever before. Our "Alms Fund" was only a few hundred dollars, so a request was made and y'all came through with great generosity – over \$7,000 was contributed to our Alms Fund and it has been carefully used these past 7 years to help those in need and share the Gospel with them. Now the fund is down to \$400 and I want to make the request once again. If you would like to make a special contribution to our Alms Fund, above and beyond your regular giving, simply put "Alms Fund" on the memo line of your check and make it out to Mt. Calvary. I thank you in advance for your generosity so that we can continue to care for those in need who come through our doors! Pastor Brighton

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 this week (June 8 -12) 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.

Summer Sunday School – Please volunteer to be a summer Sunday School teacher for our Pre-K to 5th grade students. Our regular teachers are on vacation for 2 months, and we need YOU! The dates are June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26. If you could help for at least 2 Sundays, that would be great! Please contact Cynthia Nelson at mt-cal-dcm@att.net or leave a note in her DCM mailbox. Thank you for teaching our Kids for Christ!!

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.

Don't forget "The Fish", our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page. Check out the current issue on the bulletin boards and the table by the front doors to see what's for sale and what services our members can help you with. If you have items you'd like to sell or have publicized, contact Susan Wallace at 227-1915 or e-mail her at mixedsilles02@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Fred Tamer, who will have shoulder surgery on June 15th.

Dave Radcliff, who is recovering from colon surgery.

Jim Aden, who is recovering from cataract surgery.

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

Helen Moore, Molly Townsend's mom, who is in rehab at Summerhill in Perry.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Arnie Reule, Carol Quednow, Heather Yarbrough, Everly Soucy (infant daughter of former members Kevin & Kelsey Soucy), Nancy Hoar, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Jerry Frey (James' dad), Anita McIntyre, Peggy Rodriquez 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, 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.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Laird Van Gorder (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Barbara Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) and Josh Johnson (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 8 am) and James Bozarth (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Chase McVay (Sat 6 pm), Nathan LeBorious (Sun 8 am) and Breanna Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Laird Van Gorder (Sun 8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Dick & Susan Kesler (Sun 8 am) and Betty Cummings (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24 and 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 52 Early – 140 Late – 133 Total – 325

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Youth Return from Mission Trip
Monday	9 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
	6:20 pm Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm Women's Small Group
Tuesday	9 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
	6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm Council
Wednesday	9 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
Thursday	9 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
	9:30 am Mom's Play Group
Friday	FL/GA District Convention through Sunday
	9 am – Noon Vacation Bible School
	6 – 9 pm MS Wet & Wild Party
Saturday	12 – 3 pm HS Water Wars
	5:00 pm Adult Bible Study