

As We Gather

Because of Jesus' own words, we think of Him as the Good Shepherd in contrast to hired hands. But He is also the True Shepherd in contrast to false leaders, the One who does what shepherds should do. He replaces the leaders of God's Old Testament people, gathering instead of scattering. He unites two flocks: Jews and Gentiles. He uses every resource to feed His flock. By the grace of God, the Lord is our Shepherd; nothing, not even death, shall separate us from Him. We shall live in the house of the Lord forever!

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 CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All we like sheep have gone astray;

We have turned—every one—to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Let us therefore go to our Lord, confident of His grace and mercy.

(please kneel)

Our heavenly Father,

We are by nature sinful and are entirely lost, fallen, and blind. Our cares and worries—our sins—blur our vision of Your grace and mercy. We do not always trust that You are concerned enough to meet all our physical and spiritual needs. For Jesus' sake we humbly ask Your forgiveness for all our failures of weak faith and for listening to other voices. Open our ears and our eyes so that we may follow You, our True Shepherd, through every shadowy valley until we behold the streams of quiet water that eternally flow from Your throne of grace. Amen.

O people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand, surely for Jesus' sake, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Thy tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures lead us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear us children when we pray.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Jeremiah 23:1–6 *(God promises to replace Israel's sinful human shepherds with a truly righteous Shepherd.)*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

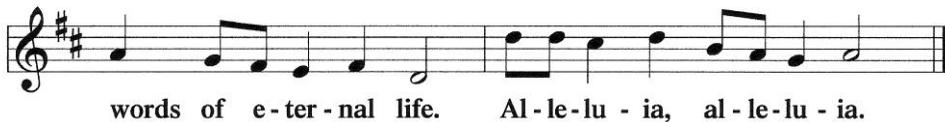
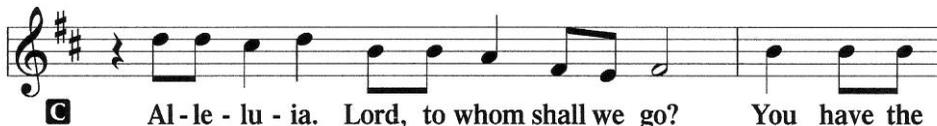
THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:11–22 (*Jews and Gentiles are united in Christ.*)

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

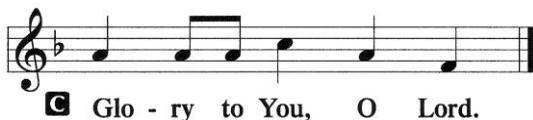
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THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

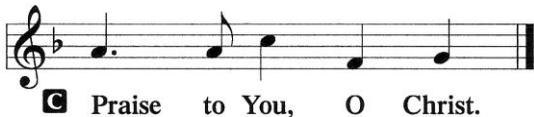
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:30–44 (*Jesus feeds the five thousand in the desert.*)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"* **Hymn #710**

THE MESSAGE: *"Let Jesus be Your Shepherd"* 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 ++

**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 38:19)

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve You
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

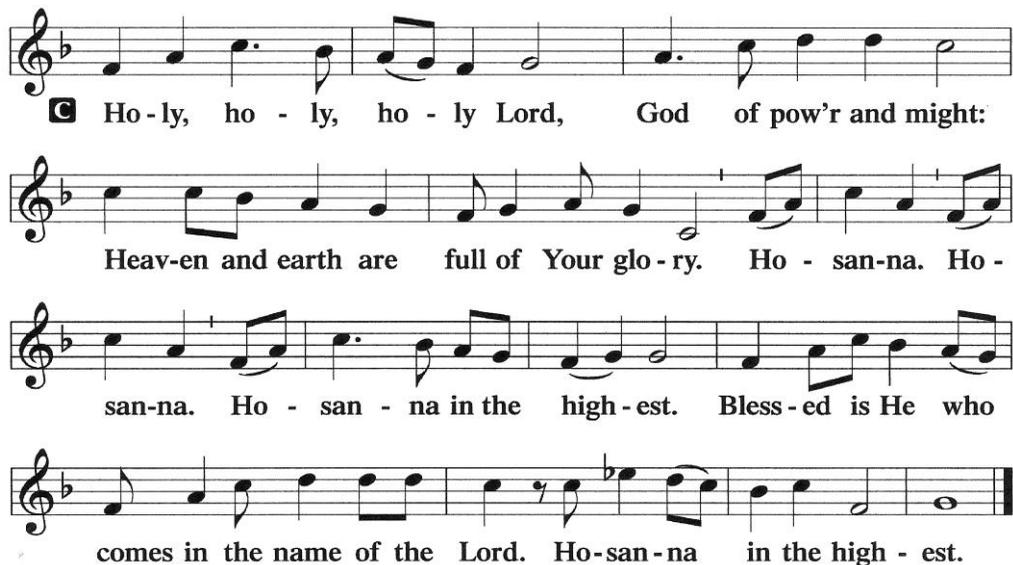
Lift up your hearts.

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 is our Good Shepherd, providing feasts of physical and spiritual blessings during our earthly sojourn until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.



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

Farewell Mt. Calvary! I wish you all God's blessings and will continue to pray for you. Thank you for being so supportive this past year. You have been generous to us not only in the gifts you have given us, but also in the care and love you have showered upon us. Your kind actions and words will stick with us for a long time. We have been extremely blessed to have spent this time with you, and I pray that you will continue to bless the lives of future pastors. Thank you all!

-Vicar Kevin and Jordan Thomson

Needed: Used couch and easy chair. A family has fallen on hard times and could use the help. Contact Jerry Bisping for more info @ jerrytony@windstream.net or 478-988-1432.

Parsonage Kudos – I would like to thank all of the many people who helped in one way or another to prepare the new parsonage for this year's vicar and his wife. I want to especially thank John and Ruth Lange for volunteering and handling the cleaning and painting of all of the rooms in the house. Although they did have some help, they were at the house almost every day cleaning and painting and the finished results are outstanding. I also want to thank Jim Morey for volunteering to handle the landscaping and lawns. Jim spent many hours in the hot sun treating and mowing the lawns and trimming the bushes. The results of all of these efforts have made the parsonage a very nice and comfortable home for our new vicar and his family.

- Roger Moeller, Chairman, Trustees.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office no later than Monday, July 27th.

Mom's Playgroup will be taking the rest of the summer off and will resume some time in September. - See you then!

The Board of Outreach is now taking orders for "polo type" shirts with our logo embroidered on the left chest. A member of the Board of Outreach will be available after each service for you to place your order. The shirts are royal blue with the logo embroidered in white. Sizes Small thru XL will cost \$25; XXL and XXXL will cost \$27. August 9 will be the last day to place your order.

Concert and Release Celebration: This afternoon at 4:00 PM in the Michael Fellowship Hall, Tim Jacobsmeyer will be presenting a concert of music from his new CD, "Piano Musings." The concert is free of charge and will include refreshments afterwards. CDs, download cards, artwork, and other related items will be available. Please make plans to attend.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Board of Fellowship for our outstanding hotdog lunch on Friday during VBS!! The Board of Fellowship had hotdogs, slaw, chips, drinks, and dessert for everyone!! We had an enormous crowd—our biggest ever, and we did not run out of food!! Thanks, Board of Fellowship!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Regina Ragan for our Vacation Bible School t-shirts paid for by the Bill Lacefield Memorial Fund. Regina and Bill have always supported our Mt Calvary Lutheran Kids for Christ in a number of ways. Thanks you also for our huge, amazing, and new water slides!! The kids loved them and are still talking about what fun they had during VBS! Thanks, Regina.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Annie Hyde, 96-year-old great-grandmother of Devon and Paige Ringer, who will have a double mastectomy on July 23rd.

Sherry Parsons, who is hospitalized.

Lorraine Jensen, who will be having wrist & elbow surgery on July 23rd.

Angleen Trasmer, who is hospitalized on bed rest until her baby is born.

Liz Hunter, who is recovering from a broken toe.

Karen Harmon, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Tricia Nicolosi, Kurt Rover, Jay Wallace (son of James & Emily Wallace), Rosie Schulz, Fred Tamer, Dave Radcliff, Jeanene Crawford, Arnie Reule, Carol Quednow, Heather Yarbrough 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: Margaret Frazier, 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), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt) and Fred Diehl.

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Chris Walker, J. T. Cole, Christopher Dierking, 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: Vicar Kevin Thomson. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Kevin Thomson. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Nathan LeBorious (8 am) and Zoe Bowden (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barbara Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bob Reynolds (8 am) and Jim Morey (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Gary Webb. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Louis Foss (8 am) and Sean Palmer (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Chase McVay (Sat 6 pm), Colton Durbin (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Julie Dimes (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Paul & Mollie Keister (Sun 8 am) and Regina Ragan (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17 and Ephesians 3:14-21

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 42 Early – 77 Late – 142 Total – 266

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	4:00 pm	Piano Musings Concert by Tim Jacobsmeyer
	6:30 pm	TAG 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	8 am – 4 pm	TAG – Mid GA Food Bank
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	3 pm – Midnight	TAG – Stone Mountain Trip
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Weekend		Installation of Vicar Tim Staffeldt