

**As We Gather**

For many people, the time of autumn leaves brings a sense of anxiety or dread as the cycle of the year and of life draws to a close. The prophet Isaiah used this image as he prophesied the demise of the nations and peoples opposed to God: "All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4b). Strengthened by the promises of God fulfilled in Jesus, God's people have a special sense of His mercy. They rejoice in His power made evident in His works that display His goodness. They live out their days demonstrating faith that is truly alive and evident in good works.

**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:**

*"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"*

**Hymn #904**

**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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Please kneel)*

Gracious God,

**We admit and confess our sinfulness. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We do things we shouldn't do every day, and we don't do the things we should do as Your faithful servants. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love. Amen.**

God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. 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: "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"**

**Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev'ry gift that You impart.**

**Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants, and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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: Isaiah 35:4–7a** *(God comes powerfully among His people.)*

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water..

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: James 2:1–10, 14–18** (*Faith that is alive is evidenced in good works.*)

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

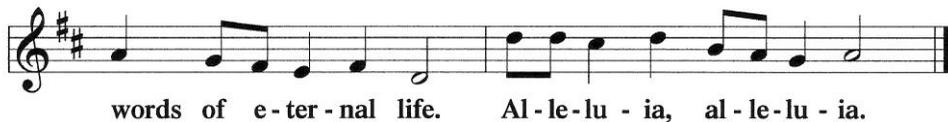
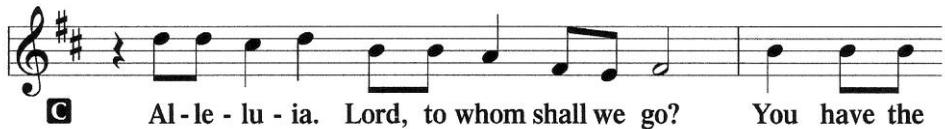
<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

This is the Word of the Lord.

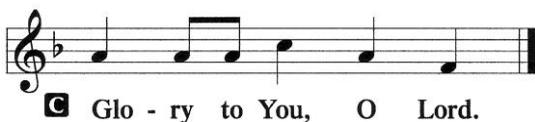
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

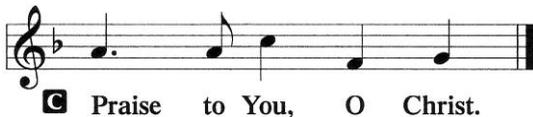
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:31–37** (*Jesus heals a man who is deaf.*)

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Tim Jacobsmeyer  
Director of Music

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**      *"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"*      **Hymn #857**

**THE MESSAGE:**      **"Faith → Works"**      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 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:

***"Make Me a Servant"***

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.  
(repeat stanza)**

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## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

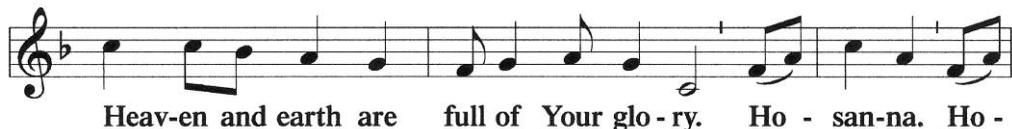
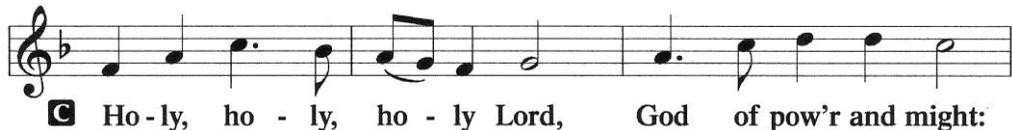
Lift up your hearts.

**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 give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, You bestow upon us Your peace and abiding 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:



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 Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*  
*"Jesus Shall Reign"*  
*"O God of Mercy, God of Might"*

**Hymn #618**  
**Hymn #832**  
**Hymn #852**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank You, O Lord, that this Sacrament we have now received strengthens our faith. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, give us strength to live each day as Your people who are given to hospitality, charity, and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, 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:**

*"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"*

**Hymn #826**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER****THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Barbara Mabee, in honor of her husband, Carl's, birthday.

**Member of the Week: Lena Grube** grew up on the outskirts of Topeka, Kansas. Her family had huge gardens so they grew and canned most of their food. She had 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She met her husband, John Grube on a blind date in Topeka. John was in the military and was sent to Warner Robins when the base was only a supply depot. Lena has 5 sons, Dan, Jeff, Mike, Chris and Toby, who are all members of Mt. Calvary. She has a passel of grandkids, great grands and even great, great grands!! Before joining Mt. Calvary in the 80's Lena was active at Faith Lutheran Church. She has been the Altar Chairman and Chairman of the Ladies Guild, but what she is most noted for is the prolific amount of craft projects she has done through the years. She generously donates these things to the annual church bazaar. She is also known for her ready smile!!

**Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of John Hoar** from Betty Cummings, Lena Grube and Chet & Nancy Branscom.

**Fall Evangelism Explosion Kickoff Lunch** - This lunch is for those who are interested in learning more about our evangelism training on Monday evenings. There will be a free lunch provided, a video, and our evangelism callers will share some of their experiences in this training ministry. There is no commitment made or expected for attending this lunch. **We will meet Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm, in the Annex.**

**The ECGA LWML Zone Rally** will be held at Mt Calvary on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendance sign-up sheet is on the information desk. Gifts from the Heart for **Family Promise** are laundry detergent and Walmart gift cards. Make checks payable to **Family Promise**. Registration starts at 9; business meeting at 10:00 and Worship service at 1:30. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch.

**Night of Worship** is being sponsored by our Caring Solutions Pregnancy Center on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, held at Mabel White Baptist Church in Macon (1415 Bass Road). Local church choirs will provide a powerful evening of worship!

**Get Your Flu Shots Here!** After our worship services on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Heather Yarbrough (pharmacist at CVS and member of Mt. Calvary) will be giving flu shots. Most insurances will cover this 100%, so be sure and bring your insurance cards. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Counter.

**Ladies' Tea!** All the ladies of Mount Calvary (young and old) are invited to join us for a light lunch, lively conversation, and tea on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from Noon – 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The dress is to be lady-like with a hat (large or small, just wear a hat) - it is tea after all. The cost for the tea is \$5/person to cover our costs. This event is sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Team!

**A Missions Committee organizational meeting** will be held at *7:00 pm on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>* in the Conference Room. The Missions Committee will be supporting our short-term mission efforts in Puerto Rico, due to begin next year. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend."

**High School Outreach Party:** It will be Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10 pm in the Annex. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship to grow as the body of Christ! These parties are a great time to invite your friends to come and check out TAG, meet the rest of the group, hang out, and learn a little bit about how amazing our God is! Pick up your party pass invitation/coupon so your friends are free and plan on having a blast! (Cost is \$5/person)

**High School Fall Retreat:** This team-building retreat will run from 6 pm Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> through 8:00 pm Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Bible Study theme for the weekend is "Living For Christ!" It will be held in the Annex at a cost of only \$25/child to cover meals. Because this is an on-site retreat, youth are encouraged to come for as much of the retreat as they are able to but still participate in school commitments (sports, band, etc.). Just let Pete know when you will be there!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Workshop:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade youth preparing for Confirmation next spring will be having a workshop with Pastor to cover the Bible, Law & Gospel, and the 10 Commandments on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from Noon-3 pm in the Annex. There is no cost and lunch will be provided!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** When we asked for some "over and above" giving to replenish our Alms Fund, y'all responded like you have so often -- with great generosity! We now have \$5,745 in our Alms Fund and that should enable us to help those in need in our community for the next half dozen or so years. So thanks again for your great generosity (and that's all you need to give right now! :- ) Pastor Brighton

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of John Hoar**, who died August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Gary Webb**, who is hospitalized in Macon with internal bleeding. No diagnosis yet.

**Monika Reynolds**, for continued health concerns.

**Avin Bozarth**, who is home and making a good recovery from his burns.

**Yekabu Gedru**, who is experiencing serious eye problems.

**Erna Wolfrum**, Anita McIntyre's mother, who is near death.

**Rev. Richard Schuller**, missionary to Puerto Rico, who was seriously injured when hit by a car as he was walking.

**Ken Reilly**, who continues his battle with cancer.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Marrissa Halsell, Courage Trasmer, Ray Snow, Doug Hartman, Larry Ellgass, Josie Kong, Tony Kong, Annie Hyde, Sherry Parsons, Lorraine Jenson, Karen Harmon 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: Anne Harter (daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Margaret Frazier, Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), 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, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



**New Church Directories have been printed!** They are available at the Information Desk. The Church Officers and the members of each of our boards are listed on the inside of the cover. The e-mail addresses of all staff members are listed on the back of the directory.

## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and James Bozarth (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (8 am) and Open (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:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Rich Losert (8 am) and Barb Mabee (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (8 am) and Open (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Pruet Burge (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Dick & Susan Kesler (Sun 8 am) and Dwight & Marlene Miller (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-10 and James 3:1-12

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 52 Early – 88 Late – 126 Total – 266**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Sunday	6:30 pm	TAG Night
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed for Labor Day</b>	
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Council
	7:15 pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Mom's Play Group
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	7 – 10 pm	High School Outreach Party
Next Sunday	12:00 pm	Ladies Tea
	12:00 pm	EE Kickoff Luncheon
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting