

As We Gather

God has plans for us. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reassures us that He is in control. He has set the course for and shaped the destiny of the world. Knowing that God is in control gives us ongoing opportunity to seek His will and to shape our lives to be in harmony with His Word. God does not just care about people in general; He cares for us individually. Each human life is precious in His sight. As children of the heavenly Father, we live joyfully and securely in all situations.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn #700

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)

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.

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 KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You. we give You thanks. we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 1:4–10 (*Jeremiah receives his call to speak for the Lord.*)

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 (*Paul writes of the importance of charity and love.*)

^{31b} And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

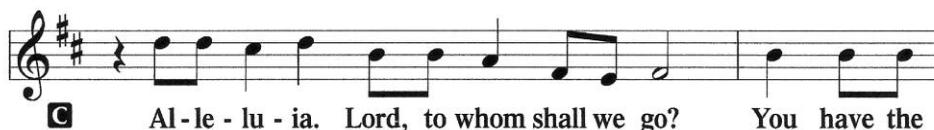
⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:





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. Luke the fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:31–44 (*Jesus casts out demons.*)

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³ but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymn #649

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

The word "epiphany" means to "reveal or make known."

"I will make You as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
(Isaiah 49:6b)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITE-Y NOISY CAN COLLECTION

(The "noisy" offering of coins is received on months when there is a fifth Sunday. This offering makes a lot of "noise" in the mission work of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League that it helps to support!)

OFFERTORY:

"Create In Me"



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with



in me. Cast me not a-way from Your pres-ence and take not Your



Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion



and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

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 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:

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Hymn #842

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2016 Flower Chart is now posted. Now is the time to sign up for that anniversary, birthday, wedding – or just give to the glory of God! Just a reminder that if you take the flowers home, they are not tax deductible. If you leave them, they will be taken to shut-ins or those in the hospital, and they are tax deductible. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per bouquet. If you want both vases, then the cost is \$50 and you should write your name on both lines. I will put an envelope in your mail box as a reminder for you. You may use your own envelope and write just one check. **BE SURE TO MARK YOUR ENVELOPE** that \$25 of your check is for flowers. If you use the envelope I put in your mail box, please put your envelope number on it. If you have any questions please ask. Thank you so much! Flora Bunda, the flower lady.

Thanks for your generosity! Our members gave a total of \$1,285 for the Gideons last weekend. This is a very generous congregation! The money will result in hundreds of Scriptures being placed in the hands of people.

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave & Lois Harter, to the glory of God.

Emily Whaley, a former co-worker of Mark Burnette, is being deployed to Afghanistan for the next year.

Members of the Week: Randall and Sherry Parsons are longtime members of Mt. Calvary. They and their children, and also Sherry's parents; Jim and Wilma Malott, were baptized and joined in 1988. Randall grew up in Tazewell, VA, and after graduating from Tazewell High School he joined the Air Force. After tours in Mississippi and Viet Nam he was stationed at Robins AFB. He never left! Randall retired in 2010 after 43 years of military and civil service. Sherry was born in Shelby, Ohio and lived there until the age of 10, when her father, Jim Malott, was assigned to Mobile, Alabama. When Brookley AFB closed in 1966, her father was assigned to Robins AFB. Sherry graduated from Northside High School in 1967. Randall and Sherry met for the first time in 1968 and were married in 1970. Four sons resulted from that union. Sadly, the oldest son died in 2011. One son lives in Orlando, FL and the other two are members of Mt. Calvary. Mark, Lacie and their 2 children, Braelin and Claire, live in Macon. Michael, Melissa and their 2 children, Laura and Libby, live in Byron. Randall is a "Jack of all Trades" and stays busy with woodworking and projects around the house. Randall has served on the Board of Trustees and has done a tremendous amount of electrical work at Mt. Calvary, especially when the new wing of our church was being built. Sherry is a homemaker and enjoys quilting, ceramics and keeping up with the grandchildren. She has been a long time member of the Altar Guild. (The large nativity scene that is set up under the Christmas tree each year was made by Sherry and her mother Wilma Malott). Randall & Sherry both enjoy fellowship with their church family and being involved in church functions.

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? Sudden numbness, difficulty speaking, severe dizziness, loss of coordination, sudden loss of vision, sudden intense headache, or brief loss of consciousness. If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately. Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the ***Life Line Screening*** that will be at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church on Monday, **February 15, 2016**. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke. Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Sweethearts Dinner - Sunday, February 14th, 6-8 pm in the Michael Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a delicious lasagna meal and the traditional chocolate dessert contest where you, the guests, provide your favorite chocolate indulgence. The Board of Fellowship asks folks to bring in a wedding photo to display during the event. Babysitting will be provided. If you have any questions, please see your BOF members, Keith Dierking, Deb Fingles, Michelle Crawford, and Doug Branham. Cost is \$5 a person and we will start selling tickets this weekend. What a deal!

Crusaders Softball: The 2016 edition of the Mt Calvary Crusaders Men's Softball Team is now accepting applications. There are a few requirements to be considered eligible: You must be a Male, at least 15 years of age, physically able to play softball, and be available for team practices and a 16-game schedule. A sign-up sheet will be located at the Information Desk. Listen for announcements before services and watch for notices in the Bulletins and Newsletters regarding times for our organizational meeting, practices and the game schedule when it becomes available. For further information please contact Bill Bohm, bfbohm@gfb.org, 397-6917.

Seminary Choir at Mt. Calvary! The Laudamus men's choir from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be here at Mt. Calvary as the first stop on their Spring Tour. They will sing during the 8:00 am worship service on Sunday, February 21st and they will also sing from about 9:15-9:30 am so that all those coming to Bible study and the 10:45 service will have a chance to hear them as well. The choir will arrive on Saturday, February 20th and we need volunteers to house them. If you would like to volunteer to house 2 of these young men (we do need one location that can house 3 men), please contact Pastor Brighton ASAP.

Interested in learning more about what it takes to become a **pastor** or a **deaconess** in the Lutheran church? On February, 21st, Rev. Michael Redeker, from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will be here from 8:00 to 12:30 to talk to anyone interested in finding out more about these church careers. He is especially happy to speak to middle and high school students! Look for him in the Narthex all Sunday morning on February 21st.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joyce Boone, former Wednesday night chef for Mt. Calvary, who is in a rehabilitation center and suffering from loss of mental clarity.

Jeanene Crawford, who had pelvic surgery on January 27th.

Mary Hursey, Fred Hursey's mother, who had stomach surgery on January 24th.

Louise May, Jimmy Martin's mother, who had knee replacement surgery on January 26th.

Courage Trasmer, daughter of Mark & Angleen (Hawkins) Trasmer, as she recovers from heart surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Chet Branscom, Dwight Miller, Marrison Halsell, Jeannie Hawkins, Gerald Eschke, Fred Crawford (Rob's father), Betsy Luppino, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Sonya Popken, Karen Harmon, Regina Ragan, Jan Clark, Chet Branscom, Deloris Denzine 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: Ken Reilly, Margaret Frazier, Anne Harter (daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son) and Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, Jake Huffman, 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 Tim Staffeld. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carolyn Harper (8 am) and Libby Parsons (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:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Rich Losert (8 am) and Jim Morey (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Garrett Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Jeff Townsend (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Pat Stetzler (Sun 8 am) and Bill & Arlene Zeuner (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Hebrews 3:1-6

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 44 Early – 102 Late – 159 Total – 305

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	10:00 am	Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6 – 7:30 am	RG@MC Open House
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6 – 7:30 am	RG@MC Open House
	6:30 pm	RG@MC Task Force
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting with Circuit Visitor
Saturday	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
	10 am – 12 pm	Sub Sale Prep
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY	
	7:00 am	Sub Sale Assembly
	6 -10 pm	HS Super Bowl Party