

As We Gather

With the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Epiphany season reaches its climax and comes to a close. Here on the mountaintop, Jesus' identity as the divine Son is wondrously revealed. This is the fitting lead-in to the Lenten season, where Jesus shows us another glory in His suffering and death on the cross. Moses and Elijah are there to point to Jesus, but the focus is uniquely on Christ. The Father calls us to listen to His Son, through whom we are made co-heirs with the King in His glory.

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:***" 'Tis Good, Lord To Be Here"***Hymn #414****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.

Upon this your confession and through the Holy Spirit working in us, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ 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: "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!

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|-------|------------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Women | 1. — | Wor - thy | 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 - | |

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|-------|-----|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| blood | set | us | free | to | be | peo - | ple | of | God. | <i>Refrain</i> |
| hon - | or, | bles - | 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, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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: Deuteronomy 34:1–12 *(Moses sees a preview of the glory of the Promised Land and dies on Moab.)*

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

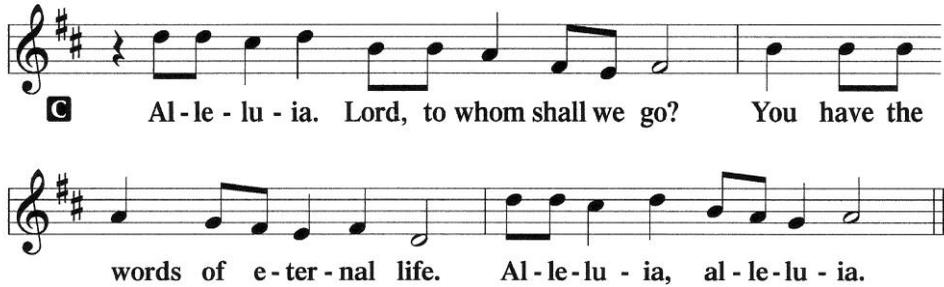
THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 3:1–6 *(Christ has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.)*

¹ Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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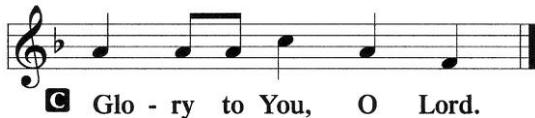
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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. Luke the ninth chapter.

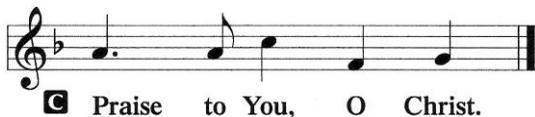


Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36 *(Jesus reveals His glory with Moses and Elijah and His disciples watching.)*

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor David Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #537

THE MESSAGE:

"The Heavenly Voice Is Addressing Us"

Pastor Gerhard Michael

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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 ++

**Peter writes about the Transfiguration of our Lord as an eyewitness
and tells us what it means for us.**

"For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place." (2 Peter 1:

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.**

**Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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 at all times and in all places to give You thanks and praise, O Lord, for You gave us Your only Son in flesh and blood, revealing in Him Your saving purpose and glory by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. By this revealing, we and all the faithful may distinguish between the things temporal and the things eternal, and abide in the glory of the cross and empty tomb for our redemption and eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



☐ 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:

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Hymn #873

"The Lamb"

Hymn #547

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Hymn #625

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O blessed Lord, we offer You thanks and praise for revealing Your glory to us in Your Son, and we pray You to help us keep our eyes focused upon Him as we make our way down the mountain and into the valley. Guard us against judging only with our eyes, and give us the vision of faith to see Jesus, to trust in Him, and to follow Him to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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:

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Hymn # 417

Verse 1 – Congregation and Choir

Verses 2, 3 – Choir alone

Verse 4 – Congregation and Choir

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Dave Nielsen in honor of Linna's birthday, and by Jarried & Kim Crook, in honor of Aaron's 4th birthday.

Member of the Week: Margaret McLaughlin was born in Rosebush, Michigan, but grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. Margaret worked in bank auditing and later, quality control, with GE. She was married for 25 years to Harold, her "Super Spouse"! God took him home in 1997. Harold and Margaret had 5 children; Donald who is deceased, Maxine in Dallas, Ann in Cleveland, and Alyce and Jerry who live in Warner Robins. Margaret has 6 grandchildren and 11 greatgrands. She moved from Gainesville, FL to Warner Robins in 2004 to be close to her daughter Alyce, when they both joined Mt. Calvary. Margaret enjoys reading, cross stitching, shopping and baking. (She is a great cook as the folks in Senior Fellowship will attest to.) Margaret enjoys the traditional service at Mt Calvary, the great Bible studies and the friendly folks.

Life Line Screening. Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on Monday, February 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 9am-4pm. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **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.**

I would like to recognize the Nominating Committee for their outstanding work in developing the slate of nominees for all our boards and officers. As last Sunday's Voters Meeting, our agenda was rather full, and I neglected to say thank you to Regina Ragan, Kenn Keys, and Roger Moeller for their leadership. The committee also included Brian Harper, David Bohm, Miandra Bohm and Bob Day. Thanks to all for your service. - Dave Radcliff, Council President

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.

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.

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.

The Ladies Guild will be collecting packages of children's new socks or new underwear during Lent. They will be given to Faith Lutheran Clothes. Boxes will be in the Narthex beginning Ash Wednesday. Contact Nancy Branscom or Vivian Stilley with questions.

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, bfbhm@gfb.org, 397-6917.

Can Recycling: In case you weren't aware, the church recycles beverage cans. There is a drop off container located in the parking lot behind the old kitchen area. Derived monies are used to purchase foods for holiday food baskets donated to needy families. **One caveat:** the recycling center **only** accepts beverage cans, **NO** tin foil, pet food cans, aluminum plates or other disposable items. Please secure all bags to keep the cans from escaping while they are confined to the recycling bin. Your support and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandi Jacobsmeyer, who is in rehab following back surgery on February 1st.

Jeanene Crawford, who is recovering from pelvic surgery.

Mary Hursey, Fred Hursey's mother, who is recovering from stomach surgery.

Louise May, Jimmy Martin's mother, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Joyce Boone, 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, 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

Emily Whaley, 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: Pastor Gerhard Michael. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (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:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Deb Fingles (8 am) and Jeff Townsend (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Tanner Gossman (8 am) and Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Wed 7 pm), Open (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (Wed 7 pm), Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O’Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Barb Mabee (Wed 7 pm), Dave Miller (Sat 6 pm), Steve Kirchoff (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Jan Clark (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Genesis 4:1-16 and Romans 10:8b-13

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 39 Early – 93 Late – 159 Total – 283

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

| | LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY | |
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| Today | 7:00 am | Sub Sale Assembly |
| | 6 -10 pm | HS Super Bowl Party |
| Monday | 11:00 am | Daytime Callers |
| | 6:20 pm | Evangelism Callers |
| | 6:30 pm | Women’s Small Group |
| Tuesday | 4 – 7 pm | RG@MC |
| | 6:30 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm | Council |
| Wednesday | ASH WEDNESDAY | |
| | 6:00 pm | Meal |
| | 7:00 pm | Worship |
| | 7:45 pm | Sanctuary Choir (after Worship) |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 6 – 9 pm | RG@MC |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |
| Next Sunday | 6:00 pm | Sweetheart Dinner |