

**As We Gather**

The Scriptures share many accounts of God coming down to earth. From the moment of creation when "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (*Genesis 1:2*), God has come down to this favored planet many times and in many ways. On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came down to earth in a most dramatic way, fulfilling the promise of His descent that Jesus had made to His disciples. That blessed Spirit continues to come among God's people, calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying them. As we gather, we witness to that Spirit at work among and through us. We celebrate the new beginning we have as the forgiven, redeemed children of God sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of salvation!

**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 Holy Spirit, Enter In"***Hymn #913****THE INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION** (8:00 am service)**THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

With true hearts, let us confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

*(please kneel)*

Merciful Father,

**We acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought, in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity. Amen.**

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**            *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty the King of creation!  
O, my soul, praise Him for He is your  
Health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

#### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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: Genesis 11:1–9** *(At the tower of Babel, God confuses the languages and causes the people to disperse across the earth.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM:** (8:00 am service)

***"Christ Be with Me"***

Sanctuary Choir

**SECOND READING: Acts 2:1–21** (*The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day.*)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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. John the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:23–31** (*Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the Comforter.*)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Vicar Tim Staffeld

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"**

**Hymn #496**

**THE MESSAGE**

**"A New Beginning"**

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 ++**

**Once the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on Pentecost Day, they were empowered to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Think about how you, too, can share the Gospel with your family, friends and acquaintances!**

**"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak . . ." (Acts 2:4)**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

***"Take My Life and Let It Be"***

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

## 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. We bless You that in Jesus Christ, You have come among us, sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to hear Your Word with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven. 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

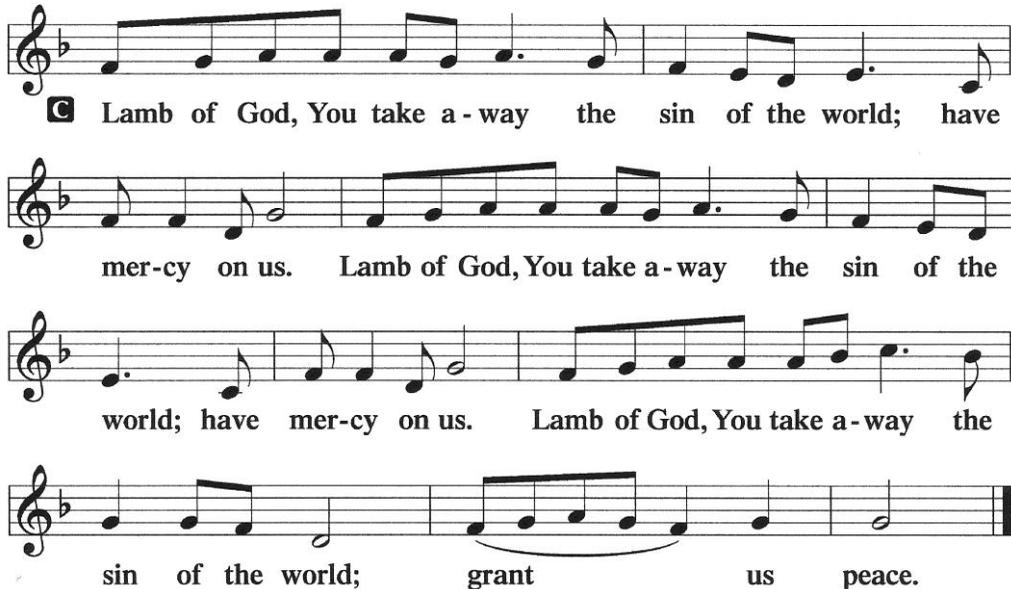
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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 those allergic to alcohol or pregnant moms.)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

<i>"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"</i>	<b>Hymn #623</b>
<i>"Thine Forever, God of Love"</i>	<b>Hymn #687</b>
<i>"What Is the World to Me"</i>	<b>Hymn #730</b>

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we ask You by this Sacrament to strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, until as invited guests we feast with Christ the Lamb in His kingdom at the heavenly banquet. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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:** *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"* **Hymn #650**

## **A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations, Confirmands!** Today we rejoice to confirm six of our youth: Garrett Counselman, Cody Halsell, Carolyn Harper, Andrew LeBoribus, Nathan LeBoribus, and Tyler Longbine. Pray for these youth as they celebrate a NEW BEGINNING in their Christian walk as confirmed members of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. May God bless each of them with His constant presence, love, and protection.

**Men's Breakfast** – Guys, it's the last breakfast before we take a summer break. This coming Saturday, May 21 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some good food, fellowship and a great devotion to start the day by our Vicar!

**Voters Assemble Meeting** – On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Voters of Mt. Calvary will meet to hear board and staff reports, a summary of Rebecca's Garden of Hope with plans for this Fall, updates on the process for calling an Associate Pastor to Mt. Calvary, the North Macon mission and our short-term mission trip to Puerto Rico this Fall. A light lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will start at 12:15 pm. See you there!

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Brian & Laura Harper, in honor of the Confirmands, and by Nancy Hoar, in honor of her & John's wedding anniversary.

**BibleSticks.** Over the past half dozen years or so, our congregation has been involved with "Faith Comes by Hearing," an organization that seeks to place the Scriptures in the hands of our troops who are serving overseas. Our congregation has provided \$6,000+ over the years, which has placed 278 BibleSticks into the hands of Chaplains to share with the men and women of the Armed Forces. If you would like to contribute to this year's campaign, please make checks out to Mt. Calvary and put "Bible Stick" on the memo line. Chaplains are currently requesting 2,000 BibleSticks each week, so the demand is high! Any size contribution is welcome – \$25 provides a BibleStick for a service member (\$2,500 serves an entire company of 100 servicemen and women).

**Calling All Graduates!** We will recognize all of our graduates (high school, college, other post-high school degrees) at our worship services on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29). If you are graduating or there is a graduate in your family, please contact Jack in the church office and let him know the school, degree (if applicable) and future plans of our graduates so that we may recognize them by name at the services on Memorial Day weekend.

**Thank You to everyone** for your loving thoughts and prayers following the death of my Dad, Jim Nicholas and my Uncle, Earl Nicholas. Your support has been very reassuring to all of my family.

- Michelle Crawford.

**Trinity Woods Summer Day Camp registration for 2016** is available at [www.trinitywoods.org](http://www.trinitywoods.org). Camp begins Soon. Get your children enrolled now.

**Senior Fellowship** - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

**Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Belle Wright** from Carl & Barbara Mabee.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** MCLC will host another blood drive on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The goal is 26 pints of blood; each pint can potentially save 3 lives! There is a sign- up sheet with time slots located on the information counter in the narthex. There are also different sized posters on the information counter for you take to your office. The general eligibility requirements are age 17, 110 pounds, and good health. For more detailed information, you can go to the website, "redcrossblood.org" and select "Am I eligible to donate blood." If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman.

**Come out and support the church softball team!** This week's games: 1) J-Boys - 7:30 on Monday at Peavy 3; and 2) Second Baptist Bombers – 7:30 on Thursday at Peavy 2.

**Vacation Bible School** – Mark your calendar today for this year's Vacation Bible School—Holy Spirit's Fruit Stand!! Join us the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 12 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 and 3- 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at [mt-cal-dcm@att.net](mailto:mt-cal-dcm@att.net).

**Summer Sunday School** – Please volunteer to be a summer Sunday School teacher for our Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our regular teachers are on vacation for 2 months, and we need YOU! We have crafts, scrapbooking, Stories with Jesus, movies, and Pre-K. The dates are June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. If you could help for at least 2 Sundays, that would be great! Please contact Cynthia Nelson at [mt-cal-dcm@att.net](mailto:mt-cal-dcm@att.net) or leave a note in her DCM mailbox. Thank you for teaching our Kids for Christ!!

**Craft & Chat** – Please join us for a morning of crafting of your choice and fellowship. We meet the third Wednesday of the month (this Wednesday) at 9:30 am in the annex. Please join us if you would like to learn how to knit or crochet or if you just want to sit and chat.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Betsy Luppino**, who is under hospice care.

**Mason Snow**, grandson of Ray and Doris Snow, who is hospitalized with a severe irritation of the stomach lining.

**Carol LeBorions**, Pete's mother, who suffered a broken ankle.

**Naomi Alessandra**, infant daughter of Marderick & Angela Butts, born on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**JoAnn Smith**, who is hospitalized.

**Michael Longbine**, who continues to have problems with his eye.

**Hiltraud Culpepper**, who is undergoing rehab following hip replacement surgery.

**Sherry Parsons**, who is recovering from hip surgery.

### Keep In Your Prayers

Marrissa Halsell, Margaret Frazier, Josh Johnson, Monika Reynolds, Michael Longbine, Charleen Beahm, John Harmon, Pat Aldredge, Peggy Rodriguez, Mike Finnegan (Barbara Jernigan's brother), Kurt Rover, Sallie Brinkley, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), 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: 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

Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, 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 Dave Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Dave Brighton/Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Cody Halsell (8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (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:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bob Reynolds (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**ELDERS:** Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Libby Parsons (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Richard Losert (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Margaret McLaughlin & Alyce Quillin (Sun 8 am) and Dave & Lois Harter (Sun 10:45 am).

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday – 35 Early –80 Late – 187 Total - 302**

**THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY**

<b>Today</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
	<b>CONFIRMATION AT 8:00 AM SERVICE</b>	
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
	7:30 pm	Softball
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	7:30 pm	Softball
Saturday	8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Voters Meeting</b>
	6:30 pm	TAG Senior Nite