

As We Gather

The Sunday after Pentecost is always The Holy Trinity. As we consider the Trinity, we do not attempt to define or explain God but confess what He has revealed to us in Scripture. He is one God in three persons. His self-disclosure reveals Himself as the God who saves. His delight is in us even though the cost of loving us means offering up His Son on the altar of the cross. This is the heart of God's self-revelation—the Father's saving will and purpose is fulfilled by the Son even to death, and the Spirit reveals this to us so that we might know and believe in Him and be saved. God's wisdom is not theoretical but practical—for us and our salvation. This is His delight, and from this we learn to delight in what He has done!

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN***"Come, Thou Almighty King"***Hymn #905****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.

(please kneel))

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"The Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 (*"I was daily His delight."*)

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²² "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–36 (*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool."" ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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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 eighth chapter.

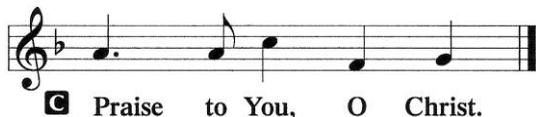
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:48–59 (*Jesus makes the bold confession: "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*)

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'

⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #507

THE MESSAGE

"In Praise of Our Triune God!"

Pastor David Brighton

THE ATHANASIAN CREED: *(see insert)*

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. These are the words we use to describe the work of our Triune ("Three-In-One") God. We are made to glorify our God, to love and serve Him and our neighbor.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with You all." (2 Cor. 13:14)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"We Praise You, O God"

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;

We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer

And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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 us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Hymn #947

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Richard & Pat Stetzler, in honor of their 58th 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).

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection will be next weekend, so bring your coins/bills. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the June Newsletter to the office by Wednesday, May 25th.

Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Jim Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's father, from Doug & Deb Fingles, Don & Judy Parrott, Chet & Nancy Branscom, Riley Hood and The Bunko Girls.

Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Earl Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's uncle, from Doug & Deb Fingles and Riley Hood.

Trinity Woods Summer Day Camp registration for 2016 is available at www.trinitywoods.org. Camp begins Soon. Get your children enrolled now.

God has truly blessed me with a good outcome and a fast recovery from my recent surgery. I am also blessed by friends and relatives that have prayed, visited, and sent cards, flowers and food during my recovery. Thank you so very much! - Sherry Parsons

Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) SSBC Soul'd Out – 7:30 on Tuesday at Peavy 2; and 2) SSBC Crusaders – 6:30 on Friday at Peavy 2.

Summer Sunday School – Please volunteer to be a summer Sunday School teacher for our Pre-K to 5th 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 or leave a note in her DCM mailbox. Thank you for teaching our Kids for Christ!!



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 6th-10th 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- 7th grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at mt-cal-dcm@att.net.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betsy Luppino, who is under hospice care.

JoAnn Smith, who is hospitalized.

Keep In Your Prayers

Carol LeBorious (Pete’s mother), Michael Longbine, Hiltraud Culpepper, Sherry Parsons, Mason Snow (grandson of Ray & Doris Snow), Marrissa Halsell, Margaret Frazier, Josh Johnson, Monika Reynolds, Charleen Beahm, Pat Aldredge, Mike Finnegan (Barbara Jernigan’s brother), 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:** Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (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:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Richard Losert (8 am) and Pat Aldredge (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carolyn Harper (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Pruettt Burge (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (Sun 8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Gary & Beverly Webb with Lynn & Koda Cook (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43 and Galatians 1:1-12

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 47 Early –162 Late – 133 Total - 342

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

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| Today | 12:15 pm | Voters Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | TAG Senior Nite |
| Monday | 6:20 pm | Evangelism Callers |
| | 6:30 pm | Women’s Small Group |
| Tuesday | 7:30 pm | Softball |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Friday | 6:30 pm | Softball |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |
| | 5:00 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal |