

As We Gather

Prayer is a gift. Through faith in Jesus Christ, you are welcomed into the Father's presence. As you approach the throne of God with both praise and petition, His Spirit grants you the grace to pray with confidence. As our worship service will show us, saints throughout the ages have experienced the privilege of pleading prayer. Yet Jesus' disciples still requested their Master to teach them how to pray. And teach them He did. Jesus taught them—and He continues to teach us—that prayer is a gracious opportunity for children to come into their Father's presence and have a conversation with Him. May this conversation you have today be richly blessed as the Triune God reaches into your life to fill you with His presence and peace!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Come, My Soul, With Every Care"

Hymn #779

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

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness. We take it to the Lord in prayer.

In a time of confession, let us take our sins to the Lord in prayer, trusting that our Father hears us for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

(please kneel)

Father of all mercy and God of all consolation,

We bow before You and confess our sinfulness. Your Holy Law, as we know it from the Ten Commandments, is like a mirror for our lives. It shows us how desperately we need Your forgiveness for our sins of thought, word, and deed. Even when we are not aware, we turn away from You when we should be turning toward You. Forgive us, Father. Have mercy on us, gracious Lord. Bring us the healing of body and soul that comes from the forgiveness of Christ.

Your Father in heaven hears your prayer and, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die on the cross and rise again for you. The blessing of His cross and resurrection is yours today. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Christians, While On Earth Abiding"

**Christians, while on earth abiding,
Let us never cease to pray,
Firmly in the Lord confiding
As our parents in their day.
Be the children's voices raised
To the God their parents praised.
May His blessing, failing never,
Rest upon His people ever.**

**Bless us, Father and protect us
From all harm in all our ways;
Patiently, O Lord, direct us
Safely through these fleeting days.
Let Your face upon us shine,
Fill us with Your peace divine.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit!
Praise Him, all who life inherit!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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 18:17-33 *(Abraham pleads before the Lord and the Lord answers him.)*

¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"

²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Colossians 2:6–19 (*Our lives are rooted in Christ.*)

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

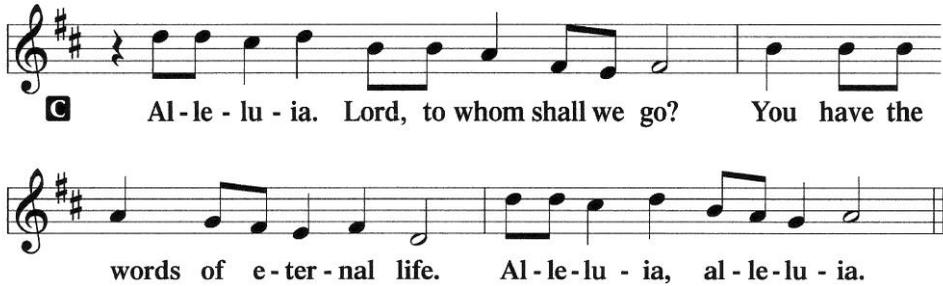
⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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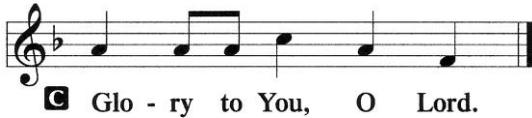
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



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 eleventh chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

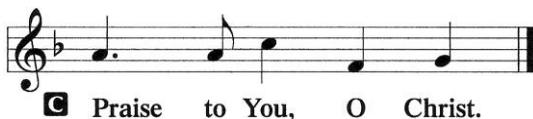
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1–13 (*Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.*)

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Brighton

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: ***"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*** **Hymn #770**

THE MESSAGE **"Teach Us to Pray"** Pastor David Brighton

THE INSTALLATION OF VICAR AARON STERLING

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 Pentecost Season is the non-festival half of the Church Year-also known as the Season of the Church, with emphasis on the Church's role in making disciples of all nations. Think about how you are using the talents God has given you to extend His kingdom.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name Of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

OFFERTORY: ***"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 silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shall chose.**

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:

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Hymn #924

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice to install Vicar Aaron Sterling, who will serve us through this next school year. Aaron hails from St. Louis – his home congregation is the congregation that just called former vicar, Kevin Thomson, to be their Assistant Pastor! Please make our new vicar feel welcome in our church family at a reception for Vicar Aaron immediately following this service.

Ice Cream Social next weekend! Next weekend we will enjoy an Ice Cream Social following each worship service. The Ice Cream Social is sponsored by the Puerto Rico mission team and there will be a free-will offering to support the team that will be going to Ponce, Puerto Rico to assist missionaries Rev. Richard and Gema Schuller on October 11-17. The mission team members are: Evy Keyes, Regina Ragan, Tricia Nicolosi, Vivian Stillely, Molly Townsend, Pastor and Marcia Brighton.

Golf Tournament! The other major fundraiser for the Puerto Rico mission team will be a golf tournament at the Waterford South Golf Club on Sunday, September 11th. Cost is \$45 per person which includes: Lunch, tees and sleeve of golf balls, free water and coke during the tournament and the 18-hole tournament. The lunch will be served at 1pm and the shot-gun start will be at 2pm. Get your teams together now or you sign up as an individual and you will be put on a team. The sign-up board will be at the Information Desk soon!

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Gary & Lexie Hadley, in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Tyson Van Lannen.

Hear ye, Hear ye!! We need additional puppeteers! If you can talk (check) and read (check) you are 100% qualified to be a puppeteer. The Mt. Calvary puppet ministry serves once per month at the Sunday services. For more information or to volunteer, Please contact Tian Foss 478-953-1178 or email fost@csp.edu.

Members of the Week: Keith & Kathy Dierking & Brandon. Keith was raised in Rockford, Illinois and Kathy in Findlay, Ohio. They met while Keith was stationed at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, through a Christian letter writing club. Keith and Kathy have 3 boys. Andrew was born while they were at Wright Patterson and Christopher while they were at Hanscom AFB near Boston, MA. Shortly after the Air Force sent Keith here to Robins AFB Brandon was born. Keith has been an officer in the Air Force for 13 years and he currently works as an engineer at Robins. Kathy has worked as a Cash Office Manager at Meijer and a Customer Service Manager at Hobby Lobby. Keith and Kathy have been members of Mt. Calvary since 1994. Keith has served as a Sunday School teacher for children and has been involved in middle school education. He also taught adult Bible class. He has served on the Board of Fellowship about 15 years. Kathy has taught the little ones, 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Other areas of service for her have been the Bell Choir, Fellowship Board, VBS, folding bulletins, being a teller and helping in the Nursery. Their son Andrew will be leaving soon for Armstrong St University to work on his Masters in History, Christopher is in the Army and Brandon works at home.

New Sunday Adult Bible Studies! On Rally Day, August 7th, we'll be starting some new adult Bible studies during the Sunday School hour – 9:30-10:30 am. The list of studies and descriptions will be available next week – look for the insert in the bulletin. Studying God's Word together is one of the great JOYS we have as a Christian family, so let us make this a priority along with our worship life here at Mt. Calvary!

Pastor's Class – Pastor Brighton will lead "Fellowship 101," which looks at the basics of our Lutheran/Christian faith. This class will run for 8 weeks (August 7 – September 25th). It's a great review class for our members and it's especially for non-members who would like to know more about Mt. Calvary, Lutherans and our Christian faith. If you have an unchurched friend or family member who would benefit, be sure to invite them!

The family of Hattie Taylor (my mother) would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers and food given to us at the passing of our mother. - Donna Taylor Uitto

Vicar Aaron wants everyone to know how much he appreciates everything you've done for him. He could still use a night stand and a coffee table, if anyone has one to donate. - Jack

LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection the 5th Sunday of July. Get those coins warmed up so we can jingle all the way to the altar.

Van Drivers Needed! On August 16th, Rebecca's Garden of Hope, our tutoring/mentoring program will begin. We have received permission for our church van to be in the bus line at three area elementary schools so that we can transport children to church for the tutoring sessions. We need several drivers and "ride along" folks to keep them company. The time commitment is every Tuesday from about 3:00 pm till 4:30 pm. We hope to have multiple drivers and "ride along" folks. Please talk to DCE Pete LeBorious or Pastor Brighton if you are interested, or to get more information to help you make a decision.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Elaine Mead Jeannie Hawkins' aunt, who passed away July 16th.

The family of Paul Hoar, Nancy's brother-in-law, who died on July 18th.

Bobby & Pat Wolfe, who are battling physical ailments.

Mary Ellen Gragg, who is recovering from a detached retina.

Bill Gragg, who suffered a stroke.

Monelle Netzinger, who will be traveling to The Mayo Clinic on July 25th for a consultation to figure out how to handle the issues with her back that are causing her so much pain.

Keep In Your Prayers

Jake Huffman, Paul Keister, Delores Lewis, Jerry Bisping, Rachel Harmon (granddaughter of John & Karen Harmon), Jerry Eschke (Margaret McLaughlin's son), Betsy Luppino, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Sherry Parsons, Mason Snow (grandson of Ray & Doris Snow), Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

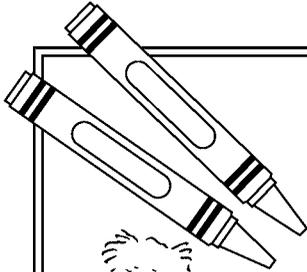
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Anne Kesler-Harter (Daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), 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) and Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Aaron Gittner, Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



Just for **KIDS**



Proverbs 17:17a ♥ John 15:13 ♥ Proverbs 27:10a

The Scriptures above and the names and the words below all have a common thread.



Circle the words and names in the puzzle. You will find them



The 11 letters that remain uncircled will spell the word that connects them all.



- Jesus & Mary & Martha & Lazarus
- Paul & Timothy
- David & Jonathon
- God & Abraham
- Job & Eliphaz & Bildad & Zophar
- Loving – True – Valuable –
- Loyal – Faithful – Helpful
- Close – Like-minded – Kind – We
- Ruth & Naomi

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SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith and Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Barb Mabee (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Louis Foss. Late – Josh Johnson.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Mark Burnette (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (Sat 6 pm), Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith and Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Rhoda Reilly (Sat 6 pm), Judy Van Gorder 8 am) and Don Netzing (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (Sun 8 am) and Champ & Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 18:17-33 and Colossians 2:6-19

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 52 Early – 76 Late – 164 Total – 292

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

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| Today | Vicar Aaron Sterling's Installation | |
| | 6:00 pm | SLDT Planning Retreat (thru 4 pm Monday) |
| Monday | 6:20 pm | Evangelism Callers |
| | 6:30 pm | Women's Small Group |
| Wednesday | 8 am – 3 pm | High School Canoe Trip |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| Friday | First Day of School | |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |
| | 5:00 pm | Praise Team Rehearsal |
| Next Sunday | 12:00 pm | Youth Board |