

As We Gather

We like to think of ourselves as worthy of honor and respect. We would like to live as deserving of first-class treatment. But in today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to live humbly among people around us, and He echoes the directives in Proverbs. Not only does He instruct us to humbly find the lowest seat, but when we do the inviting, He also cautions against expecting social payback. By ourselves, we would chafe under such limits, but our faith in the grace of God, coming to us through the sacrifice of Christ's blood on our behalf, moves us to rely on His undeserved favor. That frees us to hear those directives as descriptions of the sort of living by which we may return praise and honor to our Savior—life in first class, indeed!

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:

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Hymn #807

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 your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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!

Women	1. —	Worthy 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 -

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>

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 25:2–10 *(Do not think of yourself more highly than anyone else.)*

² It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (8:00 am service)

"A Morning Song"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 13:1–17 *(Live the sanctified life for which Christ paid with His life.)*

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

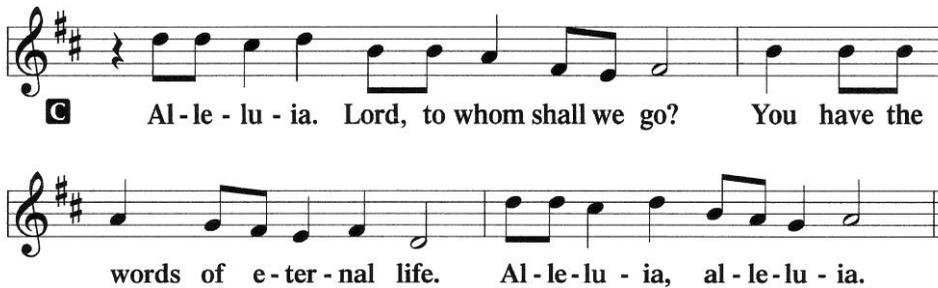
¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

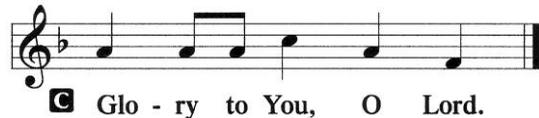
THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



G 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 fourteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1–14 (*Jesus teaches true humility.*)

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Hymn #842

THE MESSAGE:

"Friend, move up higher"

Vicar Aaron Sterling

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 ++

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 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 silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shall choose.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

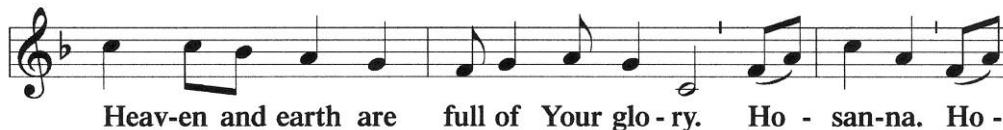
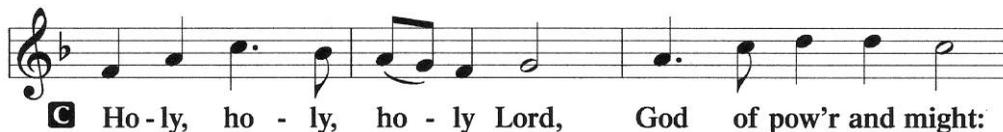
Lift up your hearts.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in word and deed was obedient to Your will, humbly offering Himself as a sacrifice that we might be Your sanctified people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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.

L 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: (8:00)

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Sanctuary Choir

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn #623

"Jesus Comes Today With Healing"

Hymn #620

"Your Table I Approach"

Hymn #628

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we give thanks for the assurance of sins forgiven and ask that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen us to resist the temptations of our self-centeredness that we strive each day to give You thanks and praise in thought, word, and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #507

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Suzanne O'Daniel, in loving memory of her husband, Richard, and of their wedding anniversary; and by Cheryl Hernandez, in loving memory of her husband, Dennis Hernandez.

Volunteers Needed to Help With Meals for Rebecca's Garden of Hope. We are setting up a schedule that will take us into December for meal preparation and also for helpers to serve and clean up. Since we now have 53 students to cook for, it is a lot for one person. We are hoping to schedule 2 people for each night. Food can either be brought from home or cooked at the church, and should be a balanced meal. Drinks and desserts are provided at the church. Receipts for food purchases are to be given to Pete for reimbursement. Meal time is from 5:45 to 6:30. Volunteers to serve and clean up need to be there from 5:30 to 6:30. Please contact either Molly Townsend (478-335-8867) or Joan Steese (478-922-7225) if you can help in any way.

Golf Tournament! It's time to sign up now for the 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. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Desk. All funds raised will benefit the mission trip to Puerto Rico in October

New Church Directories are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex. This will be the last weekend that they will be there. After that, we will store them and give them to new members and anyone who asks (at the office).

Kids for Christ need paper towel cardboard rolls for our Sunday School craft for the month of September when we learn about Gideon. If you have any extra rolls, please bring them to church and give to Cynthia or put them on the table by her office. Thank you for your assistance!!

Concordia Publishing House's Annual Bible Sale has begun. From now through the end of September you can save approximately 25% on many of the Bibles CPH sells. Just go to their web site (www.cph.org) to see the Bibles that are on sale. There are several special editions available this year.

Our Ushers for September: Early - Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette.

SLDT Meeting! The Student Leadership Development Team will be meeting this Sunday, August 28th, from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex. They will be working on setting the date and location of next summer's mission trip and planning for various fall TAG activities.

Middle School Party: The will be a Middle School Party this Friday, September 2nd, from 6-9 pm in the Annex. The cost is \$5/person to cover beverages, snacks, and burgers. These parties are a great way for our youth to grow as a body of believers AND a great place to bring friends and introduce them to the good news of Jesus Christ!

High School - TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night will be Sunday, September 4th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Annex. TAG Nights are a great way to start the week off right! Join us as we gather for food, fun, and fellowship and explore what God's Word has to say to Christians with the help of "Bruce Almighty".

Church Directory in PDF Format – If you want a current to-the-minute church directory, just call or e-mail the church office. Our secretary can take 1 minute to create a PDF that's easy to use and up-to-date, then e-mail it to you.

Wheelchairs & Walkers to loan: Over the years, people have donated wheelchairs & walkers and even a shower bath stool to the church. If you need any of these for visiting relatives or post-surgery or whatever, they are available at no charge with no time limit. Just ask Jack or Pastor for their location.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betsy Luppino, who is very ill.

Kurt Rover, who is hospitalized.

Mike Longbine, who is continuing to have problems with his eye.

Tammy Platt, former member and daughter of Joan Smith, who is hospitalized in Macon.

Monika Reynolds, who is very ill.

Mark Iverson, Bonnie Hudlin's father, who has bladder cancer and is recovering from surgery.

Sharon Suckow, who is in rehab following a stroke.

Mollie Keister, who is undergoing rehab following hip replacement surgery.

Margaret Frazier, who is very ill.

Monelle Netzinger, who is recovering from back surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Molly Hatchcock, Mark Douglas, Sue Crawford (Rob's mother), David Snow (Ray & Doris' son), Betty Ragan (Regina's mom), Josh Johnson, Carol Quednow, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Bobby & Pat Wolfe, Bill Gragg, Mary Ellen Gragg, Jake Huffman, Delores Lewis, 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), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

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

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Aaron Sterling. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Cody Halsell (8 am) and Tyler Longbine (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager & Richard Uitto. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Bob Reynolds (8 am) and Barbara Mabee. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Gary Webb. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Nick Jenkins. Late – D. J & Caleb Nelson.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Open (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Dave Miller (Sat 6 pm), Rich Losert (8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Philemon 1-21

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 42 Early – 97 Late – 157 Total – 296

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	9:00 am	Staff Retreat thru Noon Tuesday
	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC
Wednesday	7-8:30 pm	Thumb Piano Make & Take
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal