

As We Gather

We Christians appear to be fools sometimes. Think about it – holding up a cross, an instrument of torture, as something to be revered because of a man who was cruelly put to death upon it. We follow a leader who calls on us to abandon everything the world calls valuable – possessions, pride, making it to the "top." But we understand the wisdom of Jesus' call because we know that, in the end, it is the world's ways that are foolish. It is the world's ways that leave to destruction. So we follow our leader, our Savior, our God who gave His life for us and now calls upon us to count the cost as we follow Him, confident of our eternal reward!

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:***"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"***Hymn #873****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

"As I live," says the Lord, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked should turn from their ways, and live."

The Lord God seeks to bless us.

Let us, therefore, make confession of our sins, attentive to the gracious word of our God.

(please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We have sinned against You in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Our hearts have turned away from You, our ears have become deaf to Your Word, and we have put other things in Your rightful place in our lives. We deserve Your wrath and punishment. It is only for the sake of Your obedient Son, Jesus Christ, that we dare to ask for Your forgiveness. Show us Your grace and mercy, Lord our God! Amen.

God was pleased to reconcile all things to Himself by the sacrifice of the cross. Jesus' carrying His cross through death to life has opened the door to the eternal promised land of heaven to all who call on Him for grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

**May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey
The law of Christian love.**

**Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Untie our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O merciful Lord, Your Son has called us to follow no matter the cost. Grant us open eyes to see beyond the cross to the promised land that awaits us because of His sacrifice on our behalf; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15–20 *(Choose life; obey God.)*

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1–21 (*Paul appeals to his friend, Philemon, to receive a runaway slave back as a brother in the Lord.*)

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.

¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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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.

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: *"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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invited\s sinners to follow Him in faithful obedience, relying on His righteousness alone throughout our pilgrimage. 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.

C 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

THE DISTRIBUTION (*The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:	<i>"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"</i>	Hymn #618
	<i>"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me</i>	Hymn #722
	<i>"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"</i>	Hymn #643

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us in this life-giving Sacrament, and we pray that You will continue to open our eyes to our Savior's gracious leading, so that we may renounce all else to follow Him, 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:	<i>"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"</i>	Hymn #685
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A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary, which was on August 20th.

Mt Calvary has received gifts in memory of Betsy Luppino from John & Martha Luppino and Don & Judy Parrott.

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.

Our Fall 2016 Evangelism Explosion (EE) training session will begin on Monday, September 12th and conclude on Monday, December 12th. This thirteen-week EE training session is a combination of classroom and on-the-job training held at Mount Calvary on Monday evenings. Our EE kick-off luncheon is on Sunday, September 11th after the late service, in the Michael Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the free luncheon to find out more about our EE training.

Members of the Week: Neal and Marilu Cowan grew up in Griffin, GA and were each other's first sweethearts. Before finishing High School, Marilu moved to Augusta, and after many letters they drifted apart. Forty-two years later Marilu received an e-mail from Neal. Within a year he came to Colorado to get her and brought her home to Georgia. They were married in July, 2007. With 42 years to make up, they still act like newlyweds. Marilu worked in Human Resources for over 30 years, and has taught in various colleges, wherever she lived. She taught at the University of CO for seven years before coming to GA with Neal. Neal was a sales representative in the steel industry for 35 years before retiring. He has 2 sons and a daughter and 3 grandchildren, all of whom live in North GA. Marilu has one son and "grandtwins" on the way. Her son and his wife live in VA. Neal and Marilu moved to Warner Robins for Marilu to work at Houston Healthcare as Director of Human Resources. After leaving there, she taught at Georgia College and State U for a year. She conducted various business seminars in the Macon and Warner Robins area. Now they are both retired, except "Farmer Neal" grows some great tomatoes every year. They both love sports! Neal played basketball and baseball. His team was State of Georgia Champs for the Griffin Eagles in 1962. Marilu attended the Ladies Bible study with Caroline Martin over a year before she and Neal started attending services. They were accepted into membership this year. They saw a commitment to God's Word here at Mt. Calvary and were impressed with a lack of "cliques" and gossiping; and have felt very welcomed. They appreciate the many opportunities for fellowship, Bible study and ministry and even the opportunity to teach (RGOH).

Golf Tournament! Last Chance! Sign up today for the golf tournament at the Waterford South Golf Club on Sunday, September 11th. Cost is \$45 per person which includes: Lunch, bucket of range balls, 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

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.

Nursery Volunteers: If you would be interested in volunteering in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 8:00 am or 10:45 am worship services or Wednesday nights during Bible Study, please let Cynthia know as soon as possible or e-mail her at mt-cal-dcm@att.net. This is a great way to get to know our smallest Mount Calvary members. Our nursery ministry is an important one to connect these children to Jesus and to one another to serve the world. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to minister to our future!!

Get Your Flu Shots Here! After our worship services on Sunday, September 18th, Heather Yarbrough (pharmacist at CVS and member of Mt. Calvary) will be giving flu shots. Most insurances will cover this 100%, so be sure and bring your insurance cards. Sign-up sheets are at the Information Counter.

We would like to thank all of the members of Mt Calvary for all the prayers that you sent our way during our surgeries. Also, for the meals that were provided and the many cards sent. It is a true blessing to have such a great church home. God bless all! - Paul & Mollie Keister

PRAYER CONCERNS

- The family of Betsy Luppino**, who died August 24th.
Sheila Grube, who suffered two broken vertebrae in a zip-lining accident.
Marcia Brighton, who is recovering from naval area hernia repair.
Kurt Rover, who is in rehab in Byron.
Mike Longbine, who is continuing to have problems with his eye.
Monika Reynolds, who is very ill.
Sharon Suckow, who is in rehab following a stroke.
Margaret Frazier, who is very ill.

Keep In Your Prayers

Tammy Platt, Mark Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's father), Monelle Netzinger, 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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (8 am) and Zoe Babcock (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:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Rich Losert (8 am) and Roger Moeller. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Glen Thompson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Maddy Hagemann (Sat 6 pm), Abby Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Koda Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Pruet Burge (Sat 6 pm), Linna Nielsen (8 am) and Julie Dimes (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Dick & Susan Kesler (Sun 8 am) and Dave & Lois Harter (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-24 and 1 Timothy 1:5-17

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 56 Early – 108 Late – 152 Total – 316

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	Ladies Guild Meeting moved to next Monday @ 10:00 am	
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
	6:30 pm	Boards
	7:30 pm	Elders
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Glories
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	12:00 pm	EE Kickoff Luncheon
	12:00 pm	Elementary Party
	1:00 pm	Golf Tournament
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting