

As We Gather

Today's Readings celebrate the generosity of God and our calling to reflect His generosity in our lives. Amos the prophet reminds us that God has a big heart for the poor; He is just and desires that we conduct our life's business with honesty, integrity, fairness, and generosity toward the poor. Paul's guidance to Timothy includes amazing statements of God's generosity: God our Savior desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and Christ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the strange parable of the unjust manager, in which the master was generous to the unjust manager and to all the debtors. So is our God generous to us, calling us to use whatever wealth entrusted to us to accomplish His work in the world.

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:***"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"***Hymn #851****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

Let us confess our sins to God our father.

(please kneel)

Mighty and merciful Lord,

Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

When we have ignored the plight of the poor,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When our happiness is dependent upon our possessions and our wealth,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When we have failed to be generous to others as You have been generous to us,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

When we have been foolish with the resources You entrust to us, instead of using them to further Your Kingdom,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Amen.

There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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: *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of Glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, Your generosity exceeds our understanding. Guide Your people to practice generosity wisely and abundantly, so that the world may catch a glimpse of Your unfathomable generosity through us; 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: Amos 8:4–7 (*A word to those who trample on the needy.*)

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM: 10:45 "A Morning Song" Sanctuary Choir by Tim Jacobsmeyer

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–15 (*Pray for all people, for God desires all to be saved.*)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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. Luke the sixteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–15 *(God is generous and desires us to use the wealth He entrusts to us for the work of His kingdom.)*

¹ He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Vicar Aaron Sterling

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"O Christ, Our True And Only Light"

Hymn #839

THE MESSAGE:

"Blessed To Be A Blessing?"

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 ++

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:

"Make Me a Servant"

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. (*repeat stanza*)**

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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 faithfully, and generously gave His own life for us on the cross, that we may now live new lives of faith and generosity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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
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:	"Come, Let Us Eat" (10:45)	Sanctuary Choir
	"Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread"	Hymn #625
	"What Is The World To Me"	Hymn #730
	"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"	Hymn #554

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, when we are poor in spirit, You come to us with generous love and mercy. For the abundance of forgiveness we have received by Christ's body and blood, we give You thanks. Shape us into a people who reflect Your generosity in all of our words and actions, 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:	"Hark The Voice Of Jesus Crying"	Hymn #826
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A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, in honor of the anniversary of Caleb Nelson's baptism, and by Barbara Mabee, in honor of Chris & Carl's birthdays.

Mt Calvary has received a gift in memory of Betsy Luppino from Betty Cummings.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the October Newsletter to the office by September 23rd.

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.

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!!

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.

8th Grade Confirmation Workshop: Sunday, September 25th, Noon – 3:00 pm in the Annex. A time for 8th grade youth planning on being confirmed this spring to meet with Pastor and discuss the Bible, Law & Gospel, and the 10 Commandments. (Lunch is provided.)

Don't forget "The Fish", our own Mount Calvary free classified ad page. Check out the current issue on the bulletin boards and the table by the front doors to see what's for sale and what services our members can help you with. If you have items you'd like to sell or have publicized, contact Susan Wallace at 227-1915 or e-mail her at mixedsilles02@gmail.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Margaret Frazier, who died on Monday, September 12th.

Joshua Johnson, who had a pacemaker and defibrillator put in on Monday, September 12th.

Sheila Grube, who suffered two broken vertebrae in a zip-lining accident.

Sharon Suckow, who is in rehab following a stroke.

Keep In Your Prayers

Monika Reynolds, Marcia Brighton, Kurt Rover, Mike Longbine, 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), Carol Quednow, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Bobby & Pat Wolfe, Bill Gragg, Mary Ellen Gragg, 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:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and Lynn Cook (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:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Steve Kirchoff (8 am) and Adam Beecher. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Jan Clark, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** John Trichinotis (Sat 6 pm), Deb Fingles (8 am) and Barb Mabee (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (Sun 8 am) and John & Marie White (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Amos 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 6:6-19

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 40 Early – 109 Late – 140 Total – 289

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Back to Church Sunday
	12:15 pm Rough Wood & Rusty Nails Meeting
	6:30 pm TAG Night
Monday	Pastor & Vicar Gone to Pastors Conference
	6:20 pm Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm Women's Small Group
Tuesday	Pastor & Vicar Gone to Pastors Conference
	4 – 7 pm RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	Pastor & Vicar Gone to Pastors Conference
	9:30 am Craft & Chat
	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	9 am-3 pm Council Retreat
	5:00 pm Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	12 – 3 pm 8 th Grade Workshop
	6:30 pm SLDT Meeting