

**As We Gather**

When we think of saints, we likely picture well-known disciples, martyrs, and leaders of the Church throughout the years. Familiar names from the pages of Scripture come to mind such as Peter, John, and Paul—the type of people we name churches after. Perhaps this is rightly so. After all, the Lord worked in the lives of these individuals in powerful ways. On All Saints' Day, however, we also give thanks to God for "unsung saints." We remember faithful Christian men and women whose names may not be known to the world but are known to us. We remember the names of mothers and fathers, friends and family, and fellow congregation members who bore witness to Christ through word and deed. And finally, John reminds us in our Epistle reading that through faith in Christ we are ALL saints who are dearly loved by our heavenly Father!

**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:**

*"For All the Saints"*

**Hymn #677**  
Stanzas 1-4

**THE INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**BAPTISM** (10:45 am service)

Dianne Damron

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (10:45 am service)

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In today's Epistle, John writes, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(please kneel)*

Father in heaven,

**Forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name, which we bear as Your baptized children. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure" (1 John 3:2-3). 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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Chorus:**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. (*chorus*)**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17** (*The saints praising the Lamb before His throne*)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1–3** (*The Father's love for us*)

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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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. Matthew the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12 (*The Beatitudes*)

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Children of the Heavenly Father*"

Hymn #725

THE MESSAGE: "God's Children Now . . . and Forever!"

Pastor David Brighton

## ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY

Today we remember all those members of our church family who died this past year and went to be with the Lord. We pause to remember each of them by name and to recite verses from Scripture which remind us of our God's eternal love!

Greg Opolka

**"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."** (Revelation 2:10)

Kenneth Reilly

**"Death is swallowed up in victory . . . thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57)

Belle Wright

**"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."**  
(Psalm 103:1)

John Combs

**"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth."**  
(Job 19:25)

Elizabeth (Betsy) Luppino

**"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."** (Psalm 121:8)

Margaret Frazier

**"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."**  
(2 Timothy 4:7)

Bobby Wolfe

**"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life."** (John 5:24)

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank You that Your Holy Spirit kept these, our loved ones, in the true faith, and that they died holding on to the promise of the resurrection through Jesus Christ. For all the saints who have found their rest in You, we praise Your name with great rejoicing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED** (8:00 am service)

**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.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**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:

#### *"Lord of All Good"*

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now.  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole lives is offered to Your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

## 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, for You have made us a part of the family of saints through the redemption that has come from Your Son. As a loving, heavenly Father, You have graciously made us Your children, now and forever. 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.**

**☐** 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:**                    *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*                    **Hymn #680**  
  *"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"*                    **Hymn #618**  
  *"I'm but a Stranger Here"*                                **Hymn #748**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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:**                    *"For All the Saints"*                                        **Hymn #677**, st. 5-8

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome New Members!** Today at the 10:45 am service we rejoice to welcome three new members into our church family: Chet Branscom, Jason Dyke, and Dianne Damron. Our Board of Assimilation will have a "welcome lunch" for our new members, family, elders and sponsors after the 10:45 am service. Be sure to give them a warm "Mt. Calvary welcome" when you see them!

**Pledge Weekend** This is Pledge Weekend. This past week you should have received a pledge card in the mail. This is for all of us to make our pledges to God for our giving in 2017. Our pledge is what we intend to give (weekly, monthly, etc.) for the Lord's work here at Mt. Calvary and in our District and around the world. Your regular giving helps the Lord's work happen! Please remember that the pledge is our commitment to God – but if circumstances change (loss of job, promotion, etc.) we may certainly adjust our pledges up or down. It is helpful in such situations to let our Financial Secretary, Cheryl Stafford, know so that she can reflect that change when you receive your statement at the end of the year. Next week we dedicate our pledges to God, so if you forgot your pledge card this week, you may bring it next week for dedication. There are also extra pledge cards and envelopes on the Information Desk.

**Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by:** Dave & Lois Harter, to the glory of God, and by Pruet & JoAnn Burge, in honor of Brian & Tyler's birthdays.

**Men's Breakfast:** The last Men's Breakfast for 2016 will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 am. We will take December off and resume in January. Please add your name to the sign-in sheet on the Information Desk.

**Rough Wood and Rusty Nails Rehearsals:**

November 6 12:00 Kids of Bethlehem, Townspeople, Travelers, Soloist, Innkeeper,  
Carpenters, Man Without a Plan and Family, Shepherds.  
5:30 Caesar, Guards, Man Without a Plan.  
November 13 6:30 Angels for dance routines.

**Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Bobby Wolfe** from John & Marie White, Don & Monelle Netzinger, Don & Judy Parrott, Doug & Deb Fingles, Betty Cummings, Joan Steese and Dave & Lois Harter.

**We Will Honor Our Veterans at Our Annual Veterans' Day meal** on November 13<sup>th</sup>, following the late service. We will provide fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and peach cobbler for dessert, as well as tea and coffee. We have the slide presentation from last year, but, if you did not attend, or you are new to the Church, please provide your military picture to Keith Dierking by Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. You can leave the picture in Keith's mailbox or you can email him the picture at (kd120@windstream.net). Featured speaker this year will be Don Netzinger, please come out to listen as Don tells us some interesting facts from the past.

- Your Board of Fellowship

**Annual Progressive Christmas Dinner** – Start your Christmas season festivities by enjoying this annual Mt. Calvary event on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The evening begins at 5:30 PM with appetizers in the church Narthex, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner menu includes your choice of Chicken Marsala or baked ham with various side dishes. The dessert course will be held at family host homes to be announced. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person and will be sold at all services starting November 12/13. Please mark your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning that weekend. ALSO, indicate if you are bringing appetizers and/or dessert. Child care will be provided. If you need transportation to and from this event, please contact Deb Fingles with the Board of Fellowship. We hope to see you there!

**Men's Basketball** - We will be forming a Men's Basketball team this year! Players must be at least 15 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The season will be January-March. If you or a friend are interested in playing please talk to Vicar Aaron or Bill Bohm. There is a sign-up sheet located on the information desk.

**Community Survey** - Our semi-annual community survey is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoons, November 12 and 13, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We want to identify people who do not have a church home and will hand out flyers that provide information about our Thanksgiving service, our Christmas services, and our *Rough Wood and Rusty Nails* Christmas program. A sign-up sheet is located on the information counter in the Narthex. The survey form attached to the sign-up sheet is short and simple. We go in teams of two or three to assigned church neighborhood homes/apartments after a short training session at church. If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman. Thank you.

# Thank You!

**I want each of you to know how deeply grateful I am** for your calls, cards, and visits during the recent passing of my beloved husband. At a time when grief and sorrow seem to surround us, what a blessing to be part of such a loving church family. Thank you all for remembering us during this difficult time. - Yours in Christ, Pat Wolfe

**Thank-You!** A huge thanks to everyone who helped out with this year's Fall Festival! We had over 20 cars doing the trunk or treating, carnival games & inflatables, and plenty of hot dogs. We welcomed over 60 children and their families visiting Mount Calvary as well as providing a memorable evening for over 50 of our own children & youth. Members of Mount Calvary gave out treats from their cars, dressed up, ran a game or two and even helped out in the kitchen (keeping the hot dogs hot & ready).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Laura Haas**, who remains hospitalized with a number of medical concerns, but is breathing better.  
**Pastor Brighton**, who will have knee surgery on Monday to repair a torn ACL in his right knee.  
**Bev Ellgass**, who is suffering from trigeminal neuralgia which causes her to have major pain in her face.

### Keep In Your Prayers

Tracie Frey, Alyce Quillin, Richard Uitto, Doris Snow, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Margaret Jennings, Mike Longbine, Sheila Grube, Monika Reynolds, Kurt Rover, 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. **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 – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, & Dick Kesler. Late – DJ Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Dave Radcliff (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Louis Foss. Late – Josh Johnson.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) and Mark Burnette. **ACOLYTES:** Colton Wurdeman (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** David Miller (Sat 6 pm), Judy Van Gorder (8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Tyson & Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Dwight & Marlene Miller (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Malachi 4:1-6 and 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 72 Early – 85 Late – 137 Total – 294**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

<b>Today</b>	<b>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b>
	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>
	12:00 pm New Members Luncheon
	6:30 pm TAG Night
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am Ladies Guild
	6:20 pm Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm Women's Small Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am LWML Baking in Fellowship Hall
	4 – 7 pm RG@MC Tutoring
	7:00 pm Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	8 am-4 pm HS @ Middle Georgia Food Bank
	6 – 9 pm Middle School Party
<b>Saturday</b>	2 – 4 pm Community Survey
	5:00 pm Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 pm Veterans Luncheon</b>
	2 – 4 pm Community Survey
	6:30 pm SLDT Meeting