

**As We Gather**

The emphasis of our worship today is on CHRIST THE KING. Every reading and every hymn was chosen to point to Jesus Christ as the One to be crowned Lord of all. You will notice "royal" words occurring frequently—not just king and kingdom, but words like throne, crown, dominion, authority, rule, reign. The emphasis of our worship today is on CHRIST THE KING.

**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:                   *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"***

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

## **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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **A SERVICE FOR CHRIST THE KING**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 23:5-6** (ESV Bible, page 650)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor David Brighton

**HYMN RESPONSE: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
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## **ADVENT**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-27, 30-33** (ESV Bible, page 855)

## COMMENTARY

**HYMN RESPONSE:**        *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation now he brings,  
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:  
To God on high be praise  
For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.**

## CHRISTMAS

**SCRIPTURE READING:** **Isaiah 9:6-7** (ESV Bible, page 573)

## COMMENTARY

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:**        *"Joy to the World"*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.**

## **THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED AND MEANING:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. 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.*"

## **EPIPHANY**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-11** (ESV Bible, page 807)

## **COMMENTARY**

## **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:** *"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, burning bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At thy cradle rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest reassures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.**

## **LENT**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 19:12-16** (ESV Bible, page 905)

## **COMMENTARY**

## **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.**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrificed of His body and His blood on the cross.

### **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.**

**HYMN:**

***"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"***

O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** ***"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"***

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus! *(repeat verse)*

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

***"The Power of the Cross"***

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**Refrain**

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
*(refrain)*

**Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
(refrain)**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.  
This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God-slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.  
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Son of God-slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
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## **EASTER**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-25** (ESV Bible, page 961)

### **COMMENTARY**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

## **PENTECOST**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:27-32** (ESV Bible, page 913)

### **COMMENTARY**

## **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:           *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"***

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall,  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all!**

## **A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

## **THE POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Brent & Michele Durbin in honor of their birthdays, and also in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**Only 2 Weeks Away!** Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m., we are asking any available men at the church to come and have a wonderful breakfast served by the Altar Guild ladies, and then help us put up the Christmas tree (as well as the stand), help us get the poinsettias up above the altar, as well as a couple other things that are more difficult for the ladies. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Hanging of the Greens!** In a few short weeks, we will need LOTS of help from the congregation. Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:45 service, we will need help decorating the tree, putting up nativities, and hanging wreathes. Pizza will be there for those who would like a bite to eat before we get started.

**Mt. Calvary has received gifts in memory of Bobby Wolfe** from John & Liz Hunter and Richard & Pat Stetzler.

### **Rough Wood and Rusty Nails rehearsal schedule**

Sunday November 20   12:00 Carpenters, Man Without a Plan and Family, Shepherds  
                                  5:30 Caesar Augustus, Guards, Guard Without a Plan  
Sunday November 27   6:00 Pizza Dinner for entire cast and stage crew.  
                                  7:00 Run through of entire program.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the December newsletter in to the office by Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The office will be closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving, so that's not as early as it sounds. - Jack

**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 your choice of Tony & Becky McVay's home or Darron & Valerie Counselman's home. Directions/maps will be provided. 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!

**Ushers Urgently Needed:** Due to relocation and job commitments, we have two vacancies on one of the 8 am Usher Teams. If you can help fill one of the vacancies, please call Don Parrott at 922-6106 or email him at parrottd1@cox.net.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** MCLC is hosting a blood drive Monday, November 21, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. You can schedule a time using the sign-up sheet on the information counter in the narthex or come without an appointment. To help advertise, there are posters on the information counter. General eligibility requirements are age 17 or older, 110 pounds or more, and good health. For more information, go to the website, "redcrossblood.org," call 1-800-REDCROSS, or talk to Bruce Bauman.

**Prime Timers:** It is with deep regret that we must tell you that our Prime Timers' Christmas Party at the Landings has been cancelled. They are under new management and have been hard to deal with. They are remodeling the facility and the communications were very poor. They were firm about the 750.00 room fee. We also checked on the Heritage Room at the base but they were booked for all of December. Your Prime Timer committee has enjoyed making arrangements for almost 20 years however, we have been unable to find a suitable venue for this year. - In Christ - Marie White, Edna Hicks & Don Netzinger

**Community Survey Results:** Many thanks to Vivian Stillely, Megan Shores, Darron Counselman, and Bruce Bauman for distributing "Rough Wood and Rusty Nails" flyers and for surveying our community. More than 100 flyers were given out and 5 families have been identified for follow up by our Evangelism Explosion Ministry on Monday nights. - Outreach Board

**A Plea from Jack:** Would the person or persons who keep unplugging the coffee pots in the old kitchen please stop doing that. Both coffee pots are programmable pots and every time they're unplugged, I have to go back in and set the clock and reprogram the automatic brew time. Both pots automatically turn off two hours after they come on. If you feel that you absolutely MUST unplug the coffee pot(s), please let me know why you're doing it.

**Please join the Members and Friends of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity**, 1899 Tucker Road, Macon as we celebrate 65 years of God's Grace on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. during a Special Service featuring the speaker, Rev. David C. Brighton. Reception following the service.

**I am so thankful to God for all the prayers**, calls, and cards I have received since I have been sick. I couldn't have made it through all this without the loving support of my church family. Barbara Mabee

**Our Thanksgiving Eve worship** will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our service will be one that is filled with joy as we sing some of the great songs of thanksgiving in our hymnal. Vicar Aaron's message will remind us of all the blessings God showers down upon us each day! Also, it is our custom to bring non-perishable food items that are taken to Trinity United Methodist Church to help stock their food pantry. The food items will be received during the time we gather our offerings. What a blessing to be able to share what we have received from God with those who are less fortunate!

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Letha Russ**, Riley Hood's sister, who died on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cameron Mastenbrook**, who had knee surgery on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Rosie Schulz**, who is hospitalized.

**Erika Swaim** (Marcia Brighton's mother), who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip and elbow suffered in a fall.

**Laura Haas**, that the doctors would be able to sort through a number of medical concerns and help her.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

John White, Barb Mabee, Pastor Brighton, Bev Ellgass, Tracie Frey, Alyce Quillin, Doris Snow, Margaret Jennings, Mike Longbine, 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: 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:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Caleb Durbin (8 am) and Libby Parsons (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, & Dick Kesler. Late – DJ Nelson, Don Netzinger, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **USHERS FOR THANKSGIVING EVE:** Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Linna Nielsen (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Louis Foss. Late – Josh Johnson.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson. **ACOLYTES:** Zoe Babcock (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Bruce Bauman (Wed 7 pm), Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Dick Kesler (8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Erv & Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Gary & Beverly Webb Hoar (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:8-14

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday – 37 Early – 80 Late – 136 Total – 253**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12 – 3 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	3 – 7 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed for Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Closed for Thanksgiving</b>	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:00 pm	Rough Wood & Rusty Nails Run-Through