

**As We Gather**

The light of Christ expands throughout the Epiphany season as more and more people see in Christ the holy Lamb of God. The people redeemed by Jesus have a sense of joy not found elsewhere in the world. It illuminates even the darkest of days and ultimately guides the way to eternal light. As we gather for worship, we are children of the light in every way.

**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:**

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

**Hymn #398**

**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 go to our heavenly Father rejoicing, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

*(please kneel)*

Heavenly Father,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit joy, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have let the sorrows of this world mask the joy inside. We have not always told "the glad news of deliverance." We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." 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:**

***"O Savior of Our Fallen Race"***  
*(Tune: "Forth in the Peace of Christ I Go")*

**O Savior of our fallen race,  
O Brightness of the Father's face,  
O Son who shared the Father's might  
Before the world knew day or night.**

**O Jesus, very Light of Light,  
Our constant star in sin's deep night:  
Now hear the prayers Your people pray  
Throughout the world this holy day.**

**O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,  
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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: Isaiah 49:1–7** *(God's servant will bring light to the nations)*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM:****"Lamb of God"**

Sanctuary Choir

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9** (*We are not lacking in any spiritual gift.*)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 John the first chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29–42a** (*God's Lamb takes away the world's sin.*)

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Pete LeBorious  
Director of Christian Education

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"The Lamb"*

**Hymn #547**

**THE MESSAGE:**

*"The Lamb"*

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 ++

“Epiphany” is a word that means to reveal or make known. The Epiphany season is about a most important revelation: the revealing of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the nations!

**Ponder Simeon’s words as he held the baby Jesus:**

**“My eyes have seen Your salvation!” (Luke 2:30)**

### 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.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.**

## 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who by words and actions was revealed to be Your Word in the flesh and who has graciously called us, His adopted brothers and sisters, to bear the fruit of the Spirit as we continue the work of His Body, the Church. 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.)*



**All Elders and Ushers** are asked to attend a Safety Seminar on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Seminar will include training for providing First Aid (CPR/AED) as well as a comprehensive review of the Mt. Calvary Emergency Action Plan.

**Our Basketball Team's Games** are played at the Recreation Department Gym or at First Baptist Church Garmon Street's Gym. This week we are playing First Baptist Byron at the Recreation Department on Thursday at 9:00 pm. Please come out and cheer for our team.

**Monika Reynolds' daughter's address**, for anyone who might want to send a sympathy card: Liz Wilson, 195 Old Perry Road, Bonaire, GA 31005.

**Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in honor of Monika Reynolds** from Doug & Deb Fingles, Crawford & Edna Hicks, Chet & Nancy Branscom, Samie & Hiltraud Culpepper and Bill & Arlene Zeuner.

**Thank You from Jack & Becky!** We were both a little slow letting everyone know that we really appreciated the "Christmas Bonus." Mt. Calvary is a great place to work. Both the staff and the congregation are fantastic. Thanks again!

**Senior Fellowship** - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

**Sweetheart Dinner coming SOON!** Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, is the date of the Sweetheart Dinner, in the MFH. Bring your sweetie to this evening filled with a delicious dinner (baked chicken, potato casserole, vegetable, salad and rolls), entertainment (with a chance for many people to win prizes), and a "Chocolate Dessert Contest." All this for the low price of \$7.50 per person. This evening is a night for adults only, but babysitting will be provided. Attire is "semi-formal," but feel free to go all out! Tickets will be available at the Information Desk in the upcoming weeks. Come and join the fun! For more information, contact the Board of Fellowship – Adam, Ruthie, Hannah, Heather, Suzanne, Becky, Quentin, Keith, Mike or our Elder, Darron

**Dessert Contest at the Sweetheart Dinner** – If you LOVE to bake, this is for you! We will have a contest with prizes to decide the "Most Delicious," the "Most Beautiful Presentation," and the "Most Unique Presentation." Of course, it's all about the **CHOCOLATE!** Judges are **NEEDED!** However, if you would like to bring a dessert that is not chocolate, we will welcome it, however, it won't be judged in the contest. Bring your appetite on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**The family of Laura Haas**, who died on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill Bohm**, who will have surgery on January 18<sup>th</sup> to remove a cancerous part of his large intestine.

**Marie White**, who has a stress fracture in her foot.

**Marjorie Hogan**, who continues to suffer from back pain.

**Phyllis Yeager**, Bob's mom, who is recovering from surgery.

**Ruth Brighton**, Pastor's mother, who is recovering from surgery on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Kurt Rover, Doris Snow, Irving Peterson (Roger's father), Ronald Ragan (Regina's brother), Opal Key (Dianne Damron's mother), Alyce Quillin, Margaret Jennings, Cameron Mastenbrook, Rosie Schulz, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), John White, Pastor Brighton, 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: Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), 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 Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father).

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

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/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Glen Thompson (8 am) & Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Caleb Durbin (8 am) & Libby Parsons (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:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) & Jim Morey (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONIST:** Early - Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) & Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) & Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Carol Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Jeff Townsend (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am), and Bill & Arlene Zeuner (Sun 10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday - 85 Early – 105 Late - 153 Total – 343**

**KARENNI WORSHIP - 47**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
Friday	5:00 pm	High School Winter Retreat (thru Sat 7 pm)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>		<b>LIFE SUNDAY</b>