

As We Gather

The classic structural shape of cathedrals and other great churches is cruciform, which means they are built in the shape of a cross. The building sets an imprint of the cross on the landscape, and the people who gather there set an imprint of the cross on the world. Paul writes compellingly to the Church at Corinth, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). No matter what the architectural shape of the building is in which we gather for worship, it is cruciform in purpose. We are here to know nothing except Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Savior.

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:***"Thy Strong Word"***Hymn #578, st. 1-4****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

God's kindness toward us knows no limits. Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(please kneel)

Heavenly Father,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to show kindness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We know that You call us to share our bread with the hungry and visit those who are sick. We have let opportunities to show kindness slip away from us, exhibiting only what was expected of us and keeping Your kindness hidden within us. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions of kindness. 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:

"Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us.**

(repeat from beginning)

Give thanks.

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Father in heaven, throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His identity and mission through words and deeds. Grant that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen us, so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers as we demonstrate the Spirit's fruit of kindness whenever needs arise among friends and family, strangers or enemies; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 58:3–9a *(The "fasting" God desires is that we care for others.)*

³ "Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?" Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM: (8:00 AM)

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16 (*We proclaim Christ crucified, as the Spirit has revealed Him.*)

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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 Matthew the fifth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–20 (*You are salt and light in the world.*)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

Vicar Aaron Sterling

THE MESSAGE:

“Let Your Light Shine”

Pastor David Brighton

SONG:

“This Little Light of Mine”

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go , I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go ,I’m gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go , I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine.
Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine.
Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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.

☐ 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:

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Hymn #620

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Hymn #649

"What Is this Bread"

Hymn #629

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that we shall ever put our hope in Jesus, Your Son and faithful servant; 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:

"Thy Strong Word"

Hymn #578, st. 5,6

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Herschel & Huina Siebert, to the glory of God.

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in honor of Laura Haas from Rob & Michelle Crawford, Jeff & Molly Townsend, Brian & Laura Harper, Richard & Pat Stetzler, Dave & Linna Nielsen, Deborah Strange, Chet & Nancy Branscom, Eric & Tammy Jenkins, Sharon Roper, Robert Walker and the Webb – Jennings – Cook family.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in honor of former member Richard Hollinger from Chet & Nancy Branscom.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in honor of Josie Kong, Evy Keyes mom, from Dave & Linna Nielsen.

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 Garmon on Tuesday at 9 pm at the Rec Dept, and Fellowship Bible Baptist on Thursday at 8:15 pm at First Baptist Garmon Street gym. Please come out and cheer for our team.

Last Chance . . . Almost! This weekend is your **last chance** to purchase tickets for next Sunday's Sweetheart Dinner, in the MFH at 6:00 p.m.. The cost is \$7.50 per person, and babysitting is available if you sign up for it. Bring your favorite chocolate dessert for the contest, and see if you win a prize! Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex. However, IF you forgot your cash or checkbook today, you can still pay for a ticket if you come by the office by THIS Wednesday, and give it to the church secretary, Jack. It's going to be a fun night, so we hope to see you there! 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 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Bakers . . . Do You Love to Bake? Does seeing others enjoy your baking talents bring a smile to your face? Well . . . get ready to smile! Fellowship would like to invite Mt. Calvary to live in our coffee area with fresh baked items! No sign-up required! Muffins, cookies, breads. . . all are encouraged! Let’s make the time that we visit with others over a hot cup of coffee and a pastry, something a little special. I’m sure our visitors will certainly enjoy it, as will ALL of Mt. Calvary! Board of Fellowship

We would like to extend a warm heartfelt thank you to our Mt. Calvary Family for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, words of encouragement and support during Bill’s recent battle with and victory over cancer. God is good. As we begin the recovery process at home, the prayers and continued offers of support and assistance are so appreciated. The love, compassion and support of our Mt. Calvary Family never ceases to amaze us. - Bill & Jacque Bohm

Sub Sandwiches: Don’t forget to pick up your Super Bowl Sub Sandwich! If you didn’t get a chance to place an order, there are extras available to be purchased for \$7 in the Narthex after worship.

TAG Breakfast Bible Study: On Super Bowl Sunday the Youth Board will be cooking up breakfast for the Middle & High School youth in the Annex. Breakfast will be served with Bible Study that morning. The cost of breakfast is \$3/person which covers eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, & coffee.

High School Super Bowl Party: There will be an Outreach Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th, from 6-10 pm in the Annex for all High School Youth and their friends. The cost for the party is \$5/person to cover all the food you will be eating. There are “friend coupons” so your friends get in for free! There will also be gift card drawings for first time visitors and the youth who bring them. Plan on attending this evening of food, fun, and football!

Middle School Winter Retreat: The retreat will be Friday/Saturday, Feb. 10th (8pm) - 11th (7 pm) (Note the later start time.) The theme for this retreat will be “The Means of Grace” as we explore what the Bible has to say about Baptism and Holy Communion. This is an “On Site” retreat in the Annex for all Middle School Youth and their friends. \$25/person covers meals & program.

Youth Board Meeting: The Youth Board will meet Sunday, February 19th, Noon – 1:30 in the conference room.

Macon Mayhem Game: TAG families will be going to a Macon Mayhem game on Friday, February 17th. The cost is \$15/person (that includes a Mayhem Hat!). The game Starts @ 7:30 for families meeting us there. Youth planning on riding with TAG will meet at the Annex at 6:15. Tickets are first paid, first seated so by your tickets from Pete today!



Kim Rekau, Ed's wife, who has a mass on her large intestine.
Opal Key, Dianne Damron's mother, who is in the Lodge rehab facility.
Margaret Jennings, who is in The Lodge rehab facility.
Bill Bohm, who is recovering from colon cancer surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Cynthia Trichinotis, Denise Forehand, Hiltraud Culpepper, Gunner Burnam (Carolyn's great-nephew), Marie White, Phyllis Yeager (Bob's mom), Ruth Brighton (Pastor's mom), Kurt Rover, Doris Snow, Irving Peterson (Roger's father), Ronald Ragan (Regina's brother), 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 Oswalt (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.



We rejoice today to install Laird Van Gorder as SMP vicar. SMP stand for "Specific Ministry Pastor." An SMP pastor receives four years of online training to be the pastor at a specific congregation. During those years there are also two intensive weeks spent each year on the campus at the Seminary in St. Louis. Laird is pursuing his SMP degree so that he can be the pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Macon, and that is where Laird will be serving his vicarage. He'll get an opportunity to help out at Mt. Calvary a little bit as well! After two years of classes,

Laird will be ordained as pastor of Holy Trinity, with the understanding that he'll complete the following two years of classes. Pastor Brighton will be Laird's supervisor while he earns his SMP degree. Please pray for Laird and Pastor as they fly to St. Louis early tomorrow morning for three days of orientation into the SMP program.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) & Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (8 am) & Zoe Babcock (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Erv Robinson, Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late Dwight Miller, Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Steve Soisson (8 am) & Barbara Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONIST:** Early – Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Eric Jenkins (Sun 8 am) & Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Abigail Halsell (Sat 6 pm), Abby Soisson (Sun 8 am) & Koda Cook (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** John Harmon (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am), and Champ & Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 44 Early – 91 Late - 166 Total – 301

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	6–10 pm	HS Super Bowl Party
Monday	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	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	5:00 pm	MS Winter Retreat – thru Saturday 7 pm
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	6:00 pm	Sweetheart Dinner
	6:30 pm	SLDT Meeting