

As We Gather

Faithfulness is the condition of being filled with faith. People filled with faith in God's faithfulness can do amazing things. They can love their neighbors as themselves. They can forgive their enemies. They can find delight in following the pathway of the Lord's Commandments. They can even discover reasons for hope and joy in adversity. The ultimate compliment Jesus mentions in the parable of the talents is when the master says to his worker, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23). It doesn't get any better than that!

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:***"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"***Hymn #873****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

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Let us go to Him, our mighty God, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity and empowered to be Your faithful witnesses in our lives; 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: Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18 *(The Lord demands right living among His people.)*

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM:

Men's Chorus

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10–23 (*We are God's temple, the Spirit is in us.*)

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

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 5:38–48 (*Jesus continues to teach the Law with authority.*)

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

Hymn #698

THE MESSAGE

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: *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Father, providing food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know Your care.**

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; for He is the foundation of the Church in which the Holy Spirit forgives us and builds us as Your holy temple. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C 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.

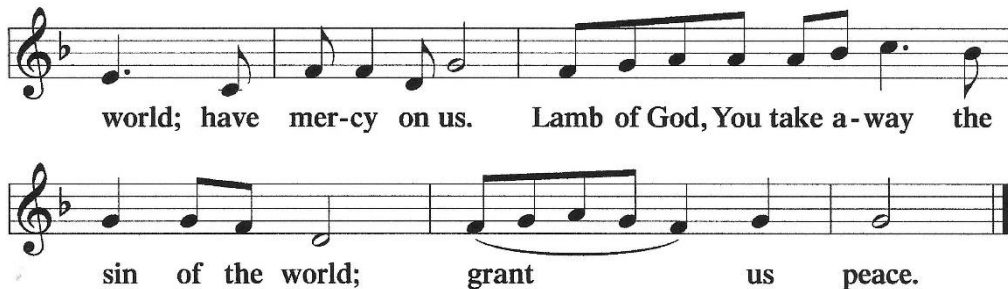
And also with you.



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



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:	<i>"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"</i>	Hymn #623
	<i>"O Savior, Precious Savior"</i>	Hymn #527
	<i>"When I Behold Jesus Christ"</i>	Hymn #542

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that, forgiven of our sins, we may continue to be built into Your holy house; 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:	<i>"Built on the Rock"</i>	Hymn #645
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A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Newsletter Deadline. Because Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st this year, I plan to be sure everyone has their newsletter by that date. Please be sure that all articles for the bulletin are in to the office by end-of-day on Monday, February 20th. - Jack

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Carl & Barbara Mabee in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

Softball Team – Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are AT THE DEADLINE for softball registration this TUESDAY! If you would like to play on the team, please let Quentin Harris or Pastor Brighton know by tomorrow. We need about 15 players to field a team.

Give this a try! Our congregation is dedicated to telling others about Jesus and our Board of Outreach is in need of a creative, computer savvy person to help with ideas for newspaper articles, radio ads, military newsletters, community surveys and any other ideas to communicate our message to the community that we are here to serve and we are all about "Connecting people to Jesus and to one another to serve the world!" If you are interested or if you have questions, please talk to Valerie Counselman or Regina Ragan.

Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in honor of Laura Haas from Steve & Jan Kirchoff.

Evangelism Kickoff Lunch - Sunday, February 26, 12:15pm the Outreach Board will sponsor a lunch for all those interested in learning more about our Monday Night Evangelism Ministry. There will be a video presentation with some personal testimonies and a great lunch. This is an informational lunch and no commitment is required from those who come.

Spring Work Day – On Saturday March 18th, after the Men's Breakfast, the Trustees will be heading up our SPRING workday. We plan to work from approximately 9 AM to Noon. We are planning to clean and organize the Garage/Shop areas as well as the MFH storage areas. Other items that may be on the agenda, depending on weather, would be sanding and painting a few of the outdoor guard railings. Bring your gloves and clipping tools if you would like to help with any cutting or pruning areas that may need attention. All are encouraged to come out and help beautify our church property. Contact John Hunter at 335-3426 for more information.

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

High School TAG Night: The next TAG Night will be Sunday, February 19th, from 6:30-8:30 in the Annex. TAG Nights are a time of fellowship and faith as we gather around games, food, and Bible-centered discussion about living as children of God. Friends are always welcome!

High School Mission Trip Information Meeting: There will be a meeting for all youth currently in 8th – 12th grade and their parents on Sunday, February 26th, from 6:30-8:00 in the Annex. At this meeting we will be going over the details for this summer's mission trip to Cincinnati, Ohio the week of June 4th – 11th. These trips are amazing faith & fellowship experiences for our High School Youth. Please make every effort to attend with your child for details and answers to any questions you might have regarding the trip.

Party With Marty: This week Marty will be playing foosball in the Annex game-room Wednesday Night from 7:30-8:00. Stop by for a quick game!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Yeager (Bob's mom), who is very ill.

Mary Jean Boyette (former charter member), who is having double vision.

Jeannie Hawkins, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Chet Branscom, who is battling a setback with his cancer.

Jan Clark, who has been transferred to The Lodge rehab facility.

Kim Rekau, Ed's wife, continues her recovery from colon surgery.

Bill Bohm, who continues his recovery from colon cancer surgery.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who continues her recovery from a stroke.

Keep In Your Prayers

Neal Cowan, Margaret Jennings, Opal Key (Dianne Damron's mother), Denise Forehand, Hiltraud Culpepper, Gunner Burnam (Carolyn's great-nephew), Marie White, 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

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.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Vicar Aaron Sterling. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) & Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (8 am) & Lynn Cook (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:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Doug Fingles (8 am) & Bruce Bauman (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early –Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Kenn Keyes (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) & Mark Burnette (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Libby Parsons (Sat 6 pm), Sway Cronin (Sun 8 am) & Maddy Hagemann (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** John Trichinotis (Sat 6 pm), Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Dick & Susan Kesler (Sun 8 am), and Dwight & Marlene Miller (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 24:8-18 and 2 Peter 1:16-21

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 47 Early – 89 Late - 136 Total –272

Karenni Worship: 72

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	12:00 pm	Youth Board
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Christian Fellowship & Education
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	3:00 pm	Karenni Bible Study (Annex)
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	12:00 pm	EE Kickoff Luncheon
	6:30 pm	HS Mission Trip Meeting