

As We Gather

Reflecting on the experience of the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter wrote in his Epistle, "We were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). The three disciples on the mountaintop, Peter, James and John, were also "earwitnesses" as they heard the voice of God the Father say, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). As we listen to the proclamation of the Gospel, we become "earwitnesses" as well. The Holy Spirit works in our hearts as we listen to Jesus and bear witness to His love and salvation to others.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"* **Hymn #400**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me. Shine on me. *(refrain)***

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Exodus 24:8–18 *(God allows Israel's elders to see Him and eat with Him on Mount Sinai.)*

⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21 (*Peter, James and John were eyewitnesses to the transfiguration of Jesus.*)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 seventeenth chapter.

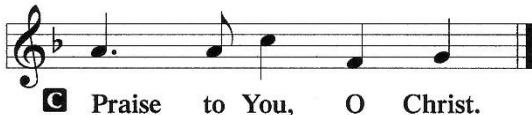
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9 (*Jesus is transfigured.*)

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here"

Hymn #414

THE MESSAGE:

"Shine ON!"

Pastor David Brighton

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

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.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE VOLUNTARY:

"No Greater Love"

Sanctuary Choir

No greater is love is this
That a man lay down his life for his friends
No greater love exists,
Than the love I have in Jesus my friend.

No greater love, no greater love
I can search the whole world over and I'll
Find no greater love
No greater love, no greater love than the
Love I have in Jesus my friend

What greater joy is this
Than to know the man who died for his friends?
No greater joy exists
Than the joy of knowing Jesus my friend. Now I

Know greater love, know greater love
I won't search the whole world over cause I
Know greater love. Now I
Know greater love, know greater love. I Know
Greater love in Jesus my friend.

No greater love, no greater love,
Know greater love, know greater love,

What better time than this
To give up my life for my friend?
No greater life exists
Than a life that's lived for Jesus my friend, and I'll

Show greater love, show greater love
Let me serve the whole world over and I'll
Show greater love. I will
Show greater love, show greater love, I'll show the
Love I have in Jesus my friend.

by Tim Jacobsmeyer

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

Jesus' transfiguration gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse of Jesus in all His glory!
May we, too, see Jesus' glory each week as we come to His House to worship Him!

**"We were eyewitnesses of His majesty . . . and we have something more sure, the Word,
to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place." (2 Peter
1:16, 19)**

THE OFFERTORY:

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

**Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where the Lord has fixed His eyes.**

**Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.**

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Lord in Your mercy,"* and the congregation will respond, ***"Hear our prayer."***

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 BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #537

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 LCEF Summer Internship Program! This year LCEF is advertising for two paid job opportunities, one in Lending and Real Estate Management and the other in Marketing and Customer Support. We are excited to offer a place for college students to learn more about their potential career endeavors and gain experience in a professional environment. You can find and read more information on LCEF's website: <http://lcef.org/internship/>. Deadline for applicants is **April 12**.

Thank You notes have been received from The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Macon upon their celebration of their 65th anniversary as a congregation, and from District President Greg Walton for our generous support to the District in the fiscal year ending January 31, 2017. Mt Calvary was the number two giver in the District last year. The notes are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

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 Explosion Certification - This weekend we will recognize Vicar Aaron Sterling's successful completion of our Monday Night Evangelism training. Vicar Aaron will be recognized by worldwide Evangelism Explosion as a certified trainer.

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.

Concert at Mount Calvary - Concordia Academy is a Lutheran High School located in St. Paul, Minnesota. The school emphasizes academic excellence and nurtures spiritual growth in Christ. The student body numbers about 275 students in grades 9 - 12, over half of which are involved in the music program. *Concordia Academy Choir* is an award-winning concert group, earning superior scores at annual Minnesota state choral contests. The choir specializes in choral literature of a variety of styles and will present a quality program of inspiring choral music on **March 19, 2017**. A potluck meal will be held in the Michael Fellowship Hall at 5:30 with the concert beginning at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Pot Luck sign-up Sheet will be on the Information Desk. Host families are needed to house Students from the Choir for the night and return them to Mt. Calvary Monday morning. Contact Tian Foss 478-973-2622 or email fosst@csp.edu They say it's "Minnesota Nice", but let's show them Southern Hospitality!! Thank you in Advance for your support.

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.

I would like to thank the members of Mt Calvary for the visits, phone calls, cards and especially the prayers. I’m doing much better now. - Chet Branscom

Food collection is off to a good start. would like to pick up a little speed this month and try to fill all our donation bins! Please remember all items are needed and expected every week. They are all requested items to help boost donations and help the food bank with their needs. Thanks for all your donations in February.

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 honoring Ash Wednesday, and joining us for fried chicken. Get a picture of him as he helps out at the Ash Wednesday Dinner in the fellowship hall between 6 & 6:30!

Lenten Break: March 1st is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the season of Lent in our church year. Part of that season includes midweek worship services as we prepare and reflect on Christ’s sacrifice for us on Good Friday and the new life we have with Him through His resurrection on Easter. We encourage families to participate in both the FELLOWSHIP time of dinner @ 6:00 and WORSHIP @ 7:00 each Wednesday. So, while there is dinner & worship, there are no classes for any ages on Wednesday Nights during Lent.

Middle School Party: There will be a Middle School Party this Friday, March 3rd, from 6-9 pm in the Annex. The cost is \$5/person, which covers snacks, pop, and pizza. Bring a friend and share the fun!

Red Cross Baby Sitter Training:

There will be training for all Middle and high School youth interested in helping in the Nursery next Saturday, March 4th, 9 am – 4:30 pm in The Youth Room in the Annex. We are only charging Mt. Calvary Youth \$20/person because we expect our Nursery Volunteers to go through this training. (The actual cost is \$85.)

High School TAG Night: The next TAG Night will be Sunday, March 5th, 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!

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Phyllis Yeager, Bob's mom, who died February 20th.

The family of Bev Schuman, Joan Steese's sister-in-law, who died this past week.

Shirley Ermi, who is very ill.

Pat Aldredge, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Helen Giese, who is awaiting heart surgery.

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

Keep In Your Prayers

Mary Jean Boyette, Jeannie Hawkins, Jan Clark, Kim Rekau, Bill Bohm, Cynthia Trichinotis, 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: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) & Mark Burnette (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sway Cronin (8 am) & Maddy Hagemann (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:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Kathy Robinson (8 am) & Dave Radcliff (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Roger Moeller. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early –Tanner Gossman. Late – Trevor Hudlin.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Glen Thompson (Wed 7 pm), Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) & Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Caleb Durbin (Sun 8 am) & Carlee Toler (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Keith Dierking (Sat 6 pm), Carrie Wurdeman (Sun 8 am) and Bonnie Hudlin (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (Sun 8 am), and Barb Mabee (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 3:1-10 and Romans 5:12-19

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday - 41 Early – 77 Late - 129 Total –247

Karenni Worship: 75

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
	12:00 pm	EE Kickoff Luncheon
	6:30 pm	HS Mission Trip Meeting
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG&MC Tutoring
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Glories
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
	7:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir (after Worship)
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6 – 9 pm	Middle School Party
Saturday	9 am – 4 pm	Babysitter Training
	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)
	6:30 pm	TAG Night