

As We Gather

It's not always popular to speak in the name of the Lord, especially when what we are speaking doesn't match well with what our society is preaching. We live in a time when it is less and less "comfortable" for Christians to speak out and say "Thus says the Lord." Nevertheless, like Jeremiah the prophet, who was severely persecuted; like Paul, who boldly called the Christians in Rome to forsake being slaves to sin and instead be slaves to God; and like the disciples, who were sent out by Jesus in our Gospel with instructions to have no fear because He will be with them – we, too, face many threats as we proclaim the Good News – threats that may only appear to be real or they may actually be real. No matter what it may be, our security and our strength lie in our God, who is our refuge and strength. In Him we put our trust.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:***"When Morning Gilds the Skies"***Hymn #807****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

Gathering as God's chosen people, we bring with us the sins that wage war with our souls. We take this time to confess our sins to Him who has delivered our souls from death, and we seek His forgiveness through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

(please kneel)

Lord Jesus,

We are surely sinful from birth, and we struggle with change, even as a people changed by You from death to life. Our struggle is revealed as we fall into patterns of living, speaking, and thinking that are not in line with being the people You have called us to be. You have set us free through Your perfect life, death, and resurrection, yet we continue to live like people who are enslaved to the enemy. Lord Jesus, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness for Your name's sake. 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:

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.**

**To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, our refuge, our fortress, our God in whom we trust, hear our prayers this day. As You have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand. Lead us by Your Spirit in these last days as we bring Your name to bear in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people. For You live and reign as one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 20:7–13 *(God is with us when we are persecuted for being His people.)*

⁷ O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM:

"It's Me, Oh Lord"

Men of the Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:12–23 (*Jesus has freed us from our sins; live free!*)

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

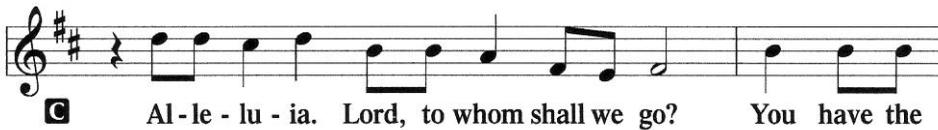
¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

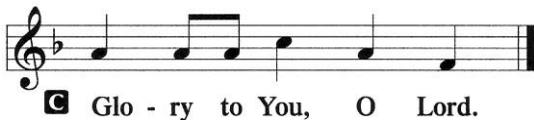
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THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.



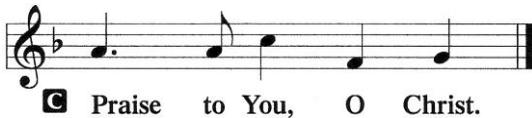
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:21–33 (*Life will be hard in these last days. Fear not, for God is with us.*)

²¹ "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"On Eagle's Wings"

Hymn #727

THE MESSAGE:

"Committing Our Cause to the Lord"

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 Stewardship Thought ++

**The Pentecost Season is all about the growth of the Christian Church.
We use this time to study God's Word and then go out into our community
To share the love of Jesus as we call people to repentance and faith!**

*"Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

Matthew 28:18-19

THE OFFERTORY:

"We Praise You, O God"

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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:

"When Peace, Like a River"

Hymn #763

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Craig & Stella Nuckels, in honor of their wedding anniversary, and by Doug & Cindy Branham, in honor of their son Michael's birthday.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies this Summer – On Sundays, June 25 and July 2, Pastor Brighton will lead a class on "The Question of Religious Liberty" in the Fellowship Hall. For the remainder of July, Pastor Brighton will teach a class on the Old Testament book of the prophet Habakkuk. The Men's Class is studying "The Church in the 21st Century" (led by Don Netzinger) and will continue to meet in the Cry Room through July. The class on Hebrews in the Conference Room (led by Josh LeBorious) will continue to meet through July and Vicar Aaron's class on 2 Corinthians will continue through July 9. They are meeting in Classroom #1 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join any of these classes for the Summer! The Ladies' Class is taking the Summer off.

Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in memory of Gene Mittuch from Carl & Barb Mabee, Doug & Deb Fingles and Joan Steese.

Going Away Luncheon for Vicar Aaron - Once again, that sad time is upon us when we have to say "goodbye" to our wonderful Vicar! In doing so, we'll have a pot-luck lunch in the MFH on Sunday, July 9th, immediately following the late service. Please bring a dessert or side dish that you think Aaron will really enjoy!

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the July Newsletter in to the office by Sunday, June 25th.

Back 2 School Community-wide Bash - The 8th Annual Back 2 School Bash will be held on 21 July at C.B. Watson Elementary School (9:00 – 2:00 pm). We are trying to give out 2500 Back Packs with school supplies. There also will be haircuts for boys; and food for everyone in attendance. In order to make this a great success we are asking each family at Mt Calvary if they can donate \$10 towards the Back 2 School Project, this will truly help us, and it's tax deductible. Please write check to Mt Calvary and place School Share on the memo line.

I have a blue 38-quart Igloo cooler with a white lid, two wheels and a pull/handle. Dropped off before May 13th funeral. It needs to go back home. - Dick Kesler

Important Note from the Board of Stewardship. Please help us out! Both the regular envelopes used for making contributions to Mt. Calvary and the web/online giving that is available have a giving option entitled "Other." If you choose this option and don't designate what "other" is, it will go to the General Fund. If you want to make sure it goes somewhere else, please put the designation on your envelope or the space provided in online giving.

At the end of the school year, the Board of Education identified 364 homeless kids in Houston County. That included **10 kids living in cars (3 families)**. Family Promise strives to end homelessness one family at a time. **For as little as \$2.47 a week**, you can help support Family Promise by joining **CLUB 247**. Forms are available at the Information Desk, along with a chart to remind you what \$2.47 a week will buy.

Projectionists needed - If you are interested in serving occasionally as the projectionist at one of the services, please contact Brian Harper - brian@brianandlaura.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Gene Mittuch, former member, who died June 16th.

The family of Audrey Bowditch, Pastor Bowditch's mom, who died June 20th.

Kim Rekau, who is recovering from surgery on her colon.

Dwight Miller, who is struggling with bronchitis at home.

Peggy Rodriguez, who had a bad reaction to medication and is hospitalized in Macon.

Diane McCall, who is recovering from eye surgery.

Karen Harmon, who is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

Cynthia Trichinotis, who is out of the hospital, but continues to health concerns.

Keep In Your Prayers

Melanie Cureton (Maggie Monahan's daughter), Helen Giese, Jean Dimeler, Jacque Bohm, Kathy Clark (Barb Jernigan's sister), Marilu Cowan, Peggy Rodriguez, Ann Nicely (Margaret McLaughlin's daughter), D. J. Nelson, Steve Hetes, Dot Bogardus, 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

Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), 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

Alexander Mathews, 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) and Don Netzinger (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (8 am) and Libby Parsons (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Paul Keister, Fred Hursey, Steve Kirchoff & Eric Gossman. Late – Roger Moeller, John Hunter, Jim Morey & Cameron Mastenbrook. **ALTAR GUILD:** Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson. **LAY READERS:** Dick Kesler (8 am) and Dave Harter (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Josh Johnson. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Nick Jenkins (8 am) & Trevor Hudlin (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Gary Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Open (Sun 8 am) and Open (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons and Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Dave Radcliff (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (8 am) and Betty Cummings & Nancy Hoar (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Romans 7:1-13

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 36 Sunday 8 am – 83 Sunday 10:45 am – 156 Total – 275
Karenni Worship - 94

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	11:00 am	Karenni Worship Service (Annex)
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Wednesday	10 am–1 pm	HS WAM – Ding, Dong, Ditch
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)
	6:30 pm	TAG Night

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